

# LIVING BORDER AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

## MINHO VALLEY & VEZ VALLEY

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

#### DAY 0 – ARRIVAL | SETTLE IN AND FIRST READING OF THE TERRITORY

Arrival in Monção and check-in at the hotel.

An intentionally open first moment, allowing for rest and adaptation – a first sensory reading of the place: light, valley, river, and its relationship with Galicia.

Free time to enjoy the hotel, followed by dinner based on local products from the Minho Valley, with Alvarinho as a cultural expression of the region.

#### DAY 1 – MOUNTAIN AND LIVING BORDER | CASTRO LABOREIRO

**A full-day experience, conceived and curated by WWG.**

- A reading of the mountain as culture and the border as a lived space, in Castro Laboreiro, within Peneda-Gerês National Park.
- The walk structures the experience, connecting trails, landscape, and ways of life – revealing the mountain as a continuous inhabited territory.
- Includes territorial mediation throughout the day, private transport, an interpretive walk, a lunch pause with local products, and a cultural reading of the border region.

Return in the late afternoon.



### OVERVIEW

A program designed for a stay across two Piamonte group hotels, conceived as a traversal between nearby and complementary territories.

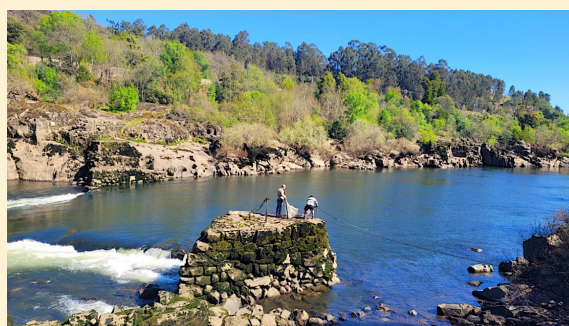
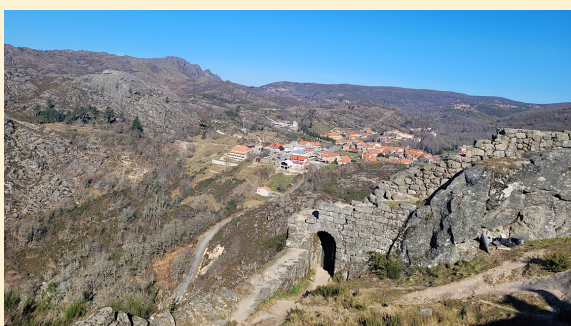
It explores the continuity between borderland, mountains, vineyards, cultural landscape, and national park, understanding the territory as a relational whole rather than a sequence of stages.

Between guided experiences and autonomous exploration, the journey privileges rhythm, attention, and continuity over the accumulation of visits.

### 5 NIGHTS

**3 nights** – The Vinea Collection Hotel, Monção

**2 nights** – Ribeira Collection Hotel, Arcos de Valdevez



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## 🌿 DAY 2 – VALLEY, WINE, AND BORDER | MONÇÃO

A day of autonomous exploration, supported by We Want Green guidance.

### Suggested routes:

#### Monção historic center:

- Reading the town, its walls, and its border memory. Border area and valley landscape.
- Walks along the river, observing agriculture, vineyards, and local daily life.

#### Monção wine estate:

- Visit to an Alvarinho producer, understanding the vineyard as a cultural landscape.
- Guided tasting where wine expresses soil, climate, and time.

#### Castro de São Caetano

- Elevated viewpoint offering a broader reading of the valley, the river, and the border as a continuous territory.

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## 🌿 DAY 3 – INLAND CROSSING | FROM MONÇÃO TO ARCOS DE VALDEVEZ

Check-out from The Vinea Collection Hotel and departure towards Arcos de Valdevez, following a logic of traversal rather than simple transfer.

Stop in Sistelo, an emblematic cultural landscape of terraced fields in the Upper Minho.

### WWG half-day experience:

- Accompanied walk and reading of the agricultural landscape
- Observation of traditional cultivation systems and the relationship between water, stone, nature, and community
- Lunch integrated into the local rhythm, based on regional products

Continuation to Arcos de Valdevez and **check-in at Ribeira Collection Hotel.**

Late afternoon free time by the river.

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## 🌿 DAY 4 – NATIONAL PARK AND MOUNTAIN VILLAGES

A day of autonomous exploration, with **We Want Green** guidance, focused on reading the mountain and community life within Peneda-Gerês National Park.

### Suggested routes:

- **Mezio & Soajo** – biodiversity and human presence
- **Soajo** – granaries, granite architecture, and communal agriculture
- **National Park** – short walks and sensory pauses
- **Historic center of Arcos de Valdevez** – town, river, and urban memory

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## 🌿 DAY 5 – CLOSING THE CIRCLE

A final free day to revisit places, walk, write, or simply remain within the territory

A moment for the sedimentation of the experience – a space where what has been lived finds form and continuity.



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