

# Transport to Coimbra

If you arrive at Lisboa or Porto by plain, train or bus, you can take the train or the bus to Coimbra.

If you take the train, you can choose between the Intercidades or the Alfa. The latter is a bit faster but also more expensive. In the rail company's website ([www.cp.pt](http://www.cp.pt)) you can search for schedules and prices. The train stations are Gare do Oriente in Lisboa and Campanhã in Porto (instructions below).

The train leaves you at Coimbra-B station. From there you can take another train to Coimbra station, which usually departs about 15-20 minutes later, using the same ticket, and you will be at the center of the city. Alternatively, you can take the bus (instructions below).

You may prefer to travel by bus with Rede Expresso (<http://www.rede-expressos.pt/default.aspx>). From Lisboa, you just have to go to Gare do Oriente and you can buy the ticket on the first floor above the bus stop. From Porto, you will have to go to Batalha, which can be a tad more confusing so see the map below.

## From Lisboa-Airport to Lisboa-Gare do Oriente

When you leave the Airport you can take a taxi to Gare do Oriente, from where you can take the train or bus to Coimbra. The journey shouldn't take more than 10 minutes.

Alternatively, you can take the bus. If you carry large luggage you will be directed to the aeroshuttle (bus 96, timetables <http://www.carris.pt/en/bus/96/ascendente/> and <http://www.carris.pt/en/bus/96/descendente/>). You can buy the ticket on the bus for 3.5€.

If you don't carry large luggage (i.e., if you only have a backpack or a bag) you can take the 705, which is a regular line (timetable: <http://www.carris.pt/en/bus/705/descendente/> and <http://www.carris.pt/en/bus/705/ascendente/>). You can buy the ticket on the bus for 1.5€ or you can buy a rechargeable card with two trips for 2.3€ (the card costs 0.5€) inside the Airport, in "Clube TAP" (ask a security guard for directions). If you have a card, you will have to validate the journey inside the bus each trip, using the machine available inside.

Also note that if you want to visit Lisboa you can take the aerobus to the city center. To go to the Gare do Oriente, you just have to take the subway and leave in the end of the red line.

## From Porto-Airport to Porto-Campanhã (train)

The easiest and cheapest way to make this journey is to take the metro. In front of the Airport you will find a metro station. Just follow the signs through the tunnel that goes underneath the road and you'll be there. The trip is direct.

To buy a ticket you must go to one of the machines available and buy a "Andante" card with two Z4 journeys (3€ + 0.5€ for the card). You have to validate the ticket in the validation points

before each journey. If you want to visit Porto you can leave in Trindade and you will be next to the city center.

### **From Porto-Airport to Porto-Batalha (bus)**

To go to the city center, just follow the instructions above for the metro. You will want to leave in São Bento, so you have to leave the metro in Trindade, go down the stairs, validate your ticket again and take the yellow line in the direction of D. João II. When you leave in São Bento you will have to walk a bit (600m). The bus station is at Rua Alexandre Herculano, 366.

You can find a map here:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s\\_d&saddr=Sao+Bento,+Porto,+Portugal&daddr=Rua+de+Alexandre+Herculano,+366,+Porto,+Portugal&hl=pt-PT&geocode=FWRScwIdAZx8\\_yNbNxT342QkDTFqn59PWnR1Wg%3BFXTQcwIdY698\\_ykRYfUI5mQkDTE4w6fnrpFwmw&mra=ls&dirflg=w&sl=41.144938,-8.610815&sspn=0.0069,0.019763&ie=UTF8&ll=41.144503,-8.608153&spn=0.00345,0.009881&t=h&z=17](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=Sao+Bento,+Porto,+Portugal&daddr=Rua+de+Alexandre+Herculano,+366,+Porto,+Portugal&hl=pt-PT&geocode=FWRScwIdAZx8_yNbNxT342QkDTFqn59PWnR1Wg%3BFXTQcwIdY698_ykRYfUI5mQkDTE4w6fnrpFwmw&mra=ls&dirflg=w&sl=41.144938,-8.610815&sspn=0.0069,0.019763&ie=UTF8&ll=41.144503,-8.608153&spn=0.00345,0.009881&t=h&z=17).

## **Transport to Lousã**

Lousã is located near Coimbra. We will have a bus departing from the University on the 11<sup>th</sup> July at 19h. Below you will find instructions on how to get there.

### **From Coimbra-B or the bus station to the University**

When you leave the station, you can take either a taxi or a bus. If you choose the bus, you have to take the nr. 5 (timetable here [http://www.smtuc.pt/geral/index\\_horarios.php](http://www.smtuc.pt/geral/index_horarios.php)) and leave in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> stop, next to the Monumental Stairs. These are huge stairs that lead to the University, so you can't miss them. After climbing the stairs, you will meet the statue of D. Dinis, the founder of the University and our bus will be right there.

There's also a direct bus, the 1A, but you have to check the link above for the timetable because the frequency is very low. If you're lucky enough that you have one when you get to the station, this is the best option.

### **From Coimbra-A to the University**

From Coimbra-B you can take the regional train that will take you to Coimbra-A (named just Coimbra in the train billboards) using the same ticket that got you there. Leaving Coimbra-A you can take the bus or walk up. If you take the bus, you just have to leave the station through the side stairs, instead of using the front door and you can take either the bus 4 or 103.

If you're feeling energetic and want to know the inside of this hilly small town you can walk up (about 1km). Here you can see the shortest way:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s\\_d&saddr=Av.+Em%C3%ADdio+Navarro&daddr=Pra%C3%A7a+Dinis&hl=pt-](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=Av.+Em%C3%ADdio+Navarro&daddr=Pra%C3%A7a+Dinis&hl=pt-)

[PT&geocode=FQeJZQIdNFd\\_w%3BFVOHZQId2Xp\\_w&mra=dme&mrsp=1&sz=17&dirflg=w&ll=40.208393,-8.426546&sspn=0.003499,0.009881&ie=UTF8&ll=40.208074,-8.428048&spn=0.003499,0.009881&t=h&z=17](https://www.google.com/maps/@40.208393,-8.426546&sspn=0.003499,0.009881&ie=UTF8&ll=40.208074,-8.428048&spn=0.003499,0.009881&t=h&z=17). You can just make your own route, though, wandering around the streets. Just turn left after leaving the station and you will be in the center. As the University is on the top of the hill, you can never get lost in Coimbra – just look up, follow the tower with the clock and keep climbing.

**Links with tourist information:**

Coimbra: <http://www.turismodecoimbra.pt/index.php?lang=en>

Porto: <http://www.visitporto.travel/Visitar/Paginas/default.aspx>

Lisboa: [http://www.visitlisboa.com/Home\\_UK.aspx?lang=en-GB](http://www.visitlisboa.com/Home_UK.aspx?lang=en-GB)