Accommodation / lodging

in Portugal

In Portugal we can find more than one exclusive site dedicated to lodging for students and youngsters. There are hostels for young people studying at university that are responsibility of social service of the universities.

The accommodation problems are always controlled by the organisation from the hosting country. In Portugal, there are some useful sites about accommodation / lodging in different parts of the country. However, it is not very easy to find accommodation at reasonable prices. People cannot stay in youth hostels for long periods (the maximum is about 5/6 days). On the other hand, it is not easy to find accommodation in the universities facilities, as even the Portuguese students find it difficult to find a room available there. The best thing to do is always ask the Project coordinator in the hosting country to look for accommodation for the trainees. They might know of something that it is not advertised or known by people from abroad.

SITES - Accommodation:

www.pousadasjuventude.pt - Lodging for Youngsters
www.maisturismo.pt - Hostels/Lodgings/Hotels in Portugal

“But Portugal has a peaceful feel about it. I sit on the terrace overlooking the vineyard there and I feel cut off from the world. You need that sort of thing.” Cliff Richard

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Some people think that the Portuguese are pessimists, dreamers, that leave the tasks half way through… But looking at them more carefully, you will find that the Portuguese are indeed optimistic and know how to adapt themselves to different situations.

The Portuguese people

The Portuguese, in general, are happy to meet people and curious about foreigners and people in general. Even if they can’t speak the foreign language, they will try to communicate with them in every possible way.

However, there are also people who think that foreigners should at least know some Portuguese words in order to communicate with them and not the other way round. They are sometimes very stubborn and keep speaking Portuguese although they know how to say some words in the foreign language (English language, in most cases).

For most people, the concept of family is still very strong, although Portuguese families are becoming smaller and smaller in recent times.

Nevertheless, Portugal is not only much more than the Algarve, but also a country full of traditions, contradictions and history. From north to south there are different landscapes, different people with different accents, different ways of living and being. Those from the north are known as hard-working, easy-going people, more hospitable than the southern people. These are known for being more introverted, relaxed, for cooking the best dishes and eating well and a lot!

Portuguese as they see themselves

The Portuguese have some strange ideas about themselves. For example, it is common to find among the Portuguese the idea that only what is made abroad is good. Portuguese people are, in general, very pessimistic about themselves, about what they are and do.

Wrong stereotypes

For some foreign people, there is this idea that the Portuguese are sad old people, introverted, dressed in black, with women wearing scarves around the head. This idea comes from the concept of Fado music, that conveys the idea of ‘saudade’, a Portuguese word that has no translation in any other language and means ‘missing someone/something a lot’. Once again, this is not true. The Portuguese are indeed, a cheerful people, open hearted, welcoming people...