

COVID-19: Measures implemented in Portugal

Portuguese government has been taking all necessary public health measures to protect the entire population as well as our visitors.

Measures in force may be reviewed in accordance to the evolution of the pandemic.

I – ACCESSIBILITY

1) Arriving to Portugal by Plane

MAINLAND Portugal

ALLOWED (Essential and non-essential travel)

Countries of the **European Union, Schengen Associated countries** (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland), **Albania, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, China, South Korea, United States of America, Japan, Jordan, New Zealand, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Kingdom** and special administrative regions of **Hong Kong and Macao**

- RT-PCR Test (or similar NAAT test) - 72h before boarding, or Rapid Antigen Test - 48h before boarding, or a valid [EU Digital COVID Certificate](#)
- Children under 12 do not need to present test.
- All passengers need to fill a Passenger Locator Card (individually) before departure to Portugal or on board at <https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-card>

LIMITED

India, Nepal, and South Africa (Only essential travel)

- RT-PCR Test (or similar NAAT test) - 72h before boarding, or Rapid Antigen Test - 48h before boarding.
- Need to comply with quarantine of 14 days after arrival in Portugal;
- Children under 12 don't need to present test.
- All passengers need to fill a Passenger Locator Card (individually) before departure to Portugal or on board at <https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-card>

II - MOBILITY

1. Public Transports:

- a. The use of face masks is mandatory.
- b. Public transports without occupancy limit
- c. Taxis and similar passenger transport without occupancy limit.

2. Rent-a-Car

Vehicles with capacity of 5 seats or less can be fully occupied if they belong to the same household.

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III – GENERAL RULES

1. GENERAL RULES in the entire country:

- Restaurants, cafés, and pastry shops with no restrictions on opening and closing hours until 2 am. Limited to groups of 8 people inside and 15 people on the terrace;
- Bars with the same rules as restaurants;
- Shops and shopping centres are open, without time restrictions;
- Cultural facilities with 75% of the capacity;
- Weddings and baptisms with 75% of the capacity;
- Outdoor events possible with specific rules (check the event website for more info);
- Amateur sports and training events possible with specific rules (check the event website for more info).
- Alcoholic beverages sale is prohibited in service areas or gas stations;
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages in outdoor spaces and on public roads is prohibited;
- Golf courses are fully operational. The specific measures established by the Portuguese Golf Federation are available at www.fpg.pt;
- Accommodation has been adopting the “Clean & Safe”, which allows the identification of establishments and services that have implemented enhanced hygiene and safety measures. More info at www.portugalcleanandsafe.com.

It is mandatory to present EU COVID Digital Certificate or a negative test* in:

- Tourist accommodation, upon check-in (where in the case of tourists from the United Kingdom it is also acceptable to present a proof of complete vaccination recognized for the purpose of entering our country <https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt>);
- Meal service inside the restaurants, on Fridays from 7 pm, at weekends and on public holidays;
- Thermal baths and spas;
- Casinos and bingos;
- Group classes in gyms;
- Cultural and sporting events with over 1000 people, outdoors, or over 500 people, indoors;
- Weddings and baptisms with over 10 people

* The types of tests allowed are:

- RT-PCR carried out within 72 hours prior to submission;
- Antigen test with laboratory report, carried out within 48 hours prior to its submission;
- Rapid antigen test using the self-test method, carried out within the 24 hours prior to submission in the presence of a health or pharmaceutical professional who certifies its performance and result;
- Rapid self-test antigen test carried out on the spot, at the door of the establishment to be visited, under the supervision of the persons in charge of these premises.

Children under 12 years old accompanied by an adult are exempt of testing requirements and are free to access places or establishments, to participate in events and to travel in the country.

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IV – BEHAVIOR RULES

• General behavior guidelines

- Social distancing;
- Frequent hand washing;
- Mandatory use of mask;
- Respiratory etiquette.

• Clean & Safe

In tourism, the [“Clean & Safe”](#) seal was implemented allowing tourists to have increased security and confidence in the use of accommodation establishments, in the various tourist services and tourist attractions.

National measures - <https://covid19estamoson.gov.pt/> (in Portuguese)

Updated information on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic in Portugal at WHO - World Health Organization (<https://covid19.who.int/region/euro/country/pt>) or at DGS – Portuguese General Directorate of Health (<https://covid19.min-saude.pt/>).

V – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Essential Travel definition

“Essential travel” is defined as trips allowing the transit, entry into and departure from Portugal for professional purposes, study, family reunions, health and humanitarian reasons and under the reciprocity principle.

Tests

a. Controls might be undertaken upon arrival to airport;

b. The test result must include:

- type of test taken;
- passenger name (as per passport);
- date of birth;
- clear identification of the laboratory including the certification;
- the date and time the sample was collected and the explicit negative test result;

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c. Passengers who present tests that do not comply with the requirements must undergo a new test on arrival, before entering Portuguese territory, at their own expense, and must wait in a designated place, inside the airport, until the result is notified.

d. If you are a foreigner visitor and want to do the test for Covid-19 shortly after arrival, before departure or at any time in mainland Portugal or Madeira you can do it:

- at the Airport. Information at <https://www.ana.pt/en/corporate/ana/faq>;
- in a laboratory approved by the Portuguese Health General Directorate. Find the list at <https://covid19.min-saude.pt/infoadrpcc/>;
- in one of the hospitals and clinics included in the Portugal Health Passport that can provide you personalized support in your language. The test for Covid-19 must be scheduled with a consultation and the results will be available in up to 72 hours.

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Quarantine

Quarantine does not apply to:

- √ Passengers traveling on essential trips and whose period of stay in national territory, attested by a return ticket, does not exceed 48 hours;
- √ Passengers traveling exclusively to participate in international professional competitions, listed in Annex IV of the official governmental document [Despacho nº 7374-E/2021](#) (in Portuguese);

EU Digital COVID Certificate

The [EU Digital COVID Certificate](#), accepted from 1 July at European border services, will facilitate free movement of citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a digital proof that a person:

- √ Has been vaccinated against COVID-19, or
- √ Has received a negative test result (NAAT test or Rapid Antigen test), or
- √ Has recovered from COVID-19.

* Children under 12 years old are exempt of presenting the EU Digital COVID Certificate or testing requirements

* Young people (under 18) do not need to comply with 14 days of isolation when accompanying adults have proof of complete vaccination

More information at https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/safe-covid-19-vaccines-europeans/eu-digital-covid-certificate_en

More Travel Information

At the European Union website - <https://reopen.europa.eu> - you can find information on each country about borders, available means of transport, travel restrictions, health and public safety measures, as well as other practical information.

To know which are the travel regulations all around the world, check the map at the [IATA Travel Centre](#).

The **Portuguese airports** (Lisboa, Porto, Faro, Ponta Delgada e Funchal) have implemented several initiatives to keep staff and passengers safer. A body temperature measurement system was implemented on arrival. More information at <https://www.ana.pt/en/passenger-guide/what-you-need-to-know/covid-19>