

## Tour “Paiva Walkways” (Arouca)

“A course of eight kilometers of nature in its pure state begins here. A journey through biology, geology, and through the history of life on the planet, written in the landscape”.

Arouca Geopark

**PLEASE NOTE:** On this program, the choice on how you’ll spend the afternoon is yours! We present you to two different options, the same quality on both.

### Program:

Morning:

08h00 Departure from Porto | Torre dos Clérigos

09h20 Arrival at Espiunca | Arouca

Hiking the Paiva walkways is a memorable experience! Along the Paiva river we’ll cross five different geosites; three river beaches and witness the immense beauty of the landscape. A route that gathers nature, biology, geology and archeology.

Route characteristics: Distance:8.30 km | Degree difficulty: High | Duration:3.00 h | Maximum altitude:295 m | Minimum altitude:95 m

12h30 Pick-up in Areinho river beach.

Lunch and afternoon options:

**A) Visit to Aldeia da Paradinha, a Schist traditional village:**

12h30 Transfer to Alvarenga village | Lunch in local typical restaurant

14h30 Transfer to Aldeia da Paradinha

The Paiva River and the natural mountain landscape creates a special framework for this little village, where you’ll find many marks of the old traditions and everyday life such as millstones, mills, etc.

We’ll hike through the village, with a climb to Mira Paiva viewpoint: from here you’ll get a panoramic view of all the area until river Paiva’s margins!

16h30 Departure to Porto

18h00 Expected time of arrival at Porto

End of our services

**B) A restful afternoon, enjoying the gastronomy, the vinho verde and vineyards of estate Corga da Chã:**

12h30 Transfer to Quinta Corga da Chã | Castelo de Paiva

Corga da Chã is an awarded green wine producing estate in Castelo de Paiva. The estate house will welcome you for a traditional barbecue accompanied by vinho verde, after which you can choose to rest by the estate’s water reservoir now turned into a swimming pool, by the estate’s private stream or just calmly walk amongst the vineyards.

Lunch service

Free time | Optional: Wine tasting of wines Corga da Chã and regional appetizers

16h00 Departure to Porto

On return we’ll make a brief stop at S.Domingos Hill viewpoint. The sunset light over Arda and Douro rivers will make this a memorable way to say farewell to this beautiful region.

17h15 Expected time of arrival at Porto | End of our services.

**Conditions:**

- ✓ Requires previous booking; confirmation is subject to existing availability;
- ✓ We confirm the tour with a min. and max. Of 04 – 08 people;
- ✓ Price: Up from € 65,00 p/person (VAT included)
- ✓ Availability: Monday to Sunday (except 25th December and 1st January)

**Price includes:**

- ✓ Our driver, that will accompany you all the way **except** on Paiva walkways, since our van will be waiting for you at the end of the walk;
- ✓ Transport in a 9-seater van equipped with air-conditioning;
- ✓ All the insurances required by Portuguese law for the tourism activity;
- ✓ Booking and entry on Paiva walkways;
- ✓ Booking of lunch on the chosen option;

**Price does not include:**

- ✓ Lunch payment;
- ✓ Optional: Wine tasting at Corga da Chã: Up from € 5,00 p/person
- ✓ Optional: Specialized in biology and geology guide for Paiva walkways

**Bring with you:** comfortable clothing and shoes suited for walking; camera; hat; sunscreen of maximum factor; water.

**Important notes:**

- ✓ Entry to Paiva walkways must be booked in advance: the demand is high and week-ends in special tend to sell out days ahead, so confirmation is conditioned by the existing availability. Payment of the entry booking is due in the following 24h, otherwise it will be canceled. Changes of date or cancelations are not reimbursed by Arouca Geopark.
- ✓ Along Paiva walkways it's not permitted: to carry music devices; baby carriages; animals; smoking; camping; making fire; harvest plants or collect rocks, amongst others. This is a natural protected area, preserve it!