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HU Travellers Meeting in Porto A Ride to Alto Douro 2005.09.23



Way for Tua ●●●●●

Way of return ●●●●●

The journey through Douro Province is one of the most pleasant travel experiences in northern Portugal. The River Douro rises in Spain and flows to Porto on the Atlantic coast, winding its way through dramatic gorges, past mountains, sensational cliffs and steep terraced hillside vineyards, that produce the area's famous port wine.

Programme of the Ride to Alto Douro

- 8.30- Meeting at the campsite
- 9.00- Departure to Alto Douro. (50 km in motorway A4 with toll. Prepare payment. Thanks)
- 10.45- **Stop at Sabrosa for an Appetitizer** kindly offered by the local Town Council.
- We will then proceed through Alijó and then down to Tua.
- 12.00- **Lunch at Calça Curta restaurant.**
- 14.00- Return through panoramic roads.
- 15.00- Visit to Quinta do Panascal (Panascal farm)
- 19.45- Arrival in Rivoli Municipal Theatre.

Participants will have the opportunity to admire not only some of the most beautiful views of Douro River, but also the vineyards planted on the steep mountain slopes as well as the picturesque railway .

September is by tradition a harvest time, so there may well be a chance of witnessing some grape picking at this time of year. At Quinta do Panascal you will find out a lot about the history of Port Wine and it may be a great opportunity for some free wine tasting.

Firstly the group will be led by Ernesto on his BMW K75 up to Sabrosa and then by Carlos on his Triumph.

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