

Travel information

Transportation from Oporto airport to Aveiro

At Oporto Airport you can take a taxi to the main railway station "Campanhã" (or busses to Campanhã <http://www.stcp.pt>). The taxi fare is about 15 Euro. Another option is the Metro from Oporto Airport to Campanhã (visit <http://www.metrodoporto.pt>). From Campanhã, take a train to Aveiro. The fare is 3-10 Euro. There are different types of trains, cheap local trains ("Suburbanos"), which depart every hour and need one hour to arrive in Aveiro, and more expensive fast trains, "Alfas" or "IC", take about 30 minutes (timetables available on <http://www.cp.pt>).

If you are part of a group you can consider the possibility of taking a taxi directly to Aveiro. It costs about 80 Euro and you are advised to confirm the price with the driver beforehand.

Transportation from Lisbon airport to Aveiro

If you arrive at Lisbon Airport you can take a taxi to the train station "Gare do Oriente" and from there a train to Aveiro (again timetables available on <http://www.cp.pt>). The fastest (and recommended) trains are the Intercidades and Alfa services with fares of about 15-20 Euro. The journey to Aveiro takes about 2h30min. Due to the excellent train connections to Aveiro you can avoid long waiting times at Lisbon.

Accommodation in Aveiro

Hotel prices per room and day, breakfast, internet connection and taxes included.

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>email</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>
MELIÁ RIA	melia.ria@solmeliaportugal.com	76 €	86 €
AFONSO V	info@hotelafonsov.pt	39 €	54 €
AS AMÉRICAS	info@hotelasamericas.com	65 €	77 €
HOTEL AVEIRO CENTER	reservas@hotelaveirocenter.pt	43 €	55 €
IMPERIAL	reservas@hotelimperial.pt	45 €	63 €
MOLICEIRO	hotelmoliceiro@hotelmoliceiro.com	77.5 €	95 €

When you make the reservation, inform the hotel that you are participating on the "Cost TU0904 at the University of Aveiro", so that those prices are applicable.

The hotels can be found in the attached maps.

General aspects about the Aveiro

Aveiro is situated on a lagoon where the sweet water of the river Vouga enters the salty Atlantic. The city has canals into the lagoon that definitively guarants its links with the sea, and give it a unique character, being called the Portuguese Venice. The central canal runs into the old city, where elegant colourful boats Moliceiros are still anchored there, gliding serenely along as they set out to gather fertilising water plants from the salty lagoon.

Aveiro lies within the Special Protection Zone (birds and fauna) of the Ria de Aveiro. The Reserva Natural das Dunas de S. Jacinto is made up of a stretch of dunes consolidated by spontaneous vegetation, with a forested area of wild pines and acacias to preserve the dunes.

Aveiro is a university town well known for its teaching, cutting edge research and co-operation with local businesses, to which it supplies services, know-how and highly qualified workmanship and with it develops numerous new products and research projects.

Climate

Aveiro is located on the west coast of Portugal offering a picturesque view of Portuguese coastal life. The "Ria" - the largest lagoon in Portugal - is a natural inlet from the sea that runs into the city through canals, giving the city a feeling of being built over water. In May, the weather is pleasantly mild providing an invitation to visit the sandy beaches only 10 kms away.

In November, for the weather in the Aveiro, the average high temperature is 18°C, the average low temperature is 9°C. Average rainfall for November is 130mm.

The food

Aveiro and the surrounding region have some excellent restaurants serving traditional Portuguese food. For those who enjoy the delicacies of a region rich in sea-food, the eel and sea-food chowders must not be missed. Alternatively there are dishes to be enjoyed which are more characteristic of the inland regions of Portugal: veal, roasted pork pieces, lamb and sucking-pig. The regions' desserts originate from the old convents: "fios de ovos" (Strings of sweetened egg), "pão-de-ló" (a typical sponge cake) and "ovos moles" (an egg and sugar paste used for cake fillings).

If you enjoy something more exotic, you can eat Chinese, Brazilian, Venezuelan or Italian food (at very reasonable prices by European standards!).

Beaches and Mountains

The geographical location of Aveiro is ideal for those who enjoy the outdoors. An extensive stretch of sandy coastline is located just 10 km from town, with the beaches Costa Nova and Barra very popular among surfers, swimmers, and nature enthusiasts. Buses from Aveiro run every hour. If you want to go swimming seek advice about the safe places to swim.

Freita and Caramulo Mountains lie some 50 km inland, offering some spectacular scenery along the many and varied hiking routes.

Cinema, Theatre and Events

There are two large multi-screen cinemas in Aveiro within 10 minutes walking distance from the University Campus. In town there are also further two film theatres showing alternatives to the mainstream commercialised type of films.

In Aveiro there is no shortage of other types of cultural activity! The University is well known for promoting the arts through its monthly programme of cultural events, including poetry readings, exhibitions, plays, recitals etc.

Aveiro also has a large exhibition centre where music festivals, theatrical productions and conferences are held on a regular basis. Rock concerts are occasionally organised by the

Students Union, especially during student week, which is usually held in the second week of May.

Museums

Some 15 museums in the region tell of the history and past civilization of Aveiro and the surrounding district, with exhibitions of local crafts, dress, machinery, ceramics, life with the sea and popular traditions.

Emergency Number

The emergency number is 112 (Police, ambulance, fire).

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