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2 days in Porto:

Day 1: We left early on June 2nd in the morning from Lisbon to Porto. Since restrictions are up and things are slowly going back to normal, two friends and I decided to take a little road trip with all precautions. Porto is the second-largest city in Portugal after Lisbon, with 1.7 million inhabitants. Porto has a unique atmosphere with elegant neighbourhoods, cute shops and large villas on cobbled streets. This soulful city was classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1996 and it is a very interesting place to visit because of its wine making history. We arrived in the afternoon and after dropping our things off at the airbnb, we took an evening walk along the Douro River, visiting the vibrant Mercado street, we also stopped by a little alcohol store and sampled some port wine. There are just so many things you can do in this fascinating city.

Day 2: We went to a cute little second hand store in the city centre and tried on it felt like half the store, we disinfected our hands prior and made sure the mask was on at all times. Weird times means stick to the healthy measures. Afterwards we went to the nest bookstore called Lello bookstore. It is widely famous and it was considered the 3rd most beautiful bookstore in the world by Lonely Planet. Some even claim that JK Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter books, wrote the first Harry Potter book inside the bookstore. When we heard this, we knew we had to go and check it out. It is lavishly designed historic book store with an art nouveau exterior, along with a winding wooden staircase. Afterwards, we then made a little lunch on the balcony and enjoyed the view from the airbnb.

It was a short trip to Porto but the place was incredible and the people were very friendly. The Port wine and the second hand shopping was a big highlight for us.





