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WELCOME TO PORTUGAL

Portugal is located in south-western Europe, on the Iberian Peninsula. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean (west and south) and Spain (east and north). Azores and Madeira, two Atlantic Archipelagos, are also part of Portugal. The country is named after its second largest city, Porto, whose Latin name was Portus Cale.

Flag



Interesting Facts:

• Population: 10.5 million

• Language: Portuguese

• Government type: Parliamentary republic

• Total area: 92,090 km2

• Time zone: Summer (DST) WEST (UTC+1)

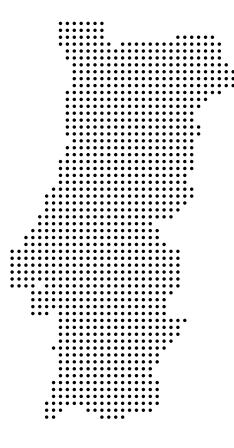
• Religion: The most common is Catholicism

• Currency: Euro (EUR)

International phone code: +351

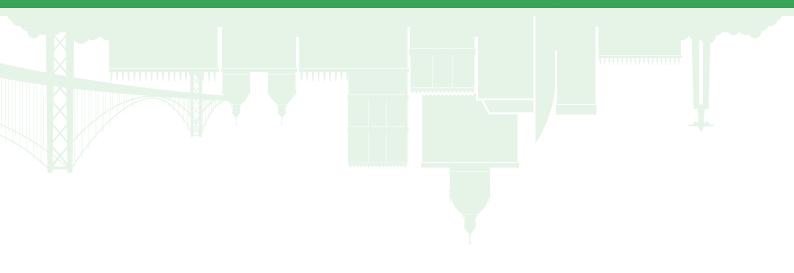
• Ethnic composition: 96% Portuguese and 4% legal immigrants

• Climate: Atlantic and Mediterranean temperate





THE CITY: LISBON



Lisboa (Lisbon) is the capital and the largest city of Portugal. It is located in the west of the country, where Rio Tejo (Tagus River) flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Baixa (downtown) is the heart of the city. West of Baixa, the Chiado district is where you can find a lot of shops, cafés and theatres. Next to it is Bairro Alto - known for its nightlife.

One of the many portuguese traditions is Fado - a type of music in which the singer, who gives their heart out, is partnered with musicians that play typical portuguese guitars. In Lisbon you can listen to this type of music in specific places called Casas de Fado (Fado Houses).







HOW TO REACH LISBON



Humberto Delgado Airport



Rede Expressos (www.rede-expressos.pt) or Flixbus (https://global.flixbus.com/)



Comboios de Portugal (www.cp.pt)



SUBWAY NETWORK

Since it is not possible to pick up everyone at the airport, train stations or bus stations, here you can find some information on how to meet us. Subway is one of the most popular and easy options to travel in Lisbon so we recommend you to use it.

Tickets:

Procedure for the first time:

- 1. Choose the language.
- 2. Select the option "No rechargeable card".
- 3. Select the number of trips you need. (each trip is 1,50€ and the green card is 0.50€)

In case you want to buy more trips, keep the card because it is rechargeable.

This is what you should do:

- 1. Insert your card.
- 2. Choose the language.
- 3. Select the option
- "Rechargeable card".
- 4. Select the number of trips you need (each trip is 1,50€).





HOW TO REACH BEST LISBON

Meeting Point:

Our faculty IST - Instituto Superior Técnico (Avenida Rovisco Pais 1, 1049-001 Lisboa). Find your way to the Central Building and call one of the MOs. If you arrive at Saldanha Metro station or Alameda Metro station you can also call one of the MOs.



Airport to IST

Pick the red line to "S. Sebastião" and get off at the tenth station, "Saldanha".

Train stations to IST

Entrecampos: Pick the yellow line to "Rato" and get off at the second station, "Saldanha". Leave the station through the red line exit.

Oriente: Pick the red line to "S. Sebastião" and get off at the seventh station, "Saldanha". Santa Apolónia: Pick the blue line to "Amadora" and get off at the second station, "Baixa-Chiado". Then pick the green line to "Telheiras" and get off at the sixth station, "Alameda".

Bus stations to IST

Sete Rios: (In this case the Metro station has a different name – Jardim Zoológico): Pick the blue line to "Santa Apolónia" and get off at the second station, "São Sebastião". Then pick the red line to "Aeroporto" and get off at the first station, "Saldanha".

Oriente: Pick the red line to "S. Sebastião" and get off at the seventh station, "Saldanha".



PLACES TO VISIT

Mosteiro dos Jerónimos (Jerónimos Monastery)

Referred to as the "jewel" of the Manueline style.



Padrão dos Descobrimentos (Monument to the Discoveries)

Built in 1960 as a tribute to the maritime expansion.



Built in the age of the Discoveries to honor the saint patron of the city, São Vicente.



Elevador de Santa Justa (Santa Justa Lift)

Makes the connection between Baixa and Bairro Alto. It has a café at the top that provides magnificent views.



Pedestrian street located in one of the busiest quarters of Lisbon.



Praça do Comércio/Terreiro do Paço (Commerce Square/Palace Square)

One of the most majestic squares of Lisbon and was once the main sea entrance to Lisbon.



Chiado

Noble shopping area with all sorts of facilities and street entertainment.



Rossio

One of the most wonderful squares in Lisbon with beautiful monuments and the fountains.

Castelo de São Jorge (St George Castle)

It is a magical place, a charming hilltop citadel that was once used as a fortress.



Parque das Nações (Nations Park)

A new area of Lisbon where you can go for a walk or a bike ride, or just to sit and enjoy the view. You can also visit some of the pavilions like the Oceanarium and the Knowledge Pavilion.



● PRICES IN LISBON



Menu Big Mac	5.00€
Average meal price	6.50€
Chocolate bar (supermarket)	1.00€
Bottle of water (0,5L)	1.00€
Bottle of water (0,5L) (supermarket)	0.12€
Beer (0,2L-0,33L)	1.00€
Coffee	0.60€
Shot	1.00€
Nightclub fee	from 10.00€
Movie ticket	6.00€
Pack of cigarettes	from 3.90€
Condoms (pack of 3)	from 3.00€
Rechargeable Card	0.50€
Subway ticket	1.50€
Subway ticket Bus ticket	1.50€ 1.85€



GASTRONOMY



Caldo verde: It is a popular soup in Portuguese cuisine. The basic traditional ingredients for caldo verde are potatoes, collard greens and chouriço.



Cozido à portuguesa: Traditional portuguese dish, which is a mix of vegetables, meats and sausages. Put all together, it's a masterpiece.



Bacalhau (cod fish): In Portugal you can find lots of recipes using bacalhau like bacalhau à Brás, bacalhau com natas, bacalhau à Gomes de Sá and also bolinhos de bacalhau.



Francesinha: Stacked sandwich with layer upon layer of melted cheese, sausages, crusted ham slices, steaks and other meaty treats besides; is a hearty meal of epic proportions, served up with a generous pile of French fries and doused in a trademark sauce.



Pastel de nata or Pastel de Belém: The original recipe of Pastel de nata is from Belém, in Lisbon, and it is called Pastel de Belém. Creamy, flaky custard tarts – served warm with cinnamon – are one of Portugal's great culinary gifts to the world. We will make sure you will taste one of this.



WHAT TO BRING?

Before departure, be absolutely sure that you bring:





(If required)







Travel/Health Insurance (If you're from an EU member country make sure you bring your **European Medical Card)**



Medicines (Better safe than sorry)



Plug adapter



Phone charger (So you can tell your family you're alive)



Alarm clock (You better wake up on time!)



Smart clothes for the official opening (You don't need a suit or an evening dress, unless you are the personification of awesomeness like Barney)



Comfortable and light





Towels and personal care



Sunscreen (Trust us, you will need lots of it!)



Sleeping bag



Some pocket money for extra expenses (Euros)



Will to become a



For the International Evening: songs from your country; your country's flag and/or scarf; traditional food (that need no cooking!) and drinks

Last but not least, the most important thing, YOU! With BEST mood and spirit to work hard and have fun!



I'M READY TO LEARN PORTUGUESE

English



Portuguese

I don't speak portuguese

I don't understand

Yes/No

Good Morning

Good Evening

Good Night

Hello/Goodbye

How are you?

Thanks/You're welcome

Thank you very much

Please

Excuse me

See you soon

Nice to meet you

What time is it?

Happy Birthday

I love you

Water

Ice

Beer

Coffee

Where is the bathroom?

Não falo português

Não percebo

Sim/Não

Bom dia

Boa tarde

Boa noite

Olá/Adeus

Tudo bem?

Obrigado/De nada

Muito obrigado

Por favor

Com licença

Até logo

Prazer em conhecer-te

Que horas são?

Parabéns

Amo-te

Água

Gelo

Cerveja

Café

Onde é a casa de banho?



BEST LISBON IS WAITING FOR YOU

Located in Instituto Superior Técnico, BEST Lisbon is one of the 13 founding members of BEST (Board of European Students of Technology). From the start, it has been one of the most active local groups on a national and international basis. Our 30 years of activity include dozens of successful events and thousands of students of technology with added value.

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