

# What Part Of Portugal Will Be Best For YOU?

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A commonly asked question on immigrants in Portugal FB groups is 'what part of Portugal is best?' & everyone pipes up naming the area they live in but in truth, all they mean is that area is best for them but what might be heaven to someone else could easily be hell for you which means YOU need to do your own research from the very start.

When most people think of Portugal they imagine beautiful beaches & lots of tourism & the country does indeed have that but it also has a whole lot more & in reality could have easily be called 'the world in one country' as it has every sort of scenery & environment you could possibly imagine.

The super-touristy beaches do exist & some even come complete with English or Irish pubs, fish 'n chip shops, parties (and occasionally punch ups) on the beach & equally it has stunningly beautiful, empty & peaceful beaches.

Move a Kilometre or so inland & you'll find a very different Portugal of peace & quiet & hear a lot more Portuguese than English spoken & it may well feel like you're in a different country.

There's also the buzzing & bustling city centres, sleepy mountain villages where you are never more than 15 minutes away from a river beach, bubbling trout stream or a larger body of water & a relatively large population of wildlife from deer to wild boar to predators such as foxes, lynx & wolves etc. You'll also find an occasional snowy mountain top for winter skiing & Knights Templar cities with stunningly beautiful soaring Knights Templar castles that were built more than 1000 years ago in cities such as Tomar & pretty much everything in between.

There are however, a large number of constants in that you will be able to walk the streets pretty much anywhere in Portugal any time, day or night without fear of attack. Portugal is after all, the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> safest country in the world according to the Global Peace Index.

Most, if not all of the country has very good infrastructure, state education & state healthcare & even the more remote villages often have at least a café, mini supermarket & will (very often) be served by some kind of bus service & regular service vehicles selling everything from fresh or frozen fish, bread & fruit & vegetables etc which means it's not too difficult to get by without a car in most parts of Portugal if you don't have one.

So where does that leave the new immigrant or potential new immigrant who is trying to research the country to help decide what part of the country they want to live in?

First, you need to make a wish list of what you cannot do without, what you would prefer & what you definitely don't want in your life & then look a map of Portugal & note the names of a number of areas, towns & districts etc & then enter the name

of each onto youtube.com or Google Maps & start to explore from the comfort of your own computer & bear in mind this is done more easily from a PC, laptop or device than it is from a phone.

Also be sure to check the localities of things like Schools, Health Centres, Hospitals, Govt offices & supermarkets to check there will be sufficient for your needs in that particular area.

Hopefully that will help you locate areas that are suitable for your own particular needs, tastes & finances & your next step will be to start your home hunting & is another challenge completely & before you even start that you need to back to the files section of this group & read:

Before you buy land or property in Portugal.

Correct Process Of Buying A Property In Portugal

Dealing With The Climate & Mould Issues In Portugal.

The Traditions & Culture Of The Rural Portuguese People.

Wildfires In Portugal.

All of those PDFs will have a bearing of the next steps of your migration process & you will also find a wide range of services including estate agents, builders & surveyors etc listed in Trade & Business Directory which is also in the files section of this group.

Good luck e bem vindos (welcome to) Portugal!