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COLÉGIO DA TRINDADE (Trinity College)

University of Coimbra

Coimbra, Portugal

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EVENT INFORMATION

Venue:

Colégio da Trindade
Universidade de
Coimbra, Tv. da
Trindade
3000-018, Coimbra

Date and Time:

15 October 2026 |
9.00 am to 7.00 pm



GETTING TO COIMBRA

Nearest International Airports:

Porto Airport (Francisco Sá Carneiro)

Approximately 120 km from Coimbra
(~ 1 hour and 30 minutes by **train or express bus**)

Lisbon Airport (Humberto Delgado)

Approximately 190 km from Coimbra
(~ 2 hours by **train or express bus**)



Arriving by Airport Shuttle:

Shared transfer services like the Coimbra Airport Shuttle offer daily trips between Coimbra and Lisbon or Porto airports.

Advantages: Door-to-door service.

Travel Time: ~1 hour and 30 minutes from Porto or ~2 hours from Lisbon

* **Booking:** [Visit Airport Shuttle.](#)

Train

Coimbra is well-connected by Portugal's national railway service, Comboios de Portugal (CP), with frequent trains from Lisbon and Porto. **Coimbra's train station is Coimbra-B.** For tickets visit [Comboios de Portugal](#).



From Porto:

- Take a taxi or metro to Porto Campanhã railway station.
- Board an Intercidades or Alfa Pendular train to Coimbra.

Travel time: ~ 1 hour and 30 minutes

From Lisbon:

- Take a taxi/uber/bolt or metro to Lisboa Oriente railway station.
- Board an intercity (Intercidades) or high-speed train (Alfa Pendular) to Coimbra.

Travel time: ~ 2 hours

Express Bus

Portugal's extensive express bus network provides another reliable way to reach Coimbra.

From Porto:

- Travel to Campo 24 de Agosto Bus Station (Terminal Rodoviário) by metro or taxi/uber/bolt.
- Walk to the station located at "Campo 24 de Agosto, 125."
- Take an express bus to Coimbra.

Travel time: ~ 1 hour and 30 minutes

From Lisbon:

- Travel to Sete Rios Bus Station (Terminal Rodoviário) by metro or taxi/uber/bolt.
- Take an express bus to Coimbra.

Travel time: ~ 2 hours and 30 minutes



Popular Operators:

- [Rede Nacional de Expressos](#)
- [FlixBus](#)

HOW TO GET TO THE EVENT VENUE

Arriving in Coimbra, the travel options may depend on the way you get to Coimbra, but the available options are:

Taxi: the taxi rank is located directly in front of the train station and on the left side when leaving the Rede Expressos station. In the case of Flix Bus station, a taxi can be called using the number: +351 239 499 090 (you will probably be answered in Portuguese but ask to speak in English).

Uber/Bolt: Uber and Bolt drivers typically pick up passengers from the car parks located near the train, Rede Expressos and Flix Bus stations.

Travel time: ~ 7 to 11 minutes

MetroBus: there is a stop located immediately outside Coimbra-B station. The Metrobus line connects Coimbra-B station to Praça da República, which is within walking distance of Polo I. The walk takes approximately 11 minutes via the shortest route, which includes stairs, or around 15 minutes via a step-free route.

Travel time: ~ 15 minutes

Please note: a valid ticket is required before boarding and can be purchased from the ticket machine located near the Metrobus stop. All tickets must be validated before boarding. Validation is recommended within the five minutes preceding your journey to avoid losing validity time in the event of service delays or interruptions and, in the case of occasional tickets, to maximise the available travel time. However, tickets may be validated at any time up to boarding.

The following ticket options are available:

- **Pre-purchased Tickets** (ticket + card cost: €0.50): Multiple tickets can be purchased in a single transaction:
 - Municipal: €1.00 (valid for travel within one municipality for up to 90 minutes)
 - Intermunicipal: €2.00 (valid for travel across two municipalities for up to 120 minutes)
 - Regional: €3.00 (valid for travel across three municipalities for up to 150 minutes)
- **1-Day Ticket** (ticket: €5.00 + card cost: €0.50): Valid for unlimited travel within one municipality for 24 hours from the first validation.

Bus: near the train station and the Rede Expressos or Flix Bus stations there are local bus stations. On each you can see the number of the buses that stop there. Regular services operate throughout the day, however, please be aware that bus services can occasionally experience delays or cancellations. There are a number of lines that will allow you to get to the University of Coimbra or nearby:

• Line 28 provides a direct connection to Polo I of the University of Coimbra.	Travel time: ~ 20 - 25 minutes
• Line 5 serves Praça da República, which is within walking distance of Polo I. The walk takes approximately 11 minutes via the shortest route, which includes stairs, or around 15 minutes via a step-free route. The total journey time depends on your starting point, but may be marginally faster if you start at the Rede Expressos station.	Travel time: ~ 25 - 30 minutes
• Line 19T also serves Praça da República. The walk takes approximately 11 minutes via the shortest route, which includes stairs, or around 15 minutes via a step-free route. The total journey time depends on your starting point, but may be marginally faster if you start at the Rede Expressos station.	Travel time: ~ 16 - 22 minutes



Google Maps image of the bus station at the Polo I of the University of Coimbra.



Google Maps image of the bus station at Praça da República. Please note that the Google Maps imagery shown here predates some recent developments in the area, including the Metrobus stop.

Foot: If you are feeling energetic, it is also possible to walk from Coimbra-B to Polo I of the University of Coimbra. However, as Coimbra is famous for its hills, the route is largely uphill and can be quite physically demanding, especially with luggage.

Travel time: ~ 40 minutes.



RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

Ordered by walking distance to Colégio da Trindade (*link in the name*):

<u>Sapientia Boutique Hotel</u> ★★★★	Walking time: ~1 min By car: ~1 min
<u>Hotel Ibis Coimbra Centro</u> ★★	Walking time: ~9 min By car: ~13 min Public transport: ~9 min
<u>Hotel Ibn-Arrik</u> ★★★★	Walking time: ~10 min By car: ~7 min Public transport: ~9 min
<u>Casa de São Bento by PURUS</u>	Walking time: ~12 min By car: ~7 min Public transport: ~10 min
<u>Hotel Oslo</u> ★★★	Walking time: ~14 min By car: ~11 min Public transport: ~14 min
<u>NJOY Coimbra</u>	Walking time: ~14 min By car: ~5 min Public transport: ~12 min
<u>The Luggage Hostel & Suites</u>	Walking time: ~15 min By car: ~5 min Public transport: ~12 min
<u>Riversuites Hostel</u>	Walking time: ~16 min By car: ~13 min Public transport: ~12 min
<u>Residencial Alentejana</u> ★★	Walking time: ~18 min By car: ~7 min Public transport: ~17 min
<u>Quinta das Lágrimas, an SLH Hotel</u> ★★★★★	Walking time: ~24 min By car: ~14 min Public transport: ~22 min
<u>Hotel Coimbra Aeminium by Meliá</u> ★★★★	Walking time: ~25 min By car: ~10 min Public transport: ~22 min

<u>NH Coimbra Dona Inês</u> ★★★★★	Walking time: ~25 min By car: ~11 min Public transport: ~14 min
<u>Vila Galé Coimbra</u> ★★★★★	Walking time: ~25 min By car: ~11 min Public transport: ~20 min
<u>Hotel Botânico de Coimbra</u> ★★	Walking time: ~25 min By car: ~11 min Public transport: ~20 min

WHERE TO EAT

Within walking distance of Colégio da Trindade (*link in the name*):

<u>Justiça e Paz Restaurant</u>	Walking time: ~2 min
<u>Couraça Café</u>	Walking time: ~2 min
<u>FLUC Bar</u> On the 5th floor of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities	Walking time: ~3 min
<u>Mathematics Department Bar</u>	Walking time: ~6 min
<u>Fangas Maior / Fangas Veg</u>	Walking time: ~ 6 min
<u>Maria Portuguesa</u>	Walking time: ~7 min By car: ~2 min Public transport: ~7 min
<u>O Trovador</u>	Walking time: ~7 min By car: ~3 min
<u>Cafetaria do Museu da Ciência</u>	Walking time: ~8 min By car: ~11 min Public transport: ~8 min
<u>Tapas nas Costas</u>	Walking time: ~8 min By car: ~13 min
<u>Papa Restaurante</u>	Walking time: ~7 min By car: ~2 min Public transport: ~7 min

<u>O Burrito</u> (Veg)	Walking time: ~7 min By car: ~12 min Public transport: ~7 min
<u>Zé Manel dos Ossos</u>	Walking time: ~11 min By car: ~8 min Public transport: ~11 min
<u>A Cozinha da Maria</u>	Walking time: ~10 min By car: ~10 min Public transport: ~10 min

DISCOVER COIMBRA

As you leave Colégio da Trindade, you will come across the following monuments that reflect the history of the University of Coimbra and the city of Coimbra:



Paço das Escolas (Walking time: ~2 min)

The University of Coimbra (UC) is one of the oldest universities in Europe, founded in 1290. It's an historic campus in the upper part of the city. You can visit Biblioteca Joanina, the ceremonial Sala dos Capelos, the Student Museum and the Cabinet of Curiosities.

Sé Velha (Walking time: ~6 min)

Sé Velha, or Old Cathedral of Coimbra, is a 12th century Romanesque masterpiece and one of Portugal's best-preserved medieval churches. Its fortress-like exterior, vaulted interior, and cloisters reflect Coimbra's historical importance, offering visitors a glimpse into the city's medieval religious and architectural heritage.





National Museum Machado de Castro
(Walking time: ~5 min)

The National Museum Machado de Castro is one of Portugal's most important art and archaeology museums. Housed in the former Paço Episcopal, it features sculptures, paintings, and sacred art, as well as a remarkable cryptoporticus beneath the building. A must-visit for anyone interested in art, history, and Coimbra's rich cultural heritage.

Arco de Almedina (Walking time: ~8 min)

The Arco de Almedina, the principal gateway to medieval Coimbra's walled city, was originally protected by an 11th-century tower and formed a key part of the city's defensive system. Over the centuries, it underwent several modifications, particularly during the reigns of King Manuel I and King João III, when civic and decorative elements were added. As Coimbra expanded beyond its walls, the arch and tower lost their military role and were repurposed for various functions, including an art school and the Municipal Historical Archive. Today, the tower houses the Walled City Interpretation Centre, which showcases the history of medieval Coimbra and its fortifications.



Mosteiro de Santa Cruz (Walking time: ~14 min)

The Mosteiro de Santa Cruz is an historic monastery in Coimbra, founded in 1131. It is famous for its Romanesque and Manueline architecture and for housing the tombs of the first two kings of Portugal, Afonso Henriques and Sancho I. The church's interior and cloisters are remarkable, making it a must-visit for history enthusiasts and anyone interested in Portugal's royal past.

Looking for more to discover? Visit the website [Visit.UC](https://visit.ucp.pt) to explore all guided tours and visitor experiences available at the University of Coimbra, including the option to purchase tickets online.

WEATHER INFORMATION

By visiting the [Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera \(IPMA\)](https://ipma.pt) website, you can easily access the weather forecast for Coimbra.

You can also easily change the website's default language using the following button:



The screenshot shows the IPMA website interface. At the top right, there is a language selection dropdown menu with a red circle around it, indicating the 'Português' option. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with various categories like Weather, Seismic, Sea, Climate, etc. The main content area displays the weather forecast for Coimbra, including a 10-day forecast table with temperature ranges, weather icons, and wind directions. The table data is as follows:

Mon, 14	Tue, 15	Wed, 16	Thu, 17	Fri, 18	Sat, 19	Sun, 20	Mon, 21	Tue, 22	Wed, 23
18° - 35°	17° - 26°	16° - 27°	16° - 30°	12° - 31°	16° - 34°	18° - 36°	19° - 36°	16° - 36°	17° - 33°
NW	NW	N	NE	N	N	W	NW	N	W
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ELECTRICAL SOCKETS AND ADAPTERS

Portugal uses Type C and Type F plugs, with a standard voltage of 230V and a frequency of 50Hz. Visitors may need a travel adapter depending on their country of origin.



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Portugal has an effective system of public security and civil protection.

Important numbers:



- **European emergency number (police, firefighters, ambulance): 112;**
- **Portuguese National Health Service (SNS): 808 24 24 24**
- **Coimbra District Command of the Public Security Police (PSP): 239 853 200**
- **National Republican Guard (GNR) - Coimbra: 239 802 070**
- **Coimbra Firefighters: 239 797 200**