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## REST AND BE THANKFUL

The Six Senses is a compact and bijou little hotel, with a correspondingly compact and bijou carpark. Last night, Jim Smith had managed to shoehorn everyone into the correct position so that, come the restart on Tuesday, they'd all be on pole position for a quick and efficient getaway.

Sadly, despite the warm hospitality, our stay in Portugal so far has been a damp one, and the Douro region saw some very heavy rain overnight which continued into in the morning. Under this deluge all four sweeps stood around waiting for something to do. The general consensus however, is that the cars have been very well prepared, so there was a lot of spanner polishing going on, once they'd looked at the rattling

exhaust on Mike and Lorna Harrison's Triumph and the small issue with the charging circuit in Andrew Long's Bentley.

Whilst outdoor pursuits were a bit limited because of the weather, there was plenty to do indoors, with gastronomy top of the list. There was a vast range of food and drink on offer with superb ham, cheese and wine from the "library". An excursion to the nearby Port Knox, with some tasting, was also on offer for those who could tear themselves away from the spa and the well filled sofas in the lounges.

Tomorrow though we saddle up again and head down the Douro to the busy city of Porto on the Atlantic Coast.

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