

Travel & visa information

Visas

A successful registration for the symposium does not guarantee entrance to Portugal. Participants from some countries may require a visa to travel to Portugal. Please refer to the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate of your choice to check whether you need a visa and to know the details of the application procedure. A list of countries with visa requirements and information on where visas are to be issued can be found here. <https://airtable.com/shrmN6Sf0KgDq7ZLb/tblT3pPuVvCNA2ZkB>

Due to the time required for visa processing and issuing, those wishing to attend the symposium should submit their visa application as early as possible, and at least 15 working days before departure from the country of origin. Symposium organizers do not provide personal assistance to the visa process for participants. In case your visa procedure requires a formal invitation letter, please contact the organizers at impactsmfc@ices.dk.

Getting to Portugal

Lisbon Airport is the closest international airport to Sesimbra (~40km) and offers many scheduled nonstop flights to most European cities and some overseas destinations. Other airports in Portugal, including those that may be serviced by European low-cost airlines, are Faro (~250 km South of Sesimbra) and Porto (~400 km North of Sesimbra) international airports.

Getting to Sesimbra

There are several options for getting from Lisbon airport to the city center of Sesimbra. Please note that all prices indicated below are estimates, please check directly with the provider for confirmed costs.

Car transfers, travel duration: 45 minutes

Hotels in Sesimbra provide airport transfers, please check with your hotel. There are other private car transfer options available, e.g. <https://www.world-airport-transfer.com>, <https://www.shuttledirect.com/>, <https://www.my-transfer.com/en/>

You can order a car through apps such as Uber/Bolt/FREE NOW and normally they have better price fares than taxis. You have the option to call an UberXL that takes 6 persons. Average price: UberX 35-40€, Uber XL 65-70€.

Taxis take 3 to 4 persons. At the airport we recommend participants purchase a Taxi Voucher at the Tourism Information Welcome Desk in the airport Arrivals Hall. This will be a fixed price fare to Sesimbra (weekdays approx. 92 € / weekends & after 9 pm with extra charge). The average fare from Lisbon city center to Sesimbra should be close to the fares listed above. Before taking/hiring a taxi to Sesimbra, inquire about the fare.

Public transportation

Bus, travel time: 1h15

There is a bus service that runs from Lisbon city centre to Sesimbra center. The bus station is located at Praça de Espanha. Coming from the airport by AeroShuttle get off at Av. José Malhoa or by subway get off at Praça de Espanha (blue line).

BUS Nº 2721 Lisboa – Sesimbra (Praça de Espanha – Sesimbra, Express Bus – Lisbon to Sesimbra via the Motorway) (https://www.tsuldotejo.pt/sync/opt/opt_v2/Linha_3721_060453_G_2022-06-27-17-31.pdf), Ticket: approx. 7€

Train & Bus Travel time: 2 hours

Train (Fertagus) from Lisbon center to Foros da Amora followed by bus to Sesimbra. Train stations are located at Roma-Areeiro, Entrecampos or Sete-Rios. Coming from the airport by AeroBus, get off at Entrecampos station or by AeroShuttle, get off at Sete Rios. From city centre by subway, get off at Entrecampos (yellow line) or Sete Rios (blue line) stations.

Bus from Foros da Amora train station to Sesimbra center.

BUS Nº 3536 Cacilhas – Sesimbra
(https://www.tsuldotejo.pt/sync/opt/opt_v2/Linha_3536_021009_G_2022-06-30-13-16.pdf),
Tickets: ~ 8€

Ferry & Bus Travel time: aprox. 1.5 hours

Ferries (TransTejo) (known as Cacilheiros) from Cais de Sodré to Cacilhas followed by bus to Sesimbra.

Coming from the airport, AeroBus get off at the terminal stop in Cais de Sodré. By subway, get off at the Cais de Sodré station (green line).

Ferry ticket from Cais do Sodré to Cacilhas – 1.20 €

Bus from Cacilhas to Sesimbra center.

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Tickets: ~ 7€

Driving to Sesimbra, travel duration: 45 minutes

Several rent-a-car options are available at Lisbon airport. Should you decide to drive to Sesimbra from Lisbon, take the A2 South, crossing the 25 de Abril bridge, for around 18km. Exit the A2 following the signs to Sesimbra / Azeitão. You will now be on the N378. Keep on this road until Sesimbra – the route is well signed.

If you choose to drive from Faro International Airport, from the airport take the A22 West (towards Albufeira/Portimão), exit following the A2 North until the Sesimbra/Azeitão junction. The A2 has tolls, from the Algarve to Sesimbra (total driving distance ~270km).

If you fly to Porto International Airport, take the A4 to Porto, followed by the A1 South to Lisbon, and then the A2 to Sesimbra, as previously explained. The A1 has tolls, from the Porto to Lisbon (total driving distance ~400km).