



Portugal

Age : 15 to 18

— HIGH SCHOOL ABROAD



## High school exchange in Portugal (US students only)

### SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

International students (native English speakers only) interested in discovering Portugal and the Portuguese culture will no doubt enjoy their High School year in this country. Portuguese ranks currently as the 6th most widely spoken language in the world

Attending classes is practically the only activity that takes place in Portuguese public schools. Most students interested in other activities, such as sports, have to take them outside of school. Students will be invited to participate in two weekend activities with local Portuguese students. They may also be invited to other informal events such as dinners or evening events organized by the local coordinator.

Most schools provide free tuition in Portuguese as a foreign language, for foreign students.

### SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Portuguese educational system consists of 12 years of schooling before higher education. Secondary schools consist of years 10, 11 and 12. After the 9th grade, students have to choose a certain area of studies (general courses and

technical/vocational courses).

Each area of studies includes different subjects, some of which are compulsory for each area of studies (Philosophy, Physical Education, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Personal and Social Development).

Some students may have all their classes grouped together, but sometimes there may be empty periods in between. During these periods students are free to stay at school or to go out. Some subjects are taken more often than others which means that a student may have a certain subject five hours/week and other subjects only one hour/week. Under certain conditions, students are allowed to miss classes up to a certain limit.

The relative freedom that students enjoy in Portugal enables young people to enjoy a lot of time together, to make friends and to plan most of their activities with their group of friends.

Graduation is not possible.



**Location :** All over the country

**Boarding :** Half board on weekdays and full board on weekends

**Accommodation :** Host family

**Length :** School Quarter Abroad Portugal / School Semester Abroad Portugal / School Year Abroad Portugal

**Type :** Public



Exchange students will attend classes in a local public secondary school and be hosted by a nice and caring Portuguese host family.

**Application deadline :** Applications are generally received until the end of March, for sessions starting in August-September.

**Requirements :** Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted. A minimum of one year of Portuguese study and good academic results are required. Students should be able to say and understand some very basic sentences. Note that we only accept English native speakers for this program.

PROGRAM	REF.	PRICE
Public <i>School Quarter Abroad Portugal</i>	ZPRT1	5 990 EUR
Public <i>School Semester Abroad Portugal</i>	ZPRS1	8 140 EUR
Public <i>School Year Abroad Portugal</i>	ZPRY1	10 890 EUR