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Portuguese government has been taking all necessary public health measures to protect the entire population as well as our visitors.

Measures in force may be reviewed in accordance to the evolution of the pandemic.

I - ACCESSIBILITY

1) Arriving to Portugal by Plane

MAINLAND Portugal

ALLOWED (Essential and non-essential travel)
Countries of the European Union or of a State associated with the Schengen Area (Liechtenstein, Norway, Iceland and Switzerland);
Brazil, USA and UK;
Countries with flights authorized for non-essential travel subject to reciprocal confirmation: Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Chile, Colombia, Jordan, South Korea, UAE, Kuwait, New Zealand, Peru, Qatar, Republic Popular in China, Rwanda, Uruguay, as well as the administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau and Taiwan.

Flights from countries not mentioned are allowed exclusively for “essential travel”, i.e. to allow the entry into Portugal of citizens travelling for professional, study and family reunion purposes, and for health or humanitarian reasons.

- Mandatory
  - A valid vaccination EU Digital COVID Certificate (with a complete vaccination schedule or with a complete vaccination schedule and a vaccine booster)
  - Or a valid test or recovery EU Digital COVID Certificate,
  - Or a valid vaccination certificate (with a complete vaccination schedule or a vaccine booster) or recovery certificate issued by a third country, under reciprocal conditions: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Cabo Verde, El Salvador, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Israel, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Togo, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, The Vatican
  

Vaccination certificates are accepted if they consider one of the vaccines approved in Portugal and according to the terms that you can consult in “V - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / Vaccination” at the end of this page.

- Or a negative RT-PCR Test (or similar NAAT test) - 72h before boarding, or
- Or a negative Laboratorial Rapid Antigen Test - 24h before boarding (according to the European Commission list based on the Council Recommendation of 21 January 2021 + Addendum December 2021)

Children under 12 do not need to present certificate or test.

It is mandatory for all passengers bound for mainland Portugal or in transit/transfer (including from Madeira and Azores) to fill online a Passenger Locator Form (individually) at https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-card, after check-in and before departure time. The QR Code generated when filling out the PLF can be presented in paper or digital format, without which boarding will be denied.

- Accepted vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency
Domestic flights
Control measures do not apply to domestic flights.
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AZORES

- Mandatory:
  - A valid vaccination, test or recovery [EU Digital COVID Certificate](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/summaries/en/c/document_library/summary?uri=ceLEX:42020R2019&format=PDF), or a negative RT-PCR Test - 72h before boarding,
  - Children aged 12 and under can travel without a certificate or test.
  - All passengers need to fill Questionnaire at [https://mysafeazores.com](https://mysafeazores.com), with exception of EU Digital COVID Certificate of vaccination or recovery holders. More information at [www.visitazores.com](http://www.visitazores.com)

MADEIRA

- There are no restrictions on the entry of travellers at the airports, ports and marinas of Madeira. Tests undertaken before returning to the country of origin are the responsibility of the passenger, i.e. at his/her own expense.

2) Arriving to Portugal by Land

- It is mandatory to present the EU COVID Digital Certificate. Citizens who are not holders of the Digital Covid EU certificate in vaccination, test, or recovery modalities, will have to present proof of a negative RT-PCR test (TAAN), performed in the last 72 hours, or rapid antigen test (TRAg), performed in the last 24h.
- In the case of travel by land, each traveller must obtain information about the measures and restrictions existing in each one of the countries of transit, directly with their authorities.

3) Arriving to Portugal by Sea

Same rules as arriving by air apply.
All passengers need to fill online a Passenger Locator Form (individually) at [https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-maritime-card](https://portugalcleanandsafe.pt/en/passenger-locator-maritime-card), within 96 hours prior to the estimated time of arrival in mainland Portugal. The QR Code generated when filling out the PLF can be presented in paper or digital form.

**IMPORTANT:** The information available on this page is a summary of the measures published by the Portuguese government during COVID-19 pandemic. Before traveling, it is important to confirm the entry formalities and procedures with the airline company and the Portuguese border service - SEF ([www.sef.pt](http://www.sef.pt) / [qricp.cc@sef.pt](mailto:qricp.cc@sef.pt)), the entity responsible for the border control.

II - MOBILITY

Public Transports:

a. The use of face masks is mandatory.
b. Public transports without occupancy limit
c. Taxis and similar passenger transports without occupancy limit.

III - GENERAL RULES

- Mandatory mask in closed spaces;
• Reduction of capacity in commercial establishments (1 person /5m²)

• Mandatory EU Covid Digital Certificate in all modes or complete vaccination certificate or negative RT-PCR test (valid for 72h) or Rapid negative antigen test (valid for 24h) when accessing:
  - Tourist establishments and local accommodation;
  - Restaurants (except on open terraces);
  - Cultural shows;
  - Events with reserved seats;
  - Gyms.

• Mandatory negative test or recovery certificate, except for those who have already been vaccinated with a booster dose of the vaccine for at least 14 days, when accessing:
  - Bars and clubs;
  - Big events;
  - Visits to care and nursing homes and health facilities.

• Prohibition of alcohol consumption on the street

RT-PCR Test (72 hours validity), laboratorial Rapid Antigen Test (24h validity) or supervised selftest performed at entrance accepted.

RULES IN MADEIRA

• The use of a mask is mandatory in open and enclosed areas, for persons from the age of 6, for the access, circulation or stay in public areas or ways, whenever the physical distancing recommended by the health authorities is impracticable.

• Restaurants, bars and similar establishments, nightclubs, gyms, sports as well as cultural, social, recreational and similar activities:
  - Presentation of initiated or completed vaccination scheme, or
  - Recovery Certificate, or
  - Rapid antigen test, valid for 7 days, paid at own expense, in the case of non-vaccinated persons. Valid for children from 5 years old (inclusive).

IV – BEHAVIOR RULES

• General behavior guidelines
  - Social distancing;
  - Frequent hand washing;
  - Respiratory etiquette.

• Mandatory use of mask

• Clean & Safe

In tourism, the “Clean & Safe” seal was implemented allowing tourists to have increased security and confidence in the use of accommodation establishments, in the various tourist services and tourist attractions.


V – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Essential Travel definition

“Essential travel” is defined as trips allowing the transit, entry into and departure from Portugal for professional purposes, study, family reunions, health and humanitarian reasons and under the reciprocity principle.
**Tests**

a. Controls might be undertaken upon arrival to airport;

b. The test result performed in a test certified centre must include:
- type of test taken;
- passenger name (as per passport);
- date of birth;
- clear identification of the laboratory including the certification;
- the date and time the sample was collected and the explicit negative test result;
SMS is not a valid format.

c. Passengers who present tests that do not comply with the requirements must undergo a new test on arrival, before entering Portuguese territory, at their own expense, and must wait in a designated place, inside the airport, until the result is notified.

d. If you are a foreigner visitor and want to do the test for Covid-19 shortly after arrival, before departure or at any time in mainland Portugal or Madeira you can do it:

- in a laboratory approved by the Portuguese Health General Directorate. Find the list at https://covid19.minsaude.pt/infoadrpcc/;
- in one of the hospitals and clinics included in the Portugal Health Passport that can provide you personalized support in your language. The test for Covid-19 must be scheduled with a consultation and the results will be available in up to 72 hours. More information is available at test.covid19@portugalhealthpassport.com;
- if you are in the Algarve, you find information about testing points at www.visitalgarve.pt

**Vaccination**

The vaccination schedule is considered complete after taking:

a) From a single-dose vaccine, for vaccines with a one-dose vaccine schedule;
b) The second dose of a vaccine against COVID-19 with a two-dose vaccine schedule, even if doses of two different vaccines have been administered; or
c) A single dose of a vaccine against COVID -19 with a two-dose vaccination schedule for people who have recovered from the disease, if it is indicated in the vaccination certificate that the vaccination schedule was completed after administration of one dose.

The vaccination schedule is complete 14 days after the last dose has been taken.


Vaccines accepted in Madeira Islands: Astrazeneca, Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, Sinovac/Instituto Buntantan, Instituto Gambaleya (Sputnik V) and Sinopharm (VeroCell)

**EU Digital COVID Certificate**

The EU Digital COVID Certificate is a digital proof that a person:

- Has been vaccinated against COVID-19, or
- Has received a negative test result (NAAT test or Rapid Antigen test), or
- Has recovered from COVID-19.

* Children under 12 years old are exempt of presenting the EU Digital COVID Certificate or testing requirements
* It is valid for 270 days since the last dose has been taken, in a complete vaccination schedule.


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Certificates issued by third countries, under reciprocal conditions

Vaccination certificates must include:
- Given name(s) and surname(s) of the holder;
- Date of birth;
- Disease or agent targeted: COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 or one of its variants);
- Vaccine against COVID-19 or prophylaxis;
- Name of the vaccine against COVID-19;
- Marketing authorization holder or manufacturer of the vaccine against COVID-19;
- Number in a series of doses as well as the total number of doses in the series;
- Date of vaccination, indicating the date of the last dose administered;
- Member State or third country where the vaccine was administered;
- Entity issuing the certificate.

Recovery certificates must include:
- Given name(s) and surname(s) of the holder;
- Date of birth;
- Disease or agent from which the holder recovered: COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 or one of its variants);
- Date of the first positive result of the diagnostic test;
- Member State or third country in which the diagnostic test was performed;
- Entity issuing the certificate;
- Valid certificate

Non-reciprocity in the recognition by third countries of the validity of the EU COVID Digital Certificate issued by Portugal, in the modalities of vaccination or recovery certificates, prevents the recognition of the validity of certificates issued by these third countries.

More Travel Information

At the European Union website - https://reopen.europa.eu - you can find information on each country about borders, available means of transport, travel restrictions, health and public safety measures, as well as other practical information.

To know which are the travel regulations all around the world, check the map at the IATA Travel Centre.

The Portuguese airports (Lisboa, Porto, Faro, Ponta Delgada e Funchal) have implemented several initiatives to keep staff and passengers safer. A body temperature measurement system was implemented on arrival. More information at https://www.ana.pt/en/passenger-guide/what-you-need-to-know/covid-19

Portuguese Travellers

If you are Portuguese or you live in Portugal, in case you have a scheduled trip, you should consult the restrictions in each country on the Portal das Comunidades: www.portaldascomunidades.mne.pt/pt/conselhos-aos-viajantes

If you are travelling and you need support on your return to Portugal, you can contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Portuguese travellers line - gec@mne.pt/ +351 217 929 714 / +351 961 706 472