

All about Portugal

Services

Banks

Banks are open from 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. five working days a week.

Portugal has a national network of cash machines (ATMs) identified by the symbol MB (Multibanco), from which you can withdraw cash 24 hours a day.

Post Offices

In general, post offices are open from Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Central and airport offices have extended opening hours and may be open on Saturdays and in some cases also on Sundays.

Stamps are sold in post offices and vending-machines in the streets.

Many post offices have the Netpost service that on payment allows access to personal e-mail and the Internet.

More detailed information about opening hours and services available at each office can be found on www.ctt.pt

Pharmacies

In general, pharmacies are open on weekdays between 9am and 7pm (some close for lunch from 1 to 3 p.m.) and on Saturdays between 9am and 1pm.

They display an illuminated green cross outside when open at night.

All of them have information posted on the door indicating the nearest pharmacies that are open at night.

Shops

Traditionally, shops are open from Monday to Friday, from 9 or 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Some close for lunch from 1 to 3 p.m. On Saturdays from January to November, shops generally close at 1 p.m. though in city centres some are open in the afternoon.

Shops tend to stay open on Saturday afternoons and sometimes even on Sundays in December for Christmas shopping. There are plenty of shopping centres inside and outside the cities that are usually open from 10 a.m. to midnight every day of the week. They generally have stores with the main international brands.

However, traditional shops with Portuguese products can be found particularly in the streets of the older neighbourhoods of towns and cities.