Portugal

Travel Facts

US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Portugal https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html



For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

US Embassy/Consulate

[351] (21) 727-3300; US Embassy Lisbon, Avenida das Forças Armadas, 1600-081 Lisboa, Portugal; conslisbon@state.gov; https://pt.usembassy.gov/

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the U.S. State Department's International Travel page. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

Telephone Code

351

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. http://www.who.int/

Climate

Maritime temperate; cool and rainy in north, warmer and drier in south

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F





Type C

Major Languages

Portuguese, Mirandese

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, other Christian, other (includes Jewish, Muslim)

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October; note: Portugal h 2 time zones, including the Azores (UTC-1)

Potable Water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist Destinations

Lisbon (includes Belem Tower, Monument to the Discoveries, Oceanarium, Jeronimos Monastery, Sao Jorge Castle, Ajuda Palace); Palacio Nacional de Sintra; Convento do Cristo (Tomar); Guimaraes Castle

Major Sports

Soccer, tennis

Cultural Practices

In Portuguese culture, people and relationships are considered more important than time, so punctuality is not as emphasized.

Tipping Guidelines

In tourist areas, if a service fee is not included in a restaurant bill, tip 10%. Tip 1-2 euros at the bar for good service. Tipping your tour guide and driver around 5 euros each day is appropriate. Taxi drivers in Portugal will not expect a tip, but if they turn up on time, share information about the country, and generally provide good service, rounding up the fare is common. Tip porters 1-2 euros per bag.

Hand-painted dishes and ceramic tiles, wood-inlaid items, antiques, port wine

Traditional Cuisine

Bacalhau — dried and salted cod fish usually soaked first in water or milk; typically prepared with a variety of ingredients including potatoes, carrots, cabbage, or eggs and may be baked, boiled, or fried





