

PORTUGAL - PRODUCER'S BRIEFING FOR FIRST CONTACT

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Introduction: A global maritime power during the 15th and 16th centuries, Portugal remained a kingdom under several sovereignty until the 20th century. It became a republic in 1910. Its capital Lisbon was majorly destroyed by an earthquake in 1755. Portugal is a founding member of NATO and entered the EU in 1986.

Cultural Practices: In Portuguese culture, people and relationships are very important. Personal connections often play a significant role in establishing trust. Mind seniority and the strong family bonds. Punctuality and formal clothing are appreciated in professional settings. The Portuguese value respect, especially towards authorities, and politeness in both personal and business interactions.

Tipping Guidelines: Tipping is not obligatory but appreciated. In restaurants, a tip of 5-10% is common. For taxis and hotel services, rounding up the amount or leaving a small tip is customary.

Climate: Portugal has a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Coastal areas experience milder weather year-round, while inland areas can have greater temperature variations.

Religion: Roman Catholic 79.7%, Protestant 2.2%, other Christian 2.5%, other non-Christian, 1.1%, none 14.5%

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General Facts:

Regional Division	Southern Europe
Capital	Lisbon
Airport Code / Airport Name	LIS / Humberto Delgado (Lisbon Airport)
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	PT / PRT
Population	10,207,177
Language (Major Languages)	Portuguese

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	351
Local Emergency Phone	112
International Driving Permit	Recommended
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +00:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$->€	Euro (EUR) / 1\$: 0.95€
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / C, F
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	25-30% rebate
Film Commission Federal	Yes
VFX Grant	Yes

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	10 + break
Working hours per week	50
Working days per week	5
Overtime	+50%, +100% (tech. crew different)
Breaks	60 min after 7 th hour
Turnaround	10 hours
Fringes / self-employed	self-employed
Unions	common but not mandatory

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	equipped with cutting-edge equipment
Studios in the following cities	Lisbon, Porto
Themed backlot sets include	-
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: Sun-kissed beaches, colorful tiled facades, Moorish castles, historic cobblestone streets, medieval villages, historic sites, vineyard-draped landscapes, scenic rugged coastal cliffs, captivating azulejos, rich maritime heritage., coastal areas, mountainous regions, and vibrant cities. Architecture spans Roman, Gothic, Manueline, and modern styles.