



Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and enjoying all the great festivals Porto has to offer. As you know, we strive to have an activity every month, but we have decided to take the month of August off. Maybe we are turning European.

Our activities start again in September with our most ambitious event ever. We have talked about planning a trip to Aveiro and the Vista Alegre factory for a few years and have finally put together a custom tour. Read below for details.

In October, we are repeating an extremely popular event we did exactly two years earlier - a tour of the Pálacio da Justiça and a brief lecture on Portugal's legal and court system and political structure. And in November, we plan to host another pre-Thanksgiving event.

I have noticed many Members in the area have never attended our events. A few new people come to each event, and we hope to see more in the future. All are welcome!

All the best,

Jamie, Penelope, and Steve

NEW EVENTS

September - Event #42
Vista Alegre / Lunch / Aveiro / Costa Nova
Wednesday, September 17, 9:00am (depart) to 7:45pm (return)



Vista Alegre guided tour (approx. 2 hours) including:

- Vista Alegre Museum
- Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França
- Factory hand-painting room
- Free time to visit/shop at the Factory Outlet store
- Short tour to see the old Vista Alegre neighbourhood

Enter the world of the first glassware manufactured in Portugal and see unique pieces from the end of the Portuguese monarchy. Founded in 1824, [Vista Alegre](#) is a globally recognized brand and the most famous porcelain manufacturer in Portugal. They celebrated their 200th anniversary last year! We will learn about the evolution of Portuguese glassware and porcelain manufacturing and see a wide range of magnificent examples of decorative and domestic porcelain. The museum also includes a visit to the Chapel of Our Lady of Penha de França, a National Monument since 1910.

The history of this working-class neighbourhood began in 1824, when José F. Pinto Basto obtained a charter for the Royal Factory of Porcelain of Vista Alegre. The workers in the first decades — glassworkers and ceramists — came from all over the country, with very few originating from the region. Therefore, the adoption of housing solutions was essential.

The Vista Alegre community included a school where reading, writing, drawing, painting, and music were taught. Gradually, a philharmonic band, a theatre, a fire department, and a food cooperative also emerged.

Lunch in Aveiro at Adega Tia Micas - including:

- Starters: Bread, butter, olives; shrimp rissoles, codfish cakes, veal croquettes; farmer's soup
- Main course: Oven-roasted veal with rice and potatoes
- Vegetarian main: There will be an option available, but I will need a headcount. Reply to this email if you want to reserve the vegetarian option.
- Dessert: *Natas do céu* (cream of heaven), house jam, *baba de camelo* (camel drool), baked apple, fruit salad, and pie
- Drinks: House white and red wine, soft drinks, water, juices and coffee.

Aveiro Walking Tour (approx. 1 hour) including:

- Praça da República and Church of Misericórdia
- Praça do Peixe and the old market
- São Gonçalo Chapel
- Art Nouveau buildings and museum

Aveiro is a city of canals flowing through the historic centre, where the colourful *moliceiros*, or canal boats, reflect a history linked to the ria that leads to the city often being called the Portuguese Venice.

Also known for its *ovos moles* (a traditional pastry) and Salinas (salt flats), Aveiro is home to an important port, a university and about 80,000 residents.

It features several landmark buildings, notably the beautiful examples of Art Nouveau dating from the early 20th century.

Costa Nova (approx. 1 hour) including:

- Visit to Costa Nova *palheiros* (typical houses)
- Free time at the beach

After the city walking tour, we will travel along the Ria de Aveiro estuary to the beach town of Costa Nova, which dates back to 1808. Its hallmark is the *palheiros*, wooden houses with vertical and horizontal stripes. Picturesque and colourful, they are former fishing and sardine-salting warehouses, now converted into summer residences or small hotels. Legend has it that the houses were coloured this way so that fishermen could more easily identify them. After all, they spent a lot of time at sea.

After we see the *palheiros*, we will have free time on the beach before returning to Porto.

When: Wednesday, September 17 from 9:00am to 7:45pm

Where: Two pick-up spots:

1. 9:00am - Entrance of the Palácio da Justiça (across the street from from Parque Infantil Cordoaria)
2. 9:10am - Trindade metro station. Please note the bus can only stay at Trindade for 5 minutes.

Note: If you are late, you will miss the tour.

Cost: €59 - Price includes everything: tours, lunch, transportation and guide. Fully refundable before September 3 and transferable with notice.

Payment must be made to Alma at Porto in one of three ways:

1. In person at the Alma at Porto office: Rua de Trás, 151 (by the Photography Museum)
2. MBWay: +351 968 711 970
3. Bank Transfer via IBAN: PT50 0269 0736 00209382503 29

Important: You must type "Event #42 and your name(s)" in the note section **AND** WhatsApp or text the same information to +351 968 711 970.

Note: Space is limited; pre-payment is required to secure your spot. Remember to reply to this email as well if you want the vegetarian meal option.

This tour is powered by Alma at Porto. See www.almaatporto.pt.

October - Event #43
Palácio da Justiça Tour and Lecture
Friday, October 17, 2:00pm to 4:00pm



Built during the Salazar dictatorship, the Palacio da Justiça is one of the most prominent buildings in Porto. It contains beautiful courtrooms, as well as murals by some of the most well-known Portuguese contemporary artists. The tour will include courtrooms, paintings, sculptures, murals and the museum. All these artworks depict the history of the city of Porto and crucial moments in the history of Portugal.

The tour also will include a brief lecture on Portugal's legal and court system and its national and regional political structure.

Please note, this building is not open to the public - so this is a unique opportunity.

During the visit, we will have access to areas that only judges of the Court of Appeal have access to. Likewise, the presentation takes place in the most prestigious and important room of the Palace of Justice, the courtroom of the Court of Appeal.

All of the proceeds will be donated to the Court of Appeal, which supports city institutions that do meritorious work in assisting the needy. With the money raised, the Court of Appeal buys food to donate to those in need. It's our way of giving back for the court's kindness.

When: Friday, October 17 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where: Palácio da Justiça do Porto (across the street from Parque Infantil Cordoaria)

Cost: €10 (cash only - paid at event)

Details: RSVP required (reply to this email)

November - Event #44
Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, November 26



Back by popular demand!

After skipping a year, we are once again planning a full meal event. Location and details TBD, but we are planning on doing it a day early to avoid conflict with other events. Details will be sent by September.

RECAP

June - Event #40
Gran Cruz House



More than two dozen festive people joined us for a fun afternoon of movies and port tastings followed by a rooftop social. After being on many cellar tours, this was by far the most interesting and educational tasting I have ever experienced.

July - Event #41
Porto Jail House Tour



We had 45 people join us on an informative guided tour featuring the building's history as well as interesting stories of the many illustrious people who inhabited the cells over the years.

We hope to see you soon!

Kind regards,
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