

**GIBRALTAR VS IRELAND  
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TRAVEL ADVICE FOR FANS**



**EMBASSY OF IRELAND**

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**Match-Week Public Office and Telephone Hours**

09:30-12:30 every day for public queries

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***Out-of-hours (extreme emergency only):*** Please call the general Embassy number above and further instructions will be given as to how to contact a consular officer

***Before you travel...***

- Irish citizens must hold a valid passport to enter Portugal. **NOTE:** Under Portuguese law, you are required to carry identification at all time, a photocopy of your passport or another photo identity will do. You should keep your passport somewhere secure.
- **Currency:** Portugal uses the **Euro**. Debit and credit cards are widely accepted but you should confirm before you order – some cafés, bars and restaurants are cash-only. Many only accept Debit cards.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs strongly recommends that you obtain comprehensive travel insurance which will cover all overseas medical costs, including medical evacuation, before travelling to Portugal.
- You should also obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) free of charge which entitles you to emergency medical treatment. This card is not a substitute for travel insurance. See [www.ehic.ie](http://www.ehic.ie) for further details.
- If you travel on an Irish passport that has previously been reported lost or stolen, it will be seized at the airport. You will have to obtain an emergency travel document, please see below.
- **Language:** Portuguese is the main language but in tourist areas many people would have some English

***Getting around Faro...***

Estádio Algarve is located about 8 kilometres north of the city of Faro, about halfway between Faro and Loulé. The stadium has its own train station, Parque das Cidades, with [service](#) to Faro, Loulé and other regional destinations. About 10 trains a day run between

Faro and Parque das Cidades. The journey takes about 6 minutes, the walk from the station to the stadium a further 15 minutes.

The stadium lies next to the A22 motorway which runs across the Algarve and links up with the A2 to Lisbon further west. From the A22 take exit 13 toward Faro. Merge onto the IC-4, and leave the IC-4 again at the first exit (after less than a kilometre).

### ***Travelling from Albufeira...***

If you are travelling from Albufeira, there is a train available from Albufeira-Ferreiras to Parque Das Cidades. You will need to take a taxi from Albufeira to the station. Once you arrive at Parque Das Cidades, it is a 20-25 minute walk to the Stadium.

### ***If your property has been lost or stolen...***

- You must report theft of your documents and/or property within 24 hours to the police and **obtain a police report**. This may be needed for insurance purposes and must be presented to the Embassy if an emergency travel document is required (see below).
- Lost property/documents should be reported to the local police.

### ***If your passport is seized at Faro Airport...***

- If you travel to Portugal on an Irish passport that has previously been reported lost or stolen, it will be taken from you when you arrive in the airport. You will have to travel to the Embassy in Lisbon and follow the steps below for a lost or stolen passport.

### ***If your passport has been lost or stolen...***

The Embassy can issue an emergency travel certificate valid for one single journey back to Ireland. Please make an appointment with the Embassy in advance. You will need to travel in person to Lisbon. This is approximately three hours each way by bus or train from Albufeira. It is approximately four hours from Faro.

You will require:

- Two passport photographs
- Your police report (or lost property report if your passport was lost)
- Any other form of ID that you are carrying
- Fee of €16 in cash
- If you are not travelling directly home, an emergency passport may be required for onward travel – please ask the Embassy for further details.

### ***If you run out of money...***

If your cash or credit cards have been lost or stolen or if you run out of funds for any other reason, it is possible for a friend or family member to transfer cash via Western Union.

Your friend or family member must:

- Contact Western Union (1800 395 395 if in Ireland) or [www.westernunion.com](http://www.westernunion.com)
- Transfer funds for collection by you (or by a friend if you have lost your ID). Western Union charges a fee for this service.

You must:

- Collect the funds at a Western Union outlet by presenting photo identification and ensuring that you have a Money Transfer Control Number (MTCN)

## GENERAL EMERGENCIES

### Emergency Numbers in Portugal

European Emergency Number      112

Call this emergency number and they will connect you with the relevant service.

### Consular Assistance

Embassy of Ireland: +351 (0) 21 330 8200  
Department of Foreign Affairs: +353 1 408 2000

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