



## Portimão, Portugal

### Port information

<b>Currency</b>	The currency in Portimão is Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on deck 4. Major credit & debit cards are widely accepted.	<b>Language</b>	The language spoken in Portimão is Portuguese.
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### Getting around

<b>Distance to town centre</b>	Portimão Cruise Terminal is located approximately 2km from the town centre; if you decide to walk, it will take around 25-30 minutes. It makes a pleasant walk around the boulevard with many cafes and bars the closer you get to the centre. <b>There will be a chargeable bus transfer available that drops off at the town &amp; beach and you can get tickets from Destination Services &amp; Reception.</b>	<b>Main highlights</b>	<b>Alvor</b> is a little fishing port which extends back to the classical era. While Alvor has become an important seaside resort, the village retains its original charm with narrow cobblestone streets and buildings dating to the 18th century. <b>Bivar Palace</b> was constructed in the 18th century with its Neoclassic style with baroque reminiscences. <b>House of Manuel Teixeira Gomes</b> where Manuel Teixeira Gomes, President of the Republic, was born and signed in 1924 a law by decree elevating Portimão to a city. See the beautiful doorway of the 15th-century gothic <b>Church of Our Lady of Conception</b> . <b>Museu De Portimão</b> is a modern museum housed in a 19th century fish cannery and focused on three primary areas of archaeology, underwater finds, and the cannery industry. Multi-media exhibits help bring Portimão's fascinating history to life. The defensive fort of <b>Santa Catarina Fortress</b> overlooks the sea, river, beaches and the cliffs. The best is to sit in one of its open-air cafes and enjoy! <b>Parque Zoológico de Lagos (Zoo Lagos)</b> - a beautiful zoo, just on the outskirts of Lagos. It is a fantastic day out for all ages, with lots of lovely animals. Home to Prince Henry the Navigator, <b>Lagos</b> became important during Portugal's 15th century era of exploration. It boasts a beautiful coastal location and a number of 16th and 17th century monuments. <b>Silves</b> is a Central to the largest orange producing region in Portugal. The enchanting town of Silves has an abundance of historical attractions; like a Medieval bridge, a water reservoir and a Moorish castle.
<b>Taxis</b>	Taxis are available from outside the Cruise Terminal; a journey to the centre of town will cost around €5. Please note: taxis will be ordered to the port and a short wait may be required.		
<b>Main highlights</b>	Portimão is the second largest town in the Algarve in Portugal, with only Faro, the capital, greater in size. There are many attractions in Portimão, including beautiful beaches, shops and a vast selection of cafes and restaurants. The town's pretty streets are perfect for a relaxing stroll and many feature traditional architecture from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The town centre is packed full of shops selling both local produce and branded goods from around the world. There are many lively bars, restaurants and charming cafes to enjoy too; perfect if you want to relax, take the weight off of your feet and indulge in a little people-watching.  Take a stroll through the <b>historical centre</b> streets of Portimão and admire the architecture from the late 19th century. The <b>Chapel of Santo Antonio</b> is a 17th-century chapel sited between the medieval walls of Lagos and the old fortress. Groin vaults, a small cupula, a belfry and an altar presided over by St. Antonio de Padua add to the charm. <b>Sagres Fortress</b> is a must do. The fortress was held in awe during the 15th century Age of Exploration as the site of Prince Henry the Navigator's school for voyagers. The buildings and ocean views are still imposing. Head to <b>Monchique</b> , developed in Roman times as a Spa due to the therapeutic elements of the natural hot spring. The relaxing atmosphere is enhanced by its shaded square and attractive buildings.		

### Essential information

<b>Tourist information</b>	There is a small tourist information centre at the Cruise Terminal where you can get some maps and further local information.	<b>Shopping</b>	Portimão is the commercial centre for the Algarve region, and the shopping here does not disappoint. The town centre is packed with small shops and boutiques, and <b>Aqua Portimão</b> , a large, newly constructed mall, offers something for every taste and budget. There is a selection of stores selling handicrafts, leather goods, ceramics and clothing. You'll find small specialty shops along <b>Rua de Santa Isabel</b> . In the town there is a pleasant pedestrianised commercial area. Just up the road at Praia da Rocha, there's a more tourist-orientated selection of boutiques and stalls.
<b>Internet access</b>	Many of the bars, restaurants and cafes will offer WiFi access.	<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>	As with all tourist destinations please keep a close eye on valuables
<b>Nearest beaches</b>	The closest beach from the port area is <b>Praia da Rocha</b> , which you'll be able to get to on our town transfer. Alternatively, it's an approximate 30 minute walk. A bit further from the port is <b>Alvor beach</b> , a true gem with wide, sandy shores and beautiful waters. There are also several caves that have been carved by the sea to explore along the coastline.		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Portimão

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