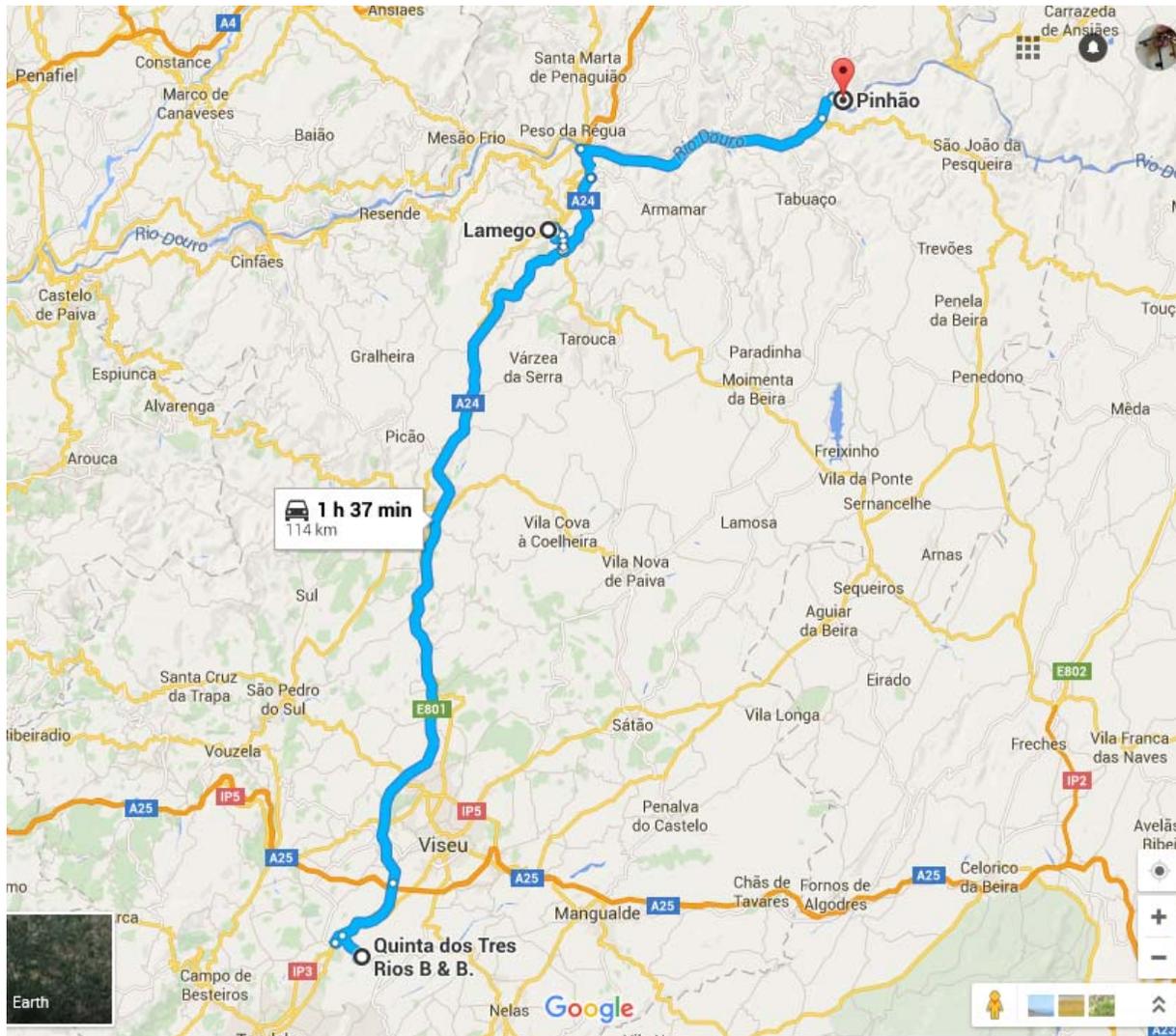


Directions & Maps

To Lamego, Pinhao and return



Douro Wine Region

Day Trip to Pinhao and Lamego

Drive 114 km, 1 hr 37 min



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Serra da Estrela

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This trip is recommended for people who appreciate history and wine. Minimal walking is necessary.



Barragem do Bagaúste

When you exit the highway, do not cross the bridge into Peso da Régua but travel east on the N222 along the south side of the Douro River.

After a few kilometers you will pass the Barragem do Bagaúste. If you like, you can stop and possibly see a boat passing through the locks. Keep traveling east approximately 12 kilometers and you will see Pinhao on the north side of the river.



Pinhao



Quinta do Bomfim

Before crossing the bridge over the Douro River into Pinhao, stop to take in the scenery. When you first cross the bridge, take an immediate right to Symington's Quinta

do Bomfim. Visitors may visit the winery and the old wine cellar, or they may enjoy a walk through the vineyards. Tastings are available of family-made Ports and Douro DOC wines on the terrace.

The train station in Pinhao is famous for its tiles (azulejos). You may be able to partake of a wine tasting at the train station but if you would appreciate more adventure, you may choose other options.



Pinhao Train Station

If you travel west along a curvy road on the north side of the Douro approximately 10 kilometers you will arrive at Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo. The view here is stunning and you can take many wonderful photographs of possibly the most beautiful wine growing region in the world. The Douro Port and red table wines of Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora are very good and can be tasted and purchased on site.



View from Quinta Nova

On returning to Pinhao, you may be ready for lunch. There is a good restaurant in Pinhao

called LBV 79 which is located near the river at Lugar de Praia. Or you might choose to head back on the N222 toward Peso da Régua, stopping in Folgosa for lunch. The DOC restaurant in Folgosa on the south bank of the Douro is one of the restaurants operated by Rui Paula, a well-known Portuguese chef.



Stairway to Nossa Senhora dos Remedios

The next stop is Lamego, the site of the coronation of the first king of Portugal, Afonso Henriques. Lamego has a beautiful the Santuario

Nossa Senhora dos Remedios. There is another, similar and possibly more famous stairway church near Braga called Bom Jesus do Monte. Another notable church in Lamego is the Se which has some components dating back to the 12th century. The wine shop behind the Se sells excellent Portuguese wines and other goods such as cork purses.



Wine shop in Lamego

Return to the A24 and then south to the Quinta dos Tres Rios.