How to survive Porto (and still have fun!)
WELCOME TO PORTO!

Porto is a fascinating and vibrant city that is rapidly becoming one of Western Europe’s most respected tourist destinations. The city boasts an extensive history, interesting tourist sights, buzzing nightlife, and outstanding tourist facilities. There is a lot to see and do in Porto, and the city will appeal to a wide range of different visitors.

Porto is a historic and varied city, from the warren of narrow streets that make up the ancient Ribeira district through to the grand plazas of the Avenida dos Aliados. The region is famed for the production of Port, which is still stored and matured in the vast cellars that stretch along the banks of the Douro River.
The official languages of Portugal are Portuguese and Mirandese, but don’t worry the latter is only spoken in a small part of the Northeast of Portugal. The most common foreign languages learned by the Portuguese people are English, French and Spanish.

Passport and Visa

Portugal is a Member-State of the European Union and has signed the Schengen Agreement. While travelling within the E.U., you only need your Identity card. However, a passport is necessary for a number of other transactions, such as currency exchange, purchases, etc. Visas are not required by European citizens from countries that are part of the Schengen Area.

Currency

Portugal is another one of several European countries that use the Euro (€) as currency.

1 Euro (€) = 100 Cents
Notes: 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 & 5
Coins: Euros 2, 1 and 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 & 1 Cents

It is advisable to bring euros from your origin country to avoid ATM’s high exchange rate and when doing that, you should always avoid carrying bills of, and above, 50€ for security reasons.

You will be charged less of a transaction fee if you withdraw Euro from the numerous ATM machines (that can easily be found in Porto) rather than credit card transactions (which can charge a 2-3% transaction fee or more for foreign purchases).
Electrical Appliances

In Portugal, the power sockets are type C and F. The standard voltage is 230V at 50Hz. Below you can find pictures of the applied power sockets and corresponding plugs.

Weather

The peak of summer begins with July and thus brings with it more heat, more sunshine and warmer waters to bathe in. This month is also the driest of the calendar year, so don’t worry too much about rain, the worst you’ll probably get is a 5-minute shower on an early morning, and by noon it will all be dry and sunny again.

The average temperature hangs steady at a beautiful 20°C (59°F), with breezy nights at a low end of 15°C. The high average expected is 24°C, so rest assured that you stay in Porto will be wonderful altogether.
Beach Activities

Start the week in the best way, experiencing the Portuguese summer at the beach! The participants will be able to enjoy several activities in our beautiful beach in Matosinhos and in our City Park. A fresh look is recommended, fluid clothes, bathing suit, and a very colorful slippers. We don’t want red lobsters in our event, therefore sunscreen lotion and sunglasses are required. Remember the sea breeze, a coat in your bag may be a good idea! Most importantly, make sure to bring your best and happiest smile and to dive in our country in the best way.

This activity is not a part of the official program, since it occurs before the opening ceremony but we have prepared activities such as Surf Lessons at zero cost! If you don’t like the water so much you can play Beach Volley, Football or Rugby. We will have plenty to do and you can just enjoy an Ice-cream by the beach if that’s more your thing.

Lessons will start at 9:30 in the morning and ending at about 12:30, so you can have time to eat and get ready for the Welcome Ceremony at FEUP starting at 16:00.

These activities will be at the Surf Aventura beach school:
- Address: Avenida General Norton de Matos 378, Armazéns Sul. Escola A., 4450-208 Matosinhos
- Telephone: +351 22 937 2237

Please note that after the end of the beach activities lunch and transportation to the main congress venue are not the responsibility of the organization team and should be at your own expense.

Date: 25/07/2018
Local: Matosinhos Beach
Dress Code: Beachwear
Beach Sunset 🍸

Chilling by the beach, with a great view of a sunset in the ocean and sand by your feet will be possible in the first day of the event. This sunset party will be everything you need to meet new people and be at ease in Portugal, starting at 7:00PM.

A casual and relaxed look, with a hint of festive is advised, making this event a real summer party. Make sure to bring a coat, we have chilly nights.

Transportation from FEUP to the Sunset Venue and from Sunset Venue to all Accommodation Venues will be provided as shown below:

From FEUP to the Sunset: 6:30PM
Transportation to the Sunset and back will be provided as shown below:

From FEUP to the Sunset: 7:30 PM
From the Sunset to Novais Barbosa: 11:30PM
From the Sunset to Paranhos: 12:30AM
From the Sunset to Ibis: 12:30AM

Please be aware that we only guarantee transportation at the specified time, if you miss this transportation you should get to/from the Sunset Venue by yourself at your own expense.

Date: 25/07/2018
Local: Praia da Luz restaurant
Dress Code: Business Casual
Gala Dinner

Get ready for the fanciest event of the summer, occurring at Palácio da Bolsa, starting at 8:00 PM. Being a formal dinner, a formal dress code is expected of all attendees. The meals provided throughout this event contemplate all restrictions, so that everyone will be served a fine gourmet meal!

Transportation from all Accommodation Venues to the Gala Dinner Venue and vice-versa will be provided as shown below:

- From Novais Barbosa to the Gala Dinner: 7:30PM
- From Ibis to the Gala Dinner: 7:30PM
- From Paranhos to the Gala Dinner: 7:30 PM
- From the Gala Dinner to Novais Barbosa: 11:30PM
- From the Gala Dinner to Paranhos: 12:30AM
- From the Gala Dinner to Ibis: 12:30AM

Please be aware that we only guarantee transportation at the specified time, if you miss this transportation you should get to/from the Gala Dinner Venue by yourself at your own expense.

Date: 26/07/2018
Local: Palácio da Bolsa
Dress Code: Formal
Portuguese Dinner

This night you will feel like a real Portuguese person, dancing and singing to the greatest classics of Portuguese music, eating our tasty food and getting more familiar with our culture! All food restrictions were considered so that everyone can make the most of their nights.

Note that the meeting point to go to the Portuguese Dinner is at FEUP at 6:30PM and that there will be a city bus tour, with the dinner starting at 8:00PM. The transportation from Portuguese dinner to all Accommodation Venues will also be provided as shown below:

- From FEUP to the Portuguese Dinner (with city tour): 6:30PM
- From the Portuguese Dinner to Novais Barbosa: 11:30PM
- From the Portuguese Dinner to Paranhos: 12:30AM
- From the Portuguese Dinner to Ibis: 12:30AM

Please be aware that we only guarantee transportation at the specified time, if you miss this transportation you should get to/from the Gala Dinner Venue by yourself.

Date: 27/07/2018
Local: Dr. António Cupertino Miranda Foundation
Dress Code: Casual with Congress T-shirt
Multicultural Night

The Multicultural Night will take place on Friday the 28th of July at the Faculty of Engineering’s Sports Center, starting at 8:30PM, and it aims to be filled with fun, singing, laughter, dancing and everything that expresses your country's culture!

During the Multicultural Night each IEEE Section will have a table to place its food and drinks. Also, outlets will be available. However, take in consideration that:

- You cannot light a fire
- You cannot smoke indoors
- We do not provide any form of kitchen
- We do not provide cutlery or dishes. Please bring everything you need
- We do not provide the possibility to wash up dishes

Coordinate with the other IEEE members from your Section attending the SYP to bring the best cultural experience possible! Also, the dress code for this evening is your country's traditional outfits or a outfit that represents your culture!

After the Poster Session (ending at 19:00) you will have some time to prepare your food and drinks. Transportation will be provided by the end of the Multicultural Night as shown below:

- From the Sports Center (Multicultural Night's Venue) to Novais Barbosa: 00:30
- Remaining Accommodation Venues are at walking distance.

Please be aware that we only guarantee transportation at the specified time! If you miss this transportation you should get from the Multicultural Night’s Venue by yourself at your own expense.

Date: 28/07/2018
Local: Sports Center Luís Falcão
Dress Code: Traditional Clothes
Metro in Porto can be very confusing, especially for a newcomer. Here will every information you need to be a pro in moving in this awesome city!

In order to use the vehicle, you need to have an Andante card:

You only need to buy it once! It is rechargeable.

You can recharge voyages at any automatic machine available in the stations. Small stations have 2, one at each side of the line, bigger stations have several.
You can also buy different kinds of trips, from Z2 to Z12. The bigger the number, the more expensive the ticket, however you can travel farther.

At the right side of the vending machine you have a Station List with the correspondent ticket type you need to get there!

Another feature about the metro is that it works by time. You can change between lines and vehicles as long as you stay inside allowed zones and ticket time. For Z2 you have 1h00 to travel, for Z3 also 1h00, Z4 1h15, Z5 1h30, Z6 1h45 … Z12 3h15. The time starts counting from the moment you first validate your card.

For example, between the Novais Barbosa Residency and FEUP you’ll need a Z2.
Remember to Validate!

You can validate your card at the several machines available. They will be similar to the image presented below.

ALWAYS VALIDATE YOUR TICKET!

Every time you change vehicle, line or start a journey validate your ticket. It’s easy. Just approach the ticket to the machine. When you’ve heard the beep, its done! Please note that you don’t need to validate your ticket on the way out of the vehicle.

If you do not validate the card you can be fined for 150€.

It’s easy. Just approach the ticket to the machine. When you’ve heard the beep its done!

Lines Available
These are the lines available. To get to FEUP you will leave at IPO station. To get there you need to follow the Yellow Line, also known as line D.

Note that if you come from any other line to go to line D you have to switch vehicle at Trindade. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BUY ANOTHER TICKET IF YOURS IS STILL VALID. Just validate your card.

Timetable and Average Waiting Times

Porto’s Metro operated between 6AM and 1AM. In the picture below you can check the time for first and last trips and the average waiting time for each Line.

Note that during at Friday and Saturday metro runs all night long, however, waiting times are a lot longer.
Pharmacies

Pharmacies in Porto are frequently used by locals when it is known what one needs. Generally speaking, a medicine for common illnesses will not require you to have a doctor permission to obtain, but we do recommend to take with you everything you might need. However, if you are in an emergency, take special attention that only a few of them will be open after seven on the afternoon. In this occasion, every pharmacy (even if it is closed) will show the schedule of the nearby pharmacies and will indicate some that are 24/7 open also.

These pharmacies late at night will only have one small window open and will require you to ring a bell and wait for the assistant to come.

Note that this service will have an extra cost.
Supermarkets

Supermarkets in Portugal are generally easy to find. However, in some specific places in downtown, like Avenida dos Aliados, you will find it hard to find any. Normally you can expect to find there, food prepared to take away but also items you would normally find in a convenience store.

Near FEUP, the major supermarkets are Froiz in Campus S. João and Continente da Asprela, which are both at a 10-minute walk away from FEUP. Campus S. João is very close to IPO station, while to get to “Continente da Asprela” you will have to cross FEUP.

Emergency Contacts

During your stay in Portugal, dial 112 in an emergency. It’s free to call, and the person taking your call should be able to speak to you in English.

If you need general medical advice in Portugal, you can call Saúde 24 (Health Line 24) on 808 24 24 24.

State-provided healthcare in Portugal is generally free of charge, although there is a patient contribution, which varies depending on how you access the health service – for example, GP consultations cost less than a consultation at the accident and emergency (A&E) department of a hospital. X-rays, scans and other tests also require co-payment.
WHAT CAN I VISIT IN PORTO?

Clérigos’ Tower

Gardens of Palácio de Cristal

Port Wine Cellars
There are some sightseeing tours you can take around our amazing city. A bus tour or a cruise by the river are great options for that! During the Congress will take you on a bus tour.