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Moving to Portugal From United States

Portugal is one of those places where you can live a good life. Portugal is a friendly place, the weather is great, and the cuisine is superb. It is cheaper to live in Portugal than many other countries in Europe.

Europe is a place that has so much to offer. You can hop on the Euro Rail and travel to any country within hours. Portugal is a friendly place where the weather is amazing, and the cuisine is superb. English is widely spoken in Portugal. Adapting to a new culture is easier if brush up on your language skills. Housing prices in Portugal are very affordable, no matter what your budget is.

It seems as if every single road is situated on a hill. You can get a nice dose of your daily exercise exploring streets that lead the way to so much adventure. When you reach the top of the streets, you'll see some of the most beautiful views in Europe.

Before you begin your journey of moving to Portugal from the United States, it's important to know a few things. You may think where do I live? Where do I work? How much does it cost to make a move to Portugal?

What Is It Like Living in Portugal From The US?

What inconveniences would an American experience in Portugal that they are not used to in the United States?

Ordering online from the United States, packages will go through Portuguese customs. Expect delays in receiving your packages. [Amazon](#) is worldwide; therefore it's advisable to order from the Amazon UK website. Amazon is about to enter the Portuguese Market with a retail Center in Porto City as confirmed by the local Chamber of Commerce. The location of Amazon would be in PT Boa Vista.

Take advantage of the fresh local food that is available at nominal prices. One of the many perks of living in Portugal. Dining in fast food American restaurants are higher priced

The Portuguese lifestyle is slower than living in the United States. Europe is more about enjoying life, eating great food, drinking and being happy. The people in Portugal are friendly. Despite any language barriers, you will find your neighbors will open up to you with welcome arms.

Traffic is known to get congested up in the largest cities from time to time, but you love that Portugal has less traffic than other cities in Europe. You will experience the cost of toll roads on the national motorways.

Let's begin on the journey to making a move to Portugal from the United States.

When you're moving to another country, you need to ask yourself, Can I afford to live here? Will I be able to enjoy life and all that Europe has to offer?

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How Do I Gain Permanent Residency with a Path to Citizenship?

You can apply for a Portugal Schengen visa 3 months before your visit to Portugal. If all your documents are in order, the application process should take only two weeks.

Filling out the Portugal Schengen Visa application form from the website is easy. A cover letter stating the reason for your visit and what your itinerary will be will need to be submitted, along with information about your flight numbers, hotel booking reservations, two photos in passport format, and travel insurance will be required.

If you are a [student applying for a Portuguese visa](#) application you will need to provide proof of enrollment. For those that are employed, an employment contract is required, current banking statement for the last 6 months, and an income tax return. Individuals that are self-employed must provide a copy of their business license, bank statements from the last 6 months and an income tax return.

When moving to Portugal from the United States it is unnecessary to relinquish your United States passport. Portugal allows for dual citizenship. When moving to Portugal from the United States, temporary residence permits are only good for one year from issuance. You must possess a passport that will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay. You may remain in Portugal however for 90 days without the need for a Visa.

Holding a resident certificate for five years will allow you to apply for a permanent resident certificate by making an appointment with the Foreigners and Borders service. All permanent residency applications must include proof of income and proof of health insurance. If you are a student you must provide proof of your enrollment.

The United States Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal provides certification of citizenship for individuals born abroad to United States citizens.

If you were looking to renounce your United States citizenship, the Embassy in Lisbon processes certificates of loss of nationality. To renounce a United States citizenship. Appearing in person before a U.S. consular or diplomatic officer in a foreign country is mandatory.

Requirements are to sign an oath of renunciation. There are risks involved with the elements of renunciation of United States citizenship. The act is irrevocable and you can become stateless, meaning you may incur have difficulty in traveling. This can only be set aside with positive outcome when applying for an administrative review and judicial appeal.

How Do I Get A Work Permit In Portugal?

Portugal has the most convenient streamlined process for those looking to live and [work](#) abroad. To receive longer-term employment you can to apply for a Portuguese residence permit at the Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science. You can stay in Portugal for four months when applying for your temporary residence permit, which is valid for one year. Permits are renewable after one year.

Working for a multinational company doing business in Portugal is the easiest and quickest way to get a Portuguese work permit. The company will process all of the paperwork.

Work qualifications in the United States are recognized in Portugal by the Bologna process in which Portugal is a member.

What about the Job Outlook in Portugal?

Portugal is obtaining recognition as a country for [job growth](#) and opportunity. Google will be opening a support center in Lisbon for a technology hub that will serve the Middle East, Africa and Europe, and create 500 jobs.

What are the costs of Living in Portugal?

Great news for the housing affordability scale. The cost of living in Portugal is 27% lower than in the United States. Portugal rents can be as much as 47% less than the rental cost in the United States. Renting an apartment in the city areas of Portugal, expect to pay around \$400 a month for two bedrooms, and up to \$2,200 a month for three-bedroom.

If you're looking to purchase an apartment or condo in Portugal, expect to pay around \$175,000 for a two bedroom home and upwards of \$700,000 for a larger home.

The dining experience in Portugal is utterly the amazing- and affordable. Authentic cultural dishes served in a mid-range restaurant are very affordable. A meal for two people would average \$35.00. Most of the restaurants source food from their own lands, so freshness and quality are always guaranteed.

How Do I Manage My Money In Portugal?

When paying with cash it must be in Euro currency. If you are using credit cards from the United States, the charge is processed in the amounts in local currency Euro. Your bank will convert the United States dollars, and your bank will charge in USD the local bank's currency. The most economical solution is to [transfer](#) money with a service allowing you to receive better exchange rates. [By sending money overseas](#), you can save hundreds on transfer fees that make your dollars stretch further. Refrain from using credit cards that charge a premium.

Getting Healthcare in Portugal When Moving From the US.

Obtaining health care is advised. If you are working in Portugal, your social security benefits will contribute to health care. The healthcare system is ranked as the world's 12th best by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Employers will automatically register you in the healthcare system. If you are self-employed you need to register directly with the Social Security Institute (Instituto da Solidariedade e da Segurança Social). State healthcare can be free or at discounted rates. The state healthcare system is well subsidized.

What Part of Portugal Is Best To Live For United States Citizens?

Portugal is a land of natural beauty that is very much affordable in contrast to living in the United States.

Portugal has a reputation one of the best places to live in Europe. It encompasses old world historical charm, along with sea breezes on the white sandy beaches. The winters are mild summers are hot and dry. Portugal has an excellent geographical location that is Central to other continents such as Europe, Africa, and the United States. In 2016 Lisbon was voted one of the 42 cities around the world best quality of life. The cost of living is relatively low compared to other European countries. The political stability in Portugal still prevails.

Lisbon which is Portugal's capital city, and the center of the country's economy, is in an attractive place for United States citizens to consider moving to.

The Alfama region is where many of the old buildings survived the earthquake of 1755. Alfama & Graça are Lisbon's oldest neighborhood. There is plenty of old-world charm to explore down the winding roads. A sense of community and tradition lie within its roots.

The section of Bairro Alto finds Lisbon's nightlife. A more peaceful lifestyle can be in the city of Rastello, a more expensive area of Anitã's New in Arvada is where you will find more luxurious Apartments along with good amenities.

Many expats live in Chaves it's a very small town situated by the river Tâmega in northern Portugal. The area is known for its spas that are famous for any ailments. The architecture dates back to Roman times that reminiscence of the war of independence with Spain.

Porto is the second largest city in Northwest Portugal. The Porto region is where you will find nice properties if you're attracted to living a rural lifestyle.

Setúbal is a busy City located in the southwest area of Portugal. There are many larger apartment complexes that are close to the beaches that you will find here prices can run in this region than in other areas of Portugal due to the proximity of living close to Beach

Eastern Algarve east of Faro is quite the opposite eBay. Development in the area has been slow. If you're looking for a relaxed way of life, this is a great place to live.

Cascais is a 25-minute ride from Lisbon it's a coastal town that has an affordable cost of living. There is a long walkway along the ocean. There are many activities to enjoy such as sailing, biking, diving, and golfing. Driving to the south of France or visiting Barcelona in Spain is about a day's drive.

Coimbra is Portugal's University own that is located on the banks of the river Mondego. The highest entry being the University of Porto. Top-level universities in Coimbra include University of Lisbon, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, and Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisboa, Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics and the Nova School of Business and Economics.

The climate is mild in the winter and it rarely reaches over 80 degrees in the summer. There is a lively bar scene around the old Cathedral which has become a popular gathering place since 1929. The University hosts many outdoor events throughout the year. There is a jazz festival in the summertime and street parties occur on New Year's Day. Coimbra is more affordable than towns in Algarve. It is a two-hour train ride to Lisbon.

Any American citizen moving to Portugal will find it economically favorable and easy to manage their finances when needing to [transfer](#) and receive funds to and from the United States.

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