

Porto v Liverpool match: travel advice

World news story

Advice for fans travelling to Portugal for the Porto v Liverpool football match in September.



**Match: Tuesday 28 September: Porto v Liverpool
(Porto, 8pm local time)**

Venue: Estádio do Dragão, Porto

As well as this advice, check our [travel advice for Portugal](#).

Passports and visas

- the rules on passport validity for travel to the EU have changed. Use this [tool to check your passport](#) is still valid for your trip
- if you lose your passport, you will need an [emergency travel document](#) to get home. You will have to collect the passport from the Consulate in Lisbon or Portimão, or wait until it is sent to you by courier
- travel from Porto to Lisbon takes 4 hours and to Portimão at least 8 hours; an emergency travel document is only valid for travel back to the UK and costs £100
- carry a copy of your passport or take a photograph and keep it on your phone. This will help if you need to get a replacement document

Coronavirus (COVID-19) travel

- complete a [passenger locator form](#) before you travel; it may help to speed things up on arrival
- if you do not have an EU digital COVID vaccination certificate, get a PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure, or an antigen test taken within 48 hours of departure. Show your negative results when you board your flight
- you should not use the NHS testing service to get tested for travel. Take a private test and make sure it states that you've had a PCR or antigen test and gives your name, date of birth, the date and time the sample was collected and the date of the result
- border control checks take time; have your passport and COVID-19 test ready to show
- requirements can change at short notice. Check the [Entry requirements](#) section in our travel advice and sign up for [email alerts](#)

Public spaces and services

- follow the rules on social distancing: keep a social distance of 2 metres, use a face mask and clean your hands regularly
- all restaurants, bars and cafés must close by 2am
- nightclubs are open for the purpose of serving drinks, but no dancing is allowed
- drinking alcohol in public is only allowed while seated in restaurants and cafés
- see the [Coronavirus section](#) in our travel advice for the latest information on COVID-19 restrictions in Portugal

Getting to Porto

- the nearest airport is Porto

- if you're arriving at another airport, there are [trains](#) and [buses](#) to Porto; the main railway station in Porto is Campanhã and the bus station is at Campo 24 de Agosto
- if you're driving, carry your passport, UK driving licence, car logbook and insurance or car rental contract; the police can fine you on-the-spot if you don't have these documents
- there are tolls on Portuguese motorways; don't use the green lanes (VV – Via Verde) at toll pay points; these are for motorists who subscribe to the automatic pay system; some roads in the north of Portugal and in the Algarve have electronic tolls (SCUTs); check [how to pay for tolls](#) before you travel
- the traffic accident rate in Portugal is very high; traffic police carry out random spot checks and can test for alcohol and drugs; the speed limit on Portuguese motorways is 120km/h

Getting around Porto

- get to the city centre from the airport by underground (Metro); take the purple line to Trindade, then the yellow line to Aliados or São Bento
- taxis are beige-coloured or black and green; you can flag down taxis in Portugal. COVID-19 rules require passengers to wear masks on all public transport

Getting to the stadium

- the [Estádio do Dragão](#) in Porto has a Metro station
- you can buy a day saver for unlimited travel or a ticket card from vending machines in the entrance hall
- swipe the card before getting on the train to validate your journey. Buy one card per person
- see [Porto Metro's website](#) for more information

At the match

- access to the stadium can be slow: there will be ticket and COVID-19

test checks, and searches will be carried out

- no alcohol, sharp objects (including umbrellas), air horns or loudspeakers, fireworks or flares, bottles or cans, drums or video cameras are allowed in the stadium
- you can be breathalysed at the stadium and refused entry if you are too drunk to keep yourself safe

Returning to the UK

Tips

- beware of pickpockets and bag snatchers; only carry what you need. Take care of your passport – you can't return without it
- If you use the Metro in Porto, swipe your ticket before you get on the train and keep it so you can top it up and show the ticket inspector
- get travel insurance and don't forget to bring your [European or Global Health Insurance Card](#). If you need medical treatment, you'll need to show it to hospital staff

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Further information

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