

Cais da Lixa, Covelo, Portugal

A quiet marina on the Douro River, Cais da Lixa is your gateway to Portugal's famous wine country, the golden city of Porto, and Gondomar's centuries-old filigree craft tradition.

Docked (river pier) Typical call: 4–6 hrs Currency: Euro (€) Language: Portuguese

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pier — ships dock directly at Marina da Lixa, no tender needed

Best For: River scenery, Port wine excursions, filigree jewelry, Porto day trips

Walk to Centre: Covelo village ~5 min on foot; Gondomar town ~20 min by taxi/Uber

Don't Miss: A glass of Port at Restaurante O Lixa with Douro views

Getting around: **Taxi** ✓ €15–€35 · **Rideshare** ✓ Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Porto City & Port Wine Cellars** — Head downstream to Porto — one of Europe's most photogenic cities.
- **Douro Valley Quinta Wine Tour** — Drive east into the Douro Valley UNESCO wine region to visit a historic quinta (wine estate), walk the terraced vineyards, and taste Ruby, Tawny, and...
- **Gondomar Filigree Artisan Workshop** — Gondomar is Portugal's capital of filigree jewellery.
- **Serras do Porto Park — Buggy or Hike** — The hilly Serras do Porto park is a short drive from the marina.
- **Douro River Kayak or Paddleboard** — Marina da Lixa offers kayak and paddleboard rentals and guided river tours directly from the dock.

BEST WALKS

- **Marina Promenade & Covelo Riverfront** 1–2 km · 20–30 min · Easy · Flat riverside path — A leisurely out-and-back along the Douro bank from the marina.
- **Covelo Riverside to Serras do Porto Foothills** 3–4 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Moderate · Uphill paths — Follow trails up from the riverbank near Covelo into the wooded lower slopes of the Serras do Porto park above Gondomar, with views back over the Douro River and the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 7:52AM–9:14PM · Jun 6:56AM–10:11PM · Aug 7:41AM–9:33PM · Sep 8:13AM–8:42PM · Oct 8:46AM–7:51PM Currency: Euro (€)	
Apr	62°	46°	15d		
Jun	71°	55°	11d		
Aug	78°	59°	6d		
Sep	73°	57°	9d		
Oct	67°	53°	14d		

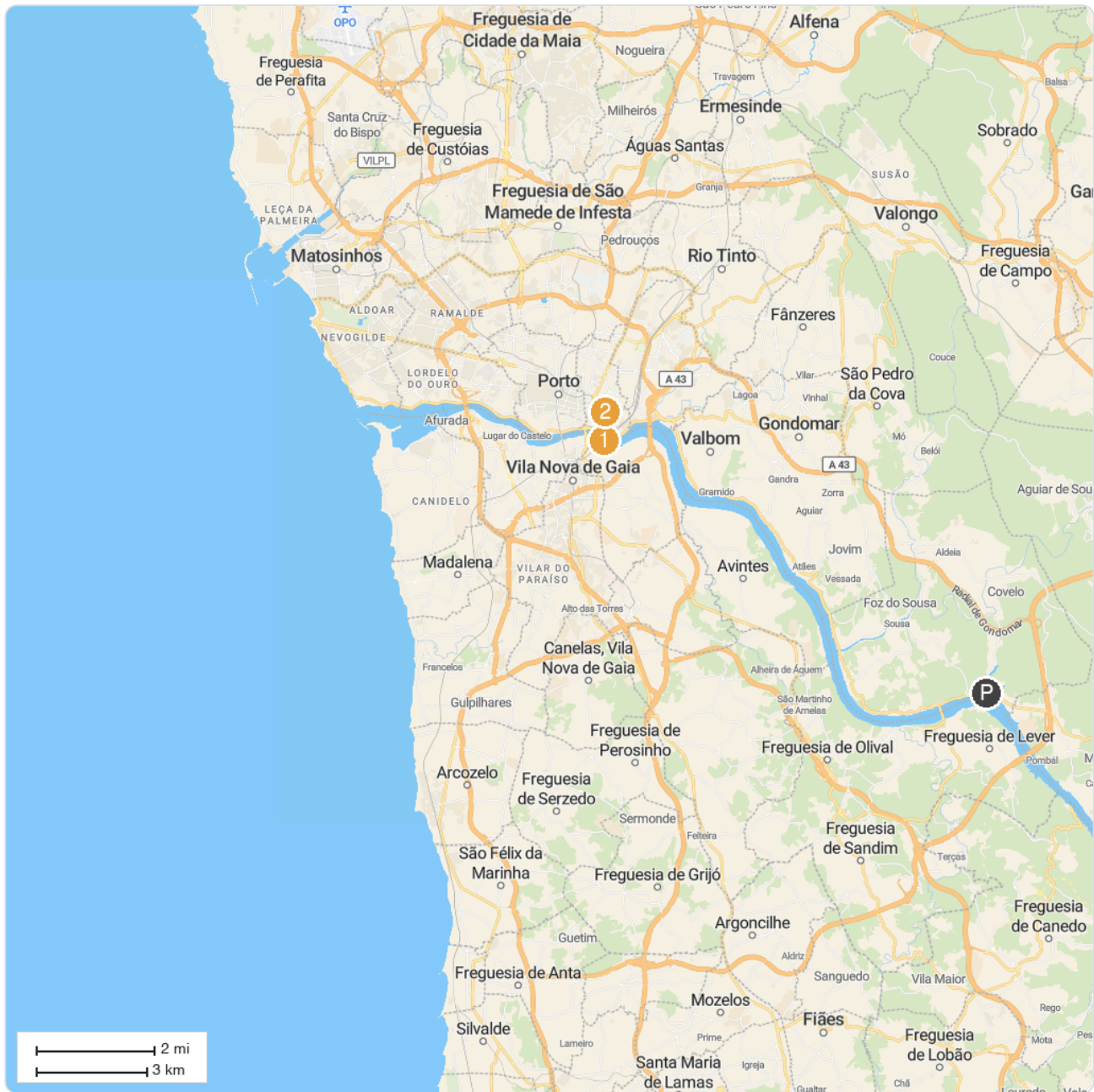
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch the all-aboard time. Porto is only 20 km away but traffic can be unpredictable. If you Uber into the city independently, allow at least 45 minutes' buffer to return.
- Bring euros. Covelo is a small village with no ATM at the marina. Withdraw cash in Porto or use a contactless card at the restaurant.
- Taste Port at the source. Ship excursions to Douro quintas offer better value and more authentic tastings than Porto cellar tours — worth booking through your cruise line.
- Kayaks are right at the dock. If your ship is calling for half a day and you don't fancy a long transfer, the marina's water sports are a convenient and scenic option.
- Pack a light layer. The Douro Valley can be warm and sunny in summer, but river mornings are often cool and misty — a jacket is useful early in the day.

Cais da Lixa, Covelo, 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.



P Cruise port / terminal