

Convention ITER VITIS PORTUGAL

16th, 17th, 18th MAY

VINHO VERDE REGION
Lima Sub-region



The discovery of the Apostle Saint James' tomb in the first decades of the 9th century in Western Europe, brought about a landscape of networks of roads and paths that converged in Santiago de Compostela. One of these routes, previously mentioned in medieval documents, is the Portuguese Way of St. James, which runs through the entire province of *Entre-Douro-e-Minho*.

The Portuguese Way of St. James is the second most used route by pilgrims to reach the Apostle Santiago, the first being the famous French Way.

Ponte de Lima, before as it is today, is situated at an important crossroads, part of this path endlessly trodden by pilgrims who march under the sign of the scallop and the staff. Since the long gone Middle Ages, the town of Ponte de Lima has constituted passage to the pilgrims coming from the south, by way of Porto, Rates and Barcelos and who cross, as in times gone by, the legendary Rio Lethes, the River of Forgetfulness, by way of the Roman and Medieval bridge, and cross the steepest stretch at the Serra da Labruja, not without first admiring the French Cross, one of the most symbolic and iconic elements of the entire Portuguese Way of St. James.

Ponte de Lima has been able to meet the needs and wishes of pilgrims; proof of this was the establishment of the Pilgrims' Hostel in Ponte de Lima in 2009.

Today, the Portuguese Way of St. James constitutes the main axis of the *Iter Vitis* project - the Way of the Vineyards, both recognized as a Cultural Route by the Council of Europe.

The Centre for the Promotion and Interpretation of Vinho Verde in Ponte de Lima has hosted the *Iter Vitis* Portugal headquarters since 2018, whose main objective is to promote the protection and enhancement of the landscape associated with wine production as a tool for sustainable development, at the service of the territory and its actors.



16th

MAY | Ponte de Lima

10h30 Welcome and opening remarks at Centro de Interpretação e Promoção do Vinho Verde

11h00 Guided tour in the Historical Center of Ponte de Lima

13h00 Lunch – Ponte de Lima

15h00 Iter Vitis Portugal Convention

20h00 Dinner – Arcos de Valdevez



17th

MAY | Viana do Castelo

10h30 Wine Museums Network Meeting

13h00 Lunch – Viana do Castelo

14h30 IX Vinho Verde Wine Meeting by the Order of the Engineer

14h30-15h15 Afternoon session
Fernando Seara (Museu do Douro)

Didier Cujives
"O caso ITERVITIS França"

Paolo Benvenuti
"O caso ITERVITIS Itália"

Celestino Lores
"O caso Caminho de Santiago"

15h15-15h30 Debate

20h00 Dinner – Viana do Castelo



18th

MAY | Visits in the Portuguese Way of Santiago

09h00 Meeting Point – Largo de Camões (Ponte de Lima)

09h15 Walking route on the Portuguese Way of Santiago to Labruja

11h30 Transfers to Calheiros

11h45 Guided tour and lunch at Paço de Calheiros

15h00 Transfers to Refoios do Lima

15h15 Guided tour at Quinta do Ameal

16h30 Transfers to Ponte de Lima



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