



**MASTER OF PORT
SCANDINAVIA**

2024 PROGRAMME

Aim:

To qualify active sommeliers, who must be members of the partner the Dansk Sommelier Forening (Denmark), Svenska Sommelierföreningen (Sweden), Norsk Vinkelforening (Norway), Suomen Sommelierit ry (Finland) and Vínþjónasamtök Íslands (Iceland) with the title "MASTER OF PORT". The aim is to reach out to Benelux sommeliers through a competition that rewards the professionals who are best prepared in their knowledge of the Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) Porto.

Organization:

The first edition of the MASTER OF PORT BENELUX competition is organized by the Instituto dos Vinhos do Douro e do Porto, IP (IVDP, IP), in partnership with the Flemish Sommeliers Association, Guild of Belgian Sommeliers and Gilde van de Sommeliers Netherlands.

Format:

- **REGISTRATION:** the **registration form** is available online, link: <https://ivdp-ip.azurewebsites.net/en/master-of-port-form-2024/> *Please consult attached regulations*
Deadline: **02 / 09 / 2024**
- **ACCESS:** Live **Masterclass** (to be held at Villa Copenhagen Hotel) which allows access to the competition. Candidates may choose to attend the Masterclass either in person or online, via real-time streaming.
Date: **24/09/2024**
Place: Playground room at Villa Copenhagen or online streaming.
Time: 15.00h to 17.00
- **QUALIFYING HEAT Online multiple-choice exam** via a digital platform for all participants who wish to take part in the competition. The ten best candidates will be selected and proceed to the quarter final stage.
Date: **30/09/2024**, 10h00 à 11h00 (60 minutes)
Announcement of Results: 1/10/2024
- **QUARTER FINAL: Study trip** to Porto, Gaia and the Douro for the 10 candidates selected in the qualifying heat with the aim of choosing 5 semi-finalists. In-person training sessions, practical tests and oral presentation.
Date: **14/10/2024 to 16/10/2024**. *Please see below for more details*

Target Audience:

- Sommeliers, in current employment, members of the above-mentioned Guilds/Associations

Travel and Accommodation:

- The quarter finalists are hosted by the IVDP. The cost of accommodation in Porto, air travel (return from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland to Porto) and the meals (lunch) included in the study trip programme will be provided by the IVDP, IP.
 - Accommodation: 4-Star Hotel in Porto
 - Air travel: Round trip airfare, in economy class, for the ten candidates.

QUARTER-FINALS | DETAILED PROGRAMME

14/10/2024

09h00 IVDP, IP, Porto: Training in classroom setting
 11h45 IVDP, IP: Coffee break
 12h00 IVDP, IP: Training in classroom setting
 13h45 Lunch in Porto
 15h00 IVDP, IP: Visit to IVDP Technical Department
 16h00 Visit to Port lodge in Vila Nova de Gaia: Themed training on AGEING
 18h30 Transfer back to IVDP, IP, Porto
 Rest of the day at leisure

15/10/2024

07h45 Departure for the Douro
 10h00 Visit to Estate (Quinta) in Baixo Corgo or Cima Corgo. Themed training on VINES and VITICULTURE
 13h00 Lunch (hosted by the Estate)
 15h30 Visit to Estate (Quinta) in Baixo Corgo or Cima Corgo. Themed training on VINIFICATION
 18h30 Return to hotel, Porto
 20h30 Arrival
 Rest of the day at leisure

16/10/2024

09h30 IVDP, IP, Porto: Exams - written, practical and oral
 11h00 IVDP, IP: Port Cocktails training session
 13h00 Port pairing lunch in Porto followed by announcement of the 5 semi-finalists
 End of Study Trip.



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