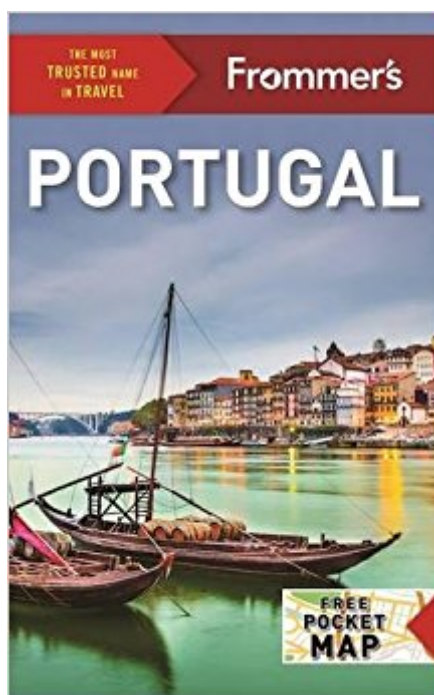


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An excellent guidebook! Just returned from Porto and the Douro Valley, got this just before I went and I can't tell you what a difference it made for this short trip. I felt like I understood the history of what I was seeing so much better (and not just long ago history, but how the 20th century terrible dictator Salazar shapes what you see), and the write ups of all the churches and museums really helped guide me to what would be most interesting to me (and what I could skip). Appreciated the in-depth overview of Porto tasting places, since that was one of the reasons I was here. And found the suggested itineraries at the front to be really helpful (as were the pull out map and all the maps throughout). Best of all though was the food. I had no idea what to expect from Portuguese food and it was superb! I liked that at the restaurants in this book, I only heard Portuguese being spoken around me. They were real local places. That didn't happen when I didn't use the book and accidentally stumbled into some tourist traps. A must buy!!!

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