PORTO   
The town that gave the country (and port wine) its very name, Porto is Portugal's second-largest metropolis after Lisbon. Sometimes called Oporto, it's an age-old city that has one foot firmly in the industrial present. **Porto** in **Portugal**, **is one of the country's most important cities and is commonly acknowledged to be the "capital of the north". Its rich heritage just begs to be discovered, from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the old town, with its ancient monuments and impressive architecture, to the green spaces**

TOMAR  
**Tomar** in **Portugal** is one of the jewels in the crown of the country. It is a magical city bursting with handsome architecture and historical significance. Visitors from **Portugal** and overseas arrive throughout the year to stay in its charming hotels, sample its tasty regional cookery, visit its famous monuments and explore the lush green mountains that surround the city. The Convent of Christ (Portuguese: Convento de Cristo/Mosteiro de Cristo) is a former Roman Catholic convent in **Tomar**, **Portugal**.Originally a 12th-century Templar stronghold, when the order was dissolved in the 14th century the Portuguese branch was turned into the Knights of the Order of Christ, that later supported **Portugal's** maritime discoveries of the 15th century.

EVORA

One of **Portugal's** most beautifully preserved medieval towns, É**vora** is an enchanting place to delve into the past. Inside the 14th-century walls, É**vora's** narrow, winding lanes lead to striking architectural works: an elaborate medieval cathedral and cloisters; the cinematic columns of the Templo Romano (near the intriguing Roman baths); and a picturesque town square, once the site of some rather gruesome episodes courtesy of the inquisition.

LISBON

EUROPE STARTS HERE - Welcome to Europe's West Coast! **Lisbon** is Europe's second-oldest capital (after Athens), once home to the world's greatest explorers, like Vasco da Gama, Magellan and Prince Henry the Navigator, becoming the first true world city, the capital of an empire spreading over all continents -- from South America (Brazil) to Asia (Macao, China; Goa, India). Touted as a modern metropolis to rival London and packed with places of interest, **Lisbon**is a city that is really going places. There is a plethora of history here, with tales of everything from Roman imperialists to exotic Berber pirates, Moorish builders to fierce Reconquista knights, all wrapped up in the grand palaces and heritage districts.

CURRENCY  
Portugal uses the Euro. As of the date this was written the rate of exchange was 1 Euro to $1.12 US Dollar

WEATHER

The average temperature in April for Lisbon is 59 degrees. The low will go down to 54 and the high to 68. There is an average of 8 Sunshine hours and a possibility of 12 Rainy days.

PACK FOR A TRIP

Coordinate your clothes around one or two basic colors. This cuts down on the number of shoes and accessories you have to bring. Churches are houses of worship that tourists are allowed to visit; they are not tourism sites. Consequently, even if one can get away with shorts, it’s probably better for ... no shorts, tank tops, halters, etc.

Leave behind sleeveless tops, anything white and high heels. Take long pants, socks, comfortable shoes and boots and sweaters, shirts and [hoodies](https://society6.com/hoodies?utm_source=SFGHG&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=877) you can layer. You'll probably want a rain jacket, umbrella and waterproof shoes for those occasional rainy days. Take less rather than more and remember: if you forget to bring something, the odds are very great that you'll be able to buy it in Portugal.

FOOD ALLERGIES

If you have any food allergies, learn the names of those foods in the languages used in the countries you’ll be visiting. This way you’ll be better equipped to stay on the look-out for them.   
  
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