



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Accessing Lisbon is easy, either by air - a short flight away from most European cities, or by road, railway or sea.

BY AIR

Lisbon International Airport, 7 km from the city centre, has daily flights to and from the major cities in Europe and the world. The Portuguese airline TAP - Air Portugal, as well as the major international airlines, fly to and from Lisbon.

BY ROAD

Arriving in Lisbon by road is a pleasant experience, as the visitor can enjoy the beautiful countryside along the way. The city has good access roads, the most frequently used routes being the A1 motorway, the 25th April Bridge, the new Vasco da Gama Bridge, and the CREL, the outer ring-road for the Lisbon region.

BY RAIL

Scores of national and international trains arrive in Lisbon every day to Santa Apolónia terminal station or to Gare do Oriente, adjacent to the Parque das Nações. Both stations have direct bus or underground connections to the city centre.

BY SEA

The Port of Lisbon is the busiest port on the European Atlantic coast. It has three terminals for cruise ships: the Alcântara, Rocha de Conde d'Óbidos and the Santa Apolónia terminals. Lisbon is often a port of call for many cruise ships (coming from many different places). Furthermore, the city also has marinas for pleasure boats in the docks of Belém, Santo Amaro, Bom Sucesso, and Alcântara and, most recently, the Olivais Docks.

AT THE AIRPORT

Public Transportation from the Airport to Downtown Lisbon

Aero bus

Linking the Airport to downtown Lisbon every 20 minutes from 07:45 a.m. to 08:45 p.m. Passengers flying with TAP AIR Portugal are welcome to use the Aero Bus on a courtesy basis by showing the boarding card to the bus driver.



Taxis

Available just outside the Arrival and Departure halls. Taxis are usually cream color, although there are still some painted black with a green roof in the traditional Portuguese style. The fare is shown on the taximeter. The prices are affixed inside the car or you can ask the driver about them. If you phone for a taxi you have to pay an extra 0.80 Euro. There is a charge of 1.60 Euro for luggage, regardless of weight or the number pieces.

Taxi voucher

The Taxi Voucher is a prepaid service created by the Lisbon Tourism in partnership with the Lisbon Airport and the Taxi associations, with a fixed price that allows the visitor to use the Taxi service in a secure way.

The service operates with vouchers on sale at the “Turismo de Lisbon” counter, located in the arrivals terminal. The price of the voucher depends on the distance of the trip or length of time.

Once in the city, the Metro is the most efficient way to get around, especially to go between downtown and uptown.

Underground

The underground (“Metro” in Portuguese) is an important addition to the traditional forms of public transport. It operates between 06:00 am and 01:00 am. The Lisbon underground reaches a considerable part of the city. Its network has gradually been extended in recent years. Both the oldest and the most recent stations are decorated with panels of tiles by renowned Portuguese artists, making them true underground art galleries (www.metrolisboa.pt).

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

European Union citizens, along with citizens of Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland are only required to have an identity card to enter Portugal.

For stays not exceeding 90 days, national visitors from the following countries require a passport valid for at least three months beyond the planned stay: Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, South Korea, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, San Marino, Singapore, Uruguay, Vatican, Venezuela and depending on the type of passport, this situation extends to the Administrative Regions of the People’s Republic of China, of Hong Kong and Macau.



Citizens from States not included in the above list require a visa to enter Portugal. Visas can be obtained from the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in the respective country for stays of up to 90 days. In case of no diplomatic representation of Portugal in that country, the visa must be required in the Embassy that represents Portugal for purposes of obtaining Schengen visas. It is recommended that participants apply for their visas well in advance, with a minimum of 4 weeks before travelling.

For further information please contact Portuguese embassies abroad –

www.mne.gov.pt/mne/en/infocidadao/pestrangeiro/embaixadas/

Portuguese consulates abroad –

www.mne.gov.pt/mne/en/infocidadao/pestrangeiro/consulados/

TEMPERATURE

The climate in Portugal during the months of June and July is usually warm. The temperatures vary between 15°C [59°F] (average minimum in June), 17°C [63°F] (average minimum in July) and 25°C [77°F] (average maximum in June), 27°C [81°F] (average maximum in July).

What to wear

In this time of the year, light clothes, such as tops, t-shirts, skirts and shorts are the best option during the day. At night, it always gets a little bit colder, so it is better to wear jeans and a light coat.

Once in Lisbon, you will find out that high heels are not an option. The shoes we suggest you are comfortable shoes, especially if you are going to spend time visiting Lisbon's seven low hills.