



Living & working in Portugal

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Quick facts

Area: 92,412 kms²

Coastline: 2600 kms

7 regions

Population: 10,3 millions

Official language: **Portuguese**

Parliamentary **republic**





Diversity

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





Food & Drink

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

Our Tourism sector (2022 | 23)

18% GDP, 7,5% employment and 17,6% global exports (2022)

- **30** mio. guests (+13,3% in 2023 than in 2022)
- **77,2** mio. overnight stays (+10,7% than in 2022)
- Germany, Spain, France, The Netherlands, Ireland, Italy, Belgium (EU) and UK, Brazil, USA (extra-EU)
- total tourism **income** increased by **20,1%** from 2022 to 2023
- **foreign tourists'** overnight stays represented **70%** of total
- **short breaks** still dominant & growing, mostly in Lisbon (& Porto)

Our Tourism sector

(seasonal) demand for workers

Profiles most looked after

- 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
- tour guides & tuk tuk drivers
- maintenance workers

... among other profiles



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Tourism sector wages in Portugal

Minimum wage (2024): **€820**

Avg. monthly earnings (2023): **€1.505**

in **Hotel & Catering: €1118**

Positions	Average Gross Wage	
	Annual	Monthly
Waiter / Waitress	13.392 €	948 €
Bartender	14.844 €	1051 €
Hotel Receptionist	13.438 €	951 €
<i>Chef</i>	16.325 €	1156 €
Kitchen Assistant	13.517 €	957 €
Travel Agent	16.459 €	1165 €
Room Service	13.684 €	969 €

Source: [indeed Salarios](#)

Working Conditions



Wage

- **14 x** / year (incl. Holiday & Christmas bonuses)
- minimum (2024): **€820** / 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%**



Learning the Language

nearly **260 million speakers** in the World



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E-learning

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<http://pptonline.acm.gov.pt>

www.portuguesmaisperto.pt/EN

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- www.practiceportuguese.com
- www.portugueselab.com
- www.portugalist.com



<http://caple.letras.ulisboa.pt/>

... and more



Housing



Utilities 1 month (heating, electricity, gas, ...) 1 person €129



Internet 8 mbps (1 month) €33



40" flat screen TV €369



Laundry detergent (3 l.) €7



Hourly rate for cleaning help €9

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Per region




Location	Price m2 Jan 2024
Portugal	2,582 €/m2
Alentejo	1,503 €/m2
Algarve	3,283 €/m2
Área Metropolitana de Lisboa	3,579 €/m2
Centro	1,414 €/m2
Norte	2,134 €/m2
Região Autónoma da Madeira	2,914 €/m2
Região Autónoma dos Açores	1,481 €/m2

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Food & Drink

	Basic lunchtime menu in the business district	€11,00
	Combo meal in fast food restaurant	€8,00
	500 gr of boneless chicken breast	€3,47
	1 lt whole fat milk	€0,97
	12 eggs, large	€3,21
	1 kg tomatoes	€2,11
	500 gr local cheese	€5,06

	1 kg potatoes	€1,77
	1 kg apples	€2,01
	0.5 l domestic beer in the supermarket	€1,12
	1 bottle of red wine, good quality	€5,86
	2 lt coca-cola	€2,07
	Bread for 2 people 1 day	€0,97
	Average consumer basket for 1 person	€270,00

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Finding & applying for a job

- **motivation letter + CV** (photo highly recommended)
- CV: **reverse chronological** order or **functional** model; **infographic** more & more popular
- **1-2 pages**, short, concise, structured
- if you don't speak / write Portuguese, write CV **in English...**
- you can (still) use **Europass CV...**
- **phone**: your country's international code number (e.g. +33)
- include a **Skype** | Teams | Zoom | GoogleMeet account
- and... use your **LinkedIn** profile

www.turijobs.pt

www.ambitur.pt

www.hosco.com

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Before coming

Checklist



- Valid **ID card** or **Passport**
- Traveling with **family**? Check procedures & documents for children | spouse
- Copy of work contract / working conditions **in written**
- **Certificates** proving experience, education/training, references
- Knowing the **wage payment method** and frequency
- Check **accommodation availability and price**
- **European Health Insurance Card** / Health Insurance
- Enough money to remain in Portugal until 1st wage payment (or to go back...)
- Check for **mobility** supporting **schemes** (TMS, Regressar...)



On arrival

Administrative procedures



1. **Registration Certificate** or Residence Card (> 3 months)
2. **Fiscal Number (NIF):** www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt
3. **Social security number (NISS):** www.seg-social.pt
4. **Bank account**
5. **Register at nearest Health Centre: SNS (National Healthcare System) User Card**

The employer usually helps you





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