



Portugal in Brief

One of the oldest nations in Europe with a rich seafaring past, Portugal is one of the most fascinating destinations on the continent. Lisbon, the capital, with its various "quarters", combines the traditional with the modern, offering the visitor historically interesting sights such as the Tower of Belém and the Jerónimus Monastery – both classified as UNESCO World Heritage Monuments – and state-of-the-art congress centres like Nations Park, the purpose-built site for Portugal's major events, and the 100,000m² International Fair of Lisbon, host to a large number of international trade fairs. The city's nightlife is also generally considered to be among the best in Europe – starting at sunset and going on till dawn!

The charming old town of Porto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997, is situated on the mouth of the River Douro and is the trading centre of the wine named after it. Groups can take a vintage train from Porto through terraced vineyards and olive groves up to the Quintas or port wine farms, take part in the grape picking, go quad biking or on a jeep safari! The Algarve is also a popular incentive destination. Not only does it boast a superb coastline, making all manner of water sports possible, it is also a golfer's paradise. Seasoned golfers as well as complete beginners will find courses to suit. The mild winters mean this sport can be played all year round.

Fact File

Government: republic
Capital: Lisbon
Population: approx. 10.5 million
Area: 92,391km²
Official language: . Portuguese
Time zone: Greenwich Mean Time
Telephone: Dial the int. code plus 351 for Portugal.
Electricity: 230 V (A/C), 50 Hz
Currency: 1 euro = 100 cents
Entry requirements: Valid passport or internationally recognized identification document. Latest regulations should be checked regarding visas.



Palácio da Pena, Sintra

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Travel Information

International airports in Lisbon (7km outside the city), Porto (11km outside the city), Faro (4km outside the city) and Funchal with regular flights from major European airports.

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