

Bitetos, Douro Valley, Portugal

A sleepy Douro riverside hamlet where river cruise ships linger overnight — Baroque churches, an 11th-century monastery-restaurant, Roman ruins, and some of Portugal's finest wines within easy reach.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: overnight (~14 hrs)  Currency: Euro (€)  Language: Portuguese  Wine country stop

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River cruise ships dock directly at the village pier; no tendering required.

Best For: Wine lovers, history buffs, and travellers who want a relaxed evening ashore.

Walk to centre: The village centre is steps from the pier — under 5 min on foot.

Don't Miss: Mosteiro de Alpendurada — an 11th-century Benedictine monastery, now a hotel with a restaurant.

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~€10–15 each way

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Mosteiro de Alpendurada** — This 11th-century Benedictine monastery (founded c. 11th century) is a must-visit.
- **Douro Wine Tasting** — The Douro Valley produces some of Portugal's finest table wines alongside Port.
- **Roman Bridge & Baroque Churches** — Bitetos is home to a Roman-era bridge (Ponte Romana de Bitetos) over the Douro River, and several Baroque churches.
- **Douro River Boat Trip** — Local operators offer pontoon boat excursions, kayak tours, and motorboat trips along the Douro, Paiva, and Tâmega.
- **Day Trip to Porto** — Porto is roughly 55 km west (about an hour by road).

BEST WALKS

- **Village & Riverside Stroll** 1.5 km loop | 30 min | Easy — From the pier, walk along the Douro quay, turn into the village lanes to the Baroque parish church, then loop back past traditional houses.
- **Pier to Alpendurada Monastery** 2 km return | 45 min | Easy — A straightforward walk from the ship along the riverside road to the Mosteiro de Alpendurada.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:53AM–8:12PM · Jun 5:59AM–9:06PM · Aug 6:42AM–8:30PM · Sep 7:13AM–7:41PM · Oct 7:44AM–6:51PM	
Apr	65°	48°	14d	Currency: Euro (€)	
Jun	76°	58°	10d		
Aug	83°	62°	4d		
Sep	78°	59°	8d		
Oct	71°	55°	12d		

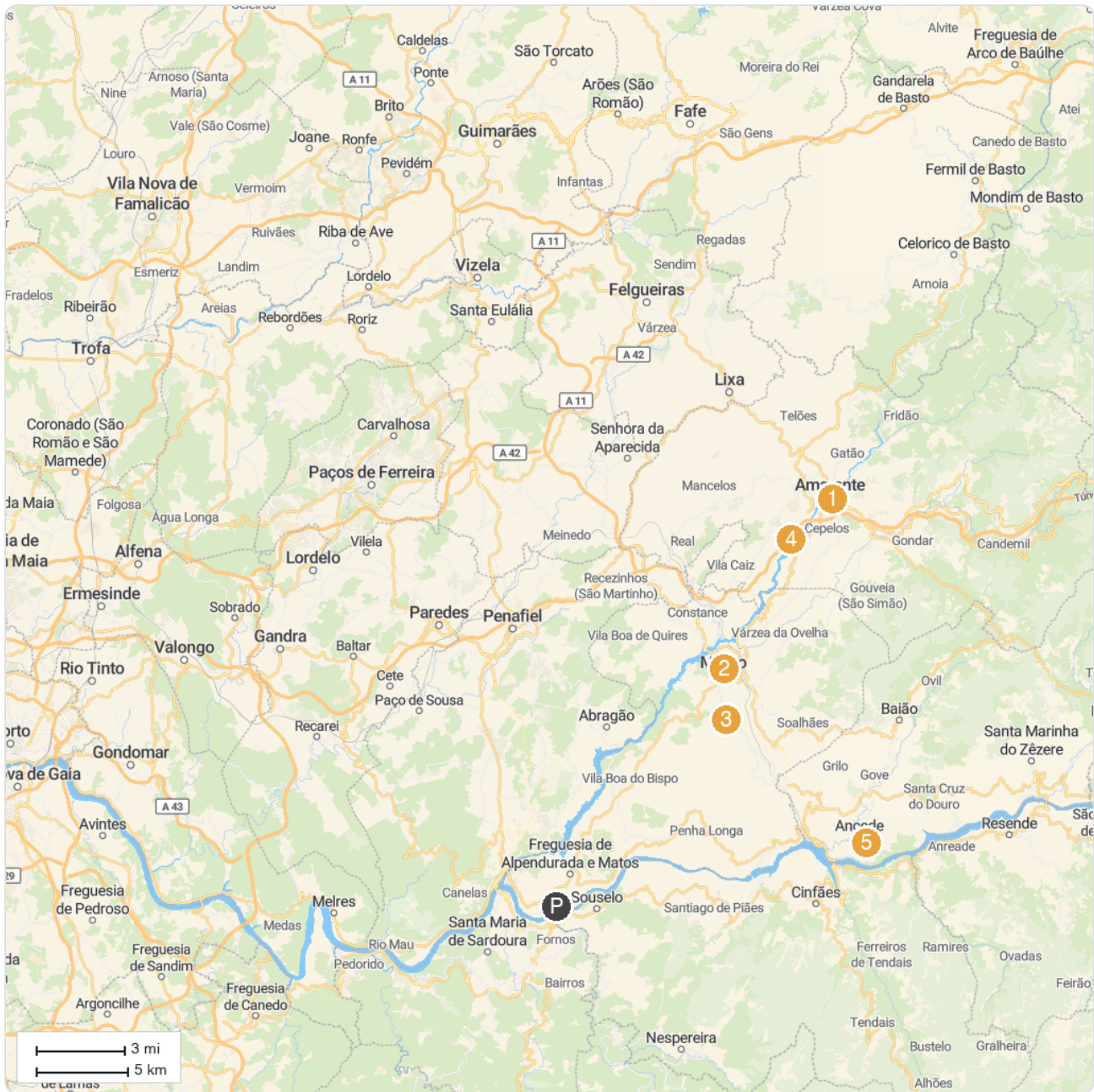
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring cash euros. There is no ATM at the pier or in the village. Withdraw euros before arrival (in Porto or Régua).
- Don't skip the monastery restaurant. Dinner at the Mosteiro de Alpendurada is a highlight of the Douro itinerary — book ahead or let your cruise line arrange it.
- Overnight port — use the evening. Ships stay until ~07:00. An evening walk along the Douro under the floodlit monastery walls is a highlight.

Bitetos, Douro Valley, Portugal — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Igreja de São Gonçalo | Historic church and monastery dedicated to Saint Gonçalo. | 2 Municipal Museum Carmen Miranda | Museum dedicated to the iconic singer Carmen Miranda. |
| 3 Tongobriga – Freixo Archaeological Area | Ancient Roman city ruins and archaeological site. | 4 Amarante Water Park | Fun water park with slides and pools. |
| 5 Mosteiro de Santo André de Ancede e Capela do Bom Despacho (Centro Cultural) | Historic monastery, chapel, and cultural center. | P Cruise port / terminal | |