

## PORTUGAL - Car Hire Terms & Conditions 2026

### Included in your Europcar rental

1. Unlimited mileage
2. Loss Damage Waiver (Basic LDW). In the event of an accident or theft of the rental car this insurance covers the full value of the vehicle. However, you remain liable for the excess amount ranging from 12,500.00 to 110,000.00 depending on the size of the vehicle. Please note that this insurance does not cover damage to the vehicle's tyres, undercarriage or windscreen.
3. Third Party Liability Insurance. This covers any third party in the event of an accident.
4. LAF (Vehicle Licence Fee) and VAT at 23%
5. Airport fees

### Payable locally (compulsory)

1. Domestic one-way rental fees (pick up from one airport or downtown office and drop off at another) incur a one way charge payable locally. Prices on request.

### Not included and payable locally (optional)

Please note that you do not have to purchase any of the below. Should you decide to do so, these will be noted on your rental agreements and be payable locally.

1. Premium Protection Package: This is an extra charge, which if paid, will void any excess payable in the event of an accident or theft of the rental car. Drivers must be aged 19 or above to apply this insurance protection.
2. Personal Accident Insurance (PAI). This insurance is optional and payable locally at 8.61 Euros (1-2 days), 7.99 Euros (3-7 days) and 6.76 (8-14 days) per day. Please check with your insurance company prior to departure to see if you will be covered.
3. Any applicable after-hours airport charges. The after-hours charge is 49.20 Euros.
4. Each additional driver must pay a supplement locally at 10.99 Euros per day (maximum 99 Euros per rental).
5. Roadside Assistance Cover (RSA). This protects against having to pay recovery charges for breakdowns caused by the customer or as a result of using the wrong fuel, breakage or loss of the rental vehicle's keys; as well as punctures and/or damage to tyres that are excluded from the scope of the free service and will be subject to a flat charge rate.
6. Portugal has electronic tolls (no pay booths) on the A22 Algarve motorway, and other similar motorways in the north of Portugal. Clients rent an electronic transponder from Europcar which is fitted to each vehicle. Therefore any toll road fees will be added to your bill and paid directly to Europcar.
7. Infant/Baby and Booster seats are compulsory with all car rentals in Portugal and payable locally. Infant/Baby seats (up to 7 years) are payable locally at a rate of 12 Euros per day (maximum of 119.99 Euros per rental). Booster seats (8-12 years) are payable locally at a rate of 7.78 Euros per day (77.85 Euros per rental). Please request at the time of booking.
8. GPS Navigation System equipment is available to hire at a rate of 11.68 Euros per day (maximum of 246 Euros per rental). This equipment is only available for rentals collected and returned to the same airport. There is a penalty of 246 Euros if not returned with the car.

### General Notes

1. Deposit Policy: Cars will be supplied with a full tank of petrol. Clients will be required to leave a credit card imprint corresponding to a full tank of petrol. This deposit will be refunded when the car is returned with a full tank of petrol. Any missing fuel on the return of the vehicle will incur an additional service charge of 36.90 Euros on top of the missing fuel charge, payable locally. **Please note that the credit card needs to be in the name of the designated driver.** All major credit cards accepted. When you arrive at the rental location, you will be asked to leave a deposit for your car rental. The deposit amount will be authorised on your credit card but not debited

from your account. The deposit is intended to cover additional rental costs. The amount is calculated as the rental price + 300 Euros.

2. A valid, full UK or EU driving licence, issued not less than one year prior to rental is required and two years for a larger vehicle.
3. Driving is on the right.
4. Minimum driver age is 19 years and 25 years for larger vehicles. Young drivers aged between 19-22 years are charged a supplement of 12.17 Euros per day (maximum 121.77 Euros per rental). No maximum driver age limit.
5. We can request, but not guarantee a particular make of car.
6. Europcar offers a 29-minute grace period after the pre-booked time of vehicle return. Returning the rental car 30-minutes or longer after this pre-booked time will incur additional charges, payable locally.
7. We are not liable for any police or traffic fines incurred by clients.
8. These conditions also apply to car hire already included in the cost of our holiday.
9. All local charges quoted here include VAT (23%).
10. Airports are open 365 days a year. Opening hours at Porto airport at 07:00-24:00; Lisbon airport 06:30-01:00 and Faro airport 06:30-24:00.
11. Distances in Portugal are relatively short and the majority of roads are good. Some roads can be precipitous with hairpin bends and the minor roads can be quite rough. Motorways and some main roads have pay-tolls. Tolls must be paid within 5-days of using the road at either a post office (Correios) or a designated 'pay shop'.
12. Please advise us, at the time of booking, of any ENDORSEMENTS ON YOUR LICENCE.

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## **Excess Car Insurance (optional)**

More people are now purchasing Excess Insurance before they travel, finding it better value if renting for more than 7 days, or hiring a car abroad more than once a year.

A number of companies such as [www.insurance4carhire.com](http://www.insurance4carhire.com) offer this product. This insurance covers not only the insurance excess but also the underside of the car, windows and tyres.

Please ensure you have all necessary receipts before you leave the country should you need to make claim, as you will have to pay and claim it back on your return to the UK.