

# Groups and Meetings, Incentives & Events

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We are experts in groups of any size, from 2 to 2,000. In addition to group travel we have a separate, full-faceted MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences & Events) division in Portugal and Spain, Abreu has 8 operational DMC (Destination Management Company) offices throughout Iberia: Madrid, Barcelona, Costa del Sol, Porto, Lisbon, the Algarve, and on the islands of the Madeiras and the Azores. Our DMC Division offers exceptional pricing and personalized coordination for all activities during your stay abroad.

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## Travel Tips

### Climate:

the Iberian Peninsula (Portugal & Spain) is one of the warmest areas in Europe. The average temperatures in seasons: Spring 70°F, Summer 82°F, Fall 62°F, Winter 58°F.

The climate is predominantly warm, with dry summers and winters with balanced temperatures. The areas that stand out most are:

- The islands of Madeira and the Canaries have a year round average temperature of 72°F.
- The Azores year round temperatures are mild, with an average temperature of 68°F.
- In the Pyrenees and the higher elevations of Iberia, the climate is harsher and it is common to see snow from the beginning of winter through the end of spring.

### Money and currency:

- The currency in Spain & Portugal is the Euro (€), the monetary unit of the European Union.
- Banks are open from 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. 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. Spain has a national network of cash machines (ATMs) identified as Cajeros Automaticos.
- Recognized international credit cards are commonly accepted by businesses in Portugal and Spain. Retail establishments usually display logos of the cards they accept. When making a payment with a credit card, expect to be asked to show your passport or photo ID.
- Tipping is not mandatory. In all establishments, service is included in the price of the meal or drink. However, tipping is still a common practice at bars and restaurants, and in hotels and taxis, depending on the total price and the generosity of the client. It is usually around five to ten percent of the total price.

### Driving:

To drive a car in Portugal and Spain you must be at least 18 years old, have had a drivers license for more than one year, and show identification (passport). To rent a vehicle, you must be at least 21.

### Entry requirements:

- A valid USA/Canadian passport is the only requirement to enter Portugal and Spain. For visits of less than 90 days, a passport valid for at least three months after the end of the stay is necessary for visitors from North America.
- We advise you to make copies of all important travel documents, such as driver's license, passport, credit card, etc. and keep them in a safe place on your person while you are traveling and in your cabin if you are traveling by ship.

### Health care and safety:

The national number for emergencies is 112 in both Portugal and Spain. It can be dialed at any time of the day or night from anywhere.

Although you will be treated in case of emergency, you will need to pay for medical attention, so you are advised to purchase health insurance. In general terms, Portugal and Spain are two of the safest countries in Europe for tourist visitors.

### Time, public holidays:

Portugal is 5 hours ahead of EST and Spain is 6 hours ahead of EST; both countries observe daylight saving time. On the last weekend in October the clocks go back an hour; on the last weekend in March they go forward an hour.

Portugal		Spain	
New Year's Day	January 1	New Year's Day	January 1
Freedom Day	April 25	The Epiphany	January 6
Worker's Day	May 1	Workers' Day	May 1
Portugal Day	June 10	Feast of the Assumption	August 15
Feast of the Assumption	August 15	Feast of El Pilar	October 12
Implantation of the Republic	October 5	All Saints Day	November 1
All Saints Day	November 1	Constitution Day	December 6
Restoration of Independence	December 1	Immaculate Conception	December 8
Immaculate Conception	December 8	Christmas Day	December 25
Christmas Day	December 25		
Moveable public holidays: Good Friday, Corpus Christi		Moveable public holidays: Good Friday	

### Languages and religion:

Portuguese is the official language in the entire Portuguese territory. Spanish is the official language in the entire national Spanish territory. In Iberia there are many people who can communicate in English and French.

Freedom of religion is a constitutional right in both Portugal and Spain. Although the majority of the population is Catholic, other religions are also practiced, all of which have their own places of worship.

### Communications:

If you wish to make a call: to Spain, dial +34, followed by the telephone number (9 digits); to Portugal, dial +351, followed by the telephone number (9 digits). If you want to call another country from Spain or Portugal, dial 00 followed by the country code and the telephone number. Using your cell phone in Portugal or Spain requires GSM technology, and may be expensive - check with your carrier.