



Living & working in PORTUGAL

EUROPEAN
JOB DAYS

 March 2026

 Seize the Summer with EURES



Facts & figures

Area 92,412 km²

Coastline > 1600 kms

9 regions

Lisboa, the capital

Population > **10,6 million**

Portuguese: the official language

Parliamentary **Republic**

Euro (€) the currency





Diversity

- The Alentejo planes
- Algarve, Ponta da Piedade
- Lisbon, the capital city
- North, Douro valley
- Azores, "7 Cidades" Lagoon
- Centre, "Estrela" Mountain





Food & Drink

Sardines & seafood, "Cozido", "Cataplana",
"Café e Pastéis de Nata", Portuguese wine & cheese,
Codfish & its 1001 ways, PETISCOS...



Weather



Temperatures:
+15 to 22°C
Pleasant weather for exploring
Pack layers, such as T-shirts and jackets, for shifts in temperature



Temperatures:
+8 to 16°C
Winter is mild but unpredictable, with some sunny days and others rainy
Bring long pants, long-sleeved shirts, closed-toe shoes, a jacket and umbrella



Temperatures:
+13 to 22°C
Prepare for lots of sunshine and warm days!
Pack light clothing and some layers



Temperatures:
+20 to 35°C
You will have sunshine!
Pack sundresses, shorts, sandals and bathing suits for the beach



Surfing



Popular Saints Parties



Night out



Football



Music Festivals



... a day at the Beach!

... *having Fun!!!*

DID YOU KNOW?



- Japanese tempura, the Hawaiian ukulele and piri-piri are actually Portuguese “inventions”
- The biggest wave ever surfed was in Portugal
- The first Pirate Code, a code of conduct for governing pirates, was invented by Bartholomew, a Portuguese pirate
- Over half of the world’s cork comes from Portugal
- Portugal holds the oldest, most stable, borders in mainland Europe

Tourism sector

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2025

in GDP

16,3% (2024)

in total employment

8%

in global exports

20,8% (2024)

Hotel revenue

7.154 million €

Guest arrivals

32.5 millions

Overnight stays

82.1 millions

Source: [travelBI](#) by Turismo de Portugal

Foreign guests

- **87,3%** of arrivals
- **63,1%** of overnight stays

Languages

Spanish, French, Italian, German, Dutch (and English)

Top 10 countries

- Spain
- USA
- France
- Brazil
- Italy
- Germany
- UK
- Canada
- Netherlands
- Ireland

Most demanded profiles

- food & beverage (including waiters & bartenders)
- chefs, cooks and... fast-food preparers
- hotel & SPA receptionists
- room service & housekeeping
- travel-related customer service
- all-round entertainers & sports instructors

Wages in Tourism

Average monthly earnings (2023)

- Hotels & Catering **€ 1.145**
- Hotels **€ 1.398**
- Catering **€ 1.055**

Total avg. monthly earnings (2025): **€1.686**

Source: [travelBI](#) by Turismo de Portugal

Positions	Average Gross Wage	
	Annual	Monthly
Waiter / Waitress	14.676 €	1039 €
Bartender	21.403 €	1515 €
Hotel Receptionist	14.618 €	1035 €
<i>Chef</i>	17.477 €	1237 €
Kitchen Assistant	14.383 €	1018 €
Travel Agent	16.697 €	1170 €
Room Service	14.507 €	1027 €

Source: [indeed Salarios](#) - mar. 2026

Working Conditions



Wage

- **14 x** / year (incl. Holiday & Christmas bonuses)
- minimum (2026): **€920** / month
- meal subsidy



Working time

- **40** hours / week
- **22** holidays (annual leave)
- **13** bank holidays + ...

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Social Security and Taxation

- SS: **11%** worker + **23,75%** employer
- SS: minimum **24,1%** independent worker
- IRS: **13,25%** to **47,17%**

Your job search tips



- Job portals
- Companies' websites | SoMe
- Job Fairs
- LinkedIn profile

eures.europa.eu

iefponline.iefp.pt

europeanjobdays.eu



- [Job Centres](#)
Unemployment benefit?
U2 form & register in
max 7 days
- [Temporary Work Agencies](#)
- [Private Employment Agencies](#)



- Your network (friends & family)
- National & regional newspapers
- Shop window ads

Your job search websites

eures.europa.eu

iefponline.iefp.pt

europeanjobdays.eu



Generic job banks

expressoemprego.pt

emprego.sapo.pt

net-empregos.com

pt.indeed.com

jobs.universia.net/pt/

Tourism-related

turijobs.pt

hosco.com

ambitur.pt

turilink.pt

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Applying tips

Motivation Letter + **CV** | **LinkedIn** profile

Curriculum Vitae

- reverse chronological order
- functional model
- infographic & creative
- [Europass CV](#)
- **1-2 pages**
- professional (smiling) photo
- **mobile**: international (e.g. +34)
- **language** skills



Motivation Letter

- as a rule, an e-mail
- 2-3 paragraphs
- keywords
- YOU – ME – US
- your background & link to the company's
- *personal branding*: achievements & motivation
- availability for (online) interview



Checklist

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Before coming

- Valid **ID card** or **Passport**
- Copy of work contract / conditions **in written**
- **Certificates** proving experience, education,...
- Wage **payment method** and frequency
- Check **accommodation** availability and price
- [European Health Insurance Card](#)
- Enough money to remain in Portugal
- [Mobility supporting schemes](#) (TMS)

On arrival

- Fiscal number (**NIF**)
- Social Security number (**NISS**)
- Bank account
- Registration certificate (>3 months)
- Register at nearest Health Centre:
SNS User Card

[NIF+NISS+SNS at 12 Citizen Spots](#)



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