

**Useful Information**

**University of Porto**

# How to get to Porto?

## **Getting Around**

Located in northern Portugal, Porto is easy to reach by land or air.

### **Travel by Air**

There are direct and non-direct flights to Porto from anywhere in the world. The airport serving the city is the [International Airport Francisco Sá Carneiro](#), located about 11 km north of the city centre. The main Portuguese airline company is [TAP Portugal](#) which serves numerous destinations. In addition, there are a growing number of international airlines flying to Porto, many of which are low cost companies.

The airport has various public transport links and car hire services.

### **Travel by Road**

Motorways connect Porto to Lisbon (A1), Minho (A3) and Trás-os-Montes (A4), and a major highway connects Porto to Valença (A28).

Porto is also connected to various European destinations by regular bus services. [Rede Nacional de Expressos](#) and [InterNorte](#) are the main companies. The second has connections to all main European cities, via Paris. There are other road transport companies that offer connections to the north of the country (Bus station on Rua Alfredo Magalhães), to the south (Bus station on Rua Alexandre Herculano), and other destinations (Bus station on Campo 24 de Agosto, at Central Shopping).

### **Travel by Rail**

You can also travel to Porto by train. [CP](#), the Portuguese Railway Company, has regular international links. The city of Porto is served by two main stations: Campanhã Station (for international journeys, but also for journeys to Lisbon, Douro and Minho); and S. Bento Station (for urban and regional connections and connections to Galicia).

## **Urban Transport**

### **Metro**

The Purple Line (Line E) of [Metro do Porto](#) connects the International Airport Francisco Sá Carneiro and the Estádio do Dragão Metro Station in about 30 minutes.

### **Bus**

Three different [STCP](#) (Porto Public Transport Company) lines connect the airport and the city centre: line 601 (Cordoaria – Airport), line 602 (Cordoaria – Airport – via Padrão de Moreira) and line 604 (Hospital S. João – Airport – via Crestins). They run between 05.30 and 00.30, about every 25 minutes.

### **Taxi**

The airport taxi service is another possibility. The average fare from the airport to the city is approximately 25 euros. The price charged is the same regardless of the number of passengers.

### **Car**

### **rental**

Several car hire companies operate at the International Airport Francisco Sá Carneiro ([Europcar](#), [Avis](#), [Hertz](#)) . To rent a car you can go to the airport's car rental counter in the Arrivals area or make your reservation in advance.

Find out more about [Transportation in the city of Porto](#).

## **Good to know**

### **Weather**

In Porto the climate is maritime temperate, with no extreme temperatures. The winters are colder, although the temperatures are still mild when compared to the rest of Europe. The summers are hot and dry, especially in the inland areas. Temperatures are slightly lower in the coastal areas, because of the influence of the sea. The average daily temperature is 20 degrees Celsius with a low of 15 degrees and a high of 23 degrees.

### **Time**

The local time in Portugal is Greenwich Meantime (GMT).

### **Currency and Banking**

The currency in Portugal is the Euro (EUR). Cash machines/ATMs are often accessible 24/7 and they can be found all over Porto.

## Telephone

*Telephone access code:* Portugal + 351, Porto 22.

To call abroad from Portugal, dial 00, followed by the country code, city code and number you want.

*Essential contacts:*

- Emergency: 112
- Tourism Police: +351 222 081 833
- Airport Francisco Sá Carneiro: +351 229 432 400
- Tourism Office: +351 223 393 472

## Electricity

Voltage in Portugal is 220/400 volt with a frequency of 50 hertz, and plugs are of the two-pin continental type.

## Opening Hours

*Banks:* Monday to Friday, from 08:30 to 15:00

*Shops:* Monday to Friday, from 09:00 or 10:00 to 19:00  
Some shops are open all day on Saturday.

*Shopping centres:* Daily, from 10:00 to 24:00

*Restaurants:* For lunch, from 12:00 to 15:00  
For dinner, from 19:00 to 22:00

*Pharmacies:* Monday to Friday, from 09:00 to 19:00  
Saturday, from 09:00 to 13:00.

A list of 24 hour pharmacy service is displayed in all pharmacies.

## Tourist services

Tourist Office – City Centre  
Rua Clube dos Fenianos, 25  
4000-172 Porto  
Tel. +351 22 339 3472

From May to October: open every day from 09:00 to 24:00

Website: [www.visitporto.travel](http://www.visitporto.travel)

On Thursday and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, there will be held at the Rectorate of the University of Porto the general meeting and the stakeholders meeting respectively.

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