

Location

Porto is the second largest city in the country with an area of 42 km². It is located in the north of Portugal and in the northeast of the Iberian Peninsula, on the right side of the Douro River, close to its mouth.

You will find it easy to get to Porto by car, train, bus, metro, boat or plain, due to a growing wide network.

How to get to Porto

BY PLANE

The Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport is a modern infrastructure equipped to cope with the huge air traffic to and from the city, located in an important commercial and industrial area (11 km from Porto), and providing various services, coffee shops and commerce spots.

Metro

If you are coming to Porto by plane, the simplest and cheapest way would be to take the metro.

Line E (Violet) connects the airport station to the “Estádio do Dragão” station and the entire metro network. It is necessary to purchase an occasional Andante title required for travelling between the airport station and Oporto city centre (Title Z4). The closest direct metro stop station to the Rectorate is the “**Trindade**” and the trip takes about 28 minutes.

For more detailed information about the metro, please click in the link below:

http://www.metrodoporto.pt/en/PageGen.aspx?WMCM_PaginaId=16779¬icialId=21431&pastaNoticiasReqId=21428,21430

There are alternative means of transportation that you might consider as well:

Bus Lines

Several buses are provided by the public service STCP:

Line 601 - 05H30/ 23H30 - Exponor, Rotunda AEP, Boavista, Cordoaria

Line 602 - 05H30/ 20H45 - Prelada, Cordoaria

Line 3M - 00H30/ 04H30 - Prelada, Cordoaria.

Ticket Fare: €1,80 (VAT included)

Using either of the above stated lines, closest bus stop station to the Rectorate is “Cordoaria”

Further information at www.stcp.pt

Taxis

All taxis are equipped with a taximeter, and the fare charged is limited to the amount displayed on the meter. A surcharge of 20% is applied on the following periods: weekends and public holidays; working days between 21H00 and 06H00 (surcharge automatically calculated by the taximeter). Motorway toll charges are to be paid by the passenger. The request of this service via taxi central dispatch or by telephone can be increased with a fee of €0,80. A fee of €1,60 will be charged for the transportation of luggage exceeding 55cm x 35cm x 20cm . The transportation of cribs, prams and wheelchairs is free of charge. Any tipping is left to passenger's discretion. The price of a taxi journey is based on four passengers. Passenger must be given a receipt: it is compulsory. In case of complaint, the customer must contact one of the following authorities: local police (PSP - Polícia de Segurança Pública); Direcção Geral de Transportes Terrestres e Fluviais (DGTTF) or Autoridade de Segurança Alimentar e Económica (ASAE).

The average price is for this distance is 40 Euros. Further information at: www.antral.pt

BY TRAIN

If you are planning to come by train from Lisbon, you must consider the information below.

Porto is served by international trains, Alfa Pendular (high-speed train), intercity, inter-regional, regional and urban trains, connecting the city to several destinations inside and outside the country.

From Lisbon, you must purchase a train ticket to the train station Porto-São Bento. When arrived to the Campanhã train station, you must transfer to another train with direction to Porto-São Bento. The train from Campanhã to São Bento station takes 5 minutes. Porto-São Bento is the closest train stop to the Rectorate.

The average price for a one-way train ticket from Lisbon to Porto is 30 Euros.

For further information check the CP – Comboios de Portugal’s website: <http://www.cp.pt/cp/displayPage.do?vgnextoid=4696d5abe2a74010VgnVCM1000007b01a8c0RCRD&lang=en>

For further information about transportation means please click in the link below:

<http://www.portoturismo.pt/Visitar/Paginas/Viagem/SistemaTransportes.aspx?SubAreaType=32&SubArea=65>