

Portugal

Key Facts

Location

Western Europe.

Time

GMT (GMT + 1 from last Sunday in March to last Sunday in October).

Area

92,345 sq km (35,655 sq miles).

Population

10.6 million (2006 estimate).

Electricity

220 volts AC, 50Hz. 110 volts in some areas and 230 DC in parts of the south. Continental two-pin plugs are in use.

Currency

Euro (EUR; symbol €) = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of €500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5. Coins are in denominations of €2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cents.

Climate

The northwest has mild winters with high levels of rainfall and fairly short summers. The northeast has longer winters and hot summers. In the south, summers (March to October) are warm with very little rain except in early spring and autumn. High temperatures are moderated by a permanent breeze in Estoril (July to August).

Public Holidays

Below are listed Public Holidays for the January 2008-December 2009 period.

2008

1 Jan: New Year's Day.
5 Feb: Mardi Gras (Carnival).
21-24 Mar: Easter.
25 Apr: Freedom Day.
1 May: Labour Day.
22 May: Corpus Christi.
10 Jun: Portugal Day.
15 Aug: Assumption.
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