



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES °C			High / Low	
Location	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
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Bragança	16 / 5	28 / 13	18 / 7	8 / 0
Coimbra	21 / 9	29 / 15	23 / 12	14 / 5
Évora	19 / 10	30 / 16	22 / 13	12 / 6
Faro	20 / 13	28 / 20	22 / 16	15 / 9
Lisbon	20 / 12	27 / 17	22 / 14	14 / 8
Porto	18 / 9	25 / 15	21 / 11	13 / 5

AT A GLANCE

Currency

Euro (formerly escudo).
Current exchange rate :
1 euro = £0.68 sterling

Cost of living

Loaf of bread: £0.70
Bottle of wine: £3.50–£4.00

Time zones

As UK (including Daylight Saving Time)

Business hours

Post offices:
8:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday,
plus Saturdays in larger towns.

Banks:

8:30 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday

Shops and supermarkets:

9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm,
Monday to Friday, and 9:00/10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday.

Shopping centres:

10:00 am to 11:00 pm,
seven days a week.

Population

Approximately 10.5 million

Languages

Official languages are Portuguese and Mirandese (spoken by a minority in the northeast). English and French are widely understood and spoken.

Religions

Roman Catholic: 94 per cent
Protestant: 2 per cent
Other (mainly Islamic and Jewish): 4 per cent.

Driving

Driving is on the right. Anyone over the age of 21 who has held a UK licence for a minimum of one year may rent a car, on presentation of their licence and passport. Residents of Portugal must obtain a Portuguese licence within 30 days of taking up residency.

Two-bedroom house:

Average cost £235,000

Two-bedroom apartment:

Average cost £180,000