

Aveiro

Aveiro has a unique natural and urban landscape, dominated by the Ria de Aveiro and the water bodies that penetrate the urban space and that have permanently marked the history, heritage, culture and local identity.

Aveiro, next to the sea and the ria (estuary), is crossed by a network of channels through which moliceiros (local boats) meander. These slim, colourful vessels used to be used to collect algae and seaweed, and today are for sightseeing trips. The city has a number of buildings in Art Nouveau style that are worth seeing. Many are situated along the main channel, but there are some off the beaten track and in other locations.



Another important place to visit is the Aveiro Museum in the Convent of Jesus, where you can admire the Mausoleum of Princess Saint Joana and the gilded woodcarvings that decorate the interior of the church. These are to be found in abundance in the chapel of Senhor das Barrocas and with less exuberance in the Misericórdia Church, whose mannerist portal deserves mention. Those who appreciate contemporary Portuguese architecture should not miss the University buildings.

Emblematic of the city is the sweet made with eggs and sugar - the "ovos moles" (soft eggs) that are sold in wooden barrels or wrapped in a crusty wafer in different shapes. But before this treat, you can comfort your stomach with the delights that the sea offers, such as shellfish, fresh fish grilled or casseroled and eels, characteristic of this region, which are served casseroled or marinated.

Accessibility of location

Located right in the center of Portugal, Aveiro is a city that is easy to get to, both by air and by road. Famous for its unique lagoon and canals, Aveiro is served by high-speed trains and is situated at the intersection of several highways, making it easy for you to reach the main airports of the country.

Arriving by air

At Dr. Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (Porto)



This is the nearest airport to Aveiro and is just 80 km to the north of the city, in the region of Porto. The train is the best way to get to Aveiro as it takes you right into the center of the city. It is cheap, too. You can either take the metro directly from the airport, or a taxi to the main train station in Porto (Porto – Campanhã):

Taxi costs about 25€ and takes about 25 minutes. The Metro (título Z4) costs about 3.00€ and takes 40 minutes to reach Porto – Campanhã station (Line E: Aeroporto – Estádio do Dragão)

When you get to Porto – Campanhã station, you can take a train to Aveiro. In addition to the more expensive high-speed intercity and Alfa trains that take about 35 minutes to reach Aveiro, there are also local suburban trains. There is a regular service throughout the day. The trip takes 1 hour and costs just 3.80€.



Porto Campanhã Station

Alternatively, you can rent a car at the airport.

At Portela Airport (Lisbon)



Portela Airport is located in Lisbon about 250 km south of Aveiro. Take red line on the Metro, from the airport to Lisbon-Oriente central train station. Alternatively, you can take a taxi which costs about 10€ and takes around 15 minutes. You can also get a bus to the station (buses 5 and 44). You can buy your ticket inside the bus.

As the trip from Lisbon to Aveiro is longer, it is better to use the fast trains Intercidades or Alfa.



Oriente Station (Lisbon)

Once you get to Oriente Station, you just need to go upstairs to the Train station. You can buy the train ticket in the station during the [Ticket office times](#). Check the [Schedule](#) for the times between Lisboa-Oriente and Aveiro. We advise you to take the Intercidades train because the [Price](#) is lower. Will take you 2h to 3h15 to reach Aveiro, depending of the train you pick.

Arriving by road and rail

By car

If you are coming from the North on the A1 highway, take the A25 exit to Aveiro. There are two possible exits to Aveiro from the A25: Aveiro-Norte (North Aveiro) and then a few kilometers later, Aveiro. Choose the latter as this is the quickest way. If you are coming from the South on the A1, take the Aveiro-Sul/Águeda exit (15) and turn right onto the EN235 which will take you directly to the UA campus.

40° 37' 53" N

8° 39' 27" W

By train

Aveiro is situated on the main railway line through Portugal – the northern railway line (Linha do Norte). Train timetables are available on the website <https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en>.

Accommodation facilities

Aveiro is a city with several high quality hotels, guesthouses and pensions at acceptable prices. Let's start with the biggest. Among the classics, the Melia Ria Hotel & Spa is probably the best hotel in Aveiro, but in this segment also consider the renowned Hotel Moliceiro.

Other excellent options include the historic and very popular Hotel Aveiro Palace (with one of the most privileged locations in the city); the good quality/price of Welcome In; and the comfort of the Hotel das Salinas.

Hotel Moliceiro | 4 stars



<https://www.hotelmoliceiro.pt/>

There are 49 rooms in this opulently decorated 4-star hotel, unique among the best hotels in Aveiro. It is located in the heart of the city, close to the Central Canal of the Ria de Aveiro and next to Jardim do Rossio.

Hotel das Salinas | 3 stars



<https://hoteldassalinas.pai.pt/>

Hotel das Salinas is located in the historic center of Aveiro, close to the University of Aveiro and Forum Aveiro. You will also find the nearby traditional fish and meat restaurants, the Aveiro Shopping Center and Largo da Praça do Peixe. It offers one of the most magnificent views in the city of Aveiro.

It includes 18 rooms - nine double rooms and nine double studios, with kitchenette equipped with stove, refrigerators and crockery. You have the possibility to choose breakfast in your room or in the buffet breakfast room.

Hotel Melia Ria | 4 stars



<https://www.meliaria.com/pt-pt/quartos-suites/>

Meliá Ria Hotel & Spa has 128 rooms with a contemporary and functional design, full of natural light, equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi, 32-inch LCD TV, telephone, safe and minibar. Choose between a

city view or enjoy your stay in a room overlooking the Ria de Aveiro. All rooms have a work area and a complete bathroom and amenities from the Rituals brand.

Hotel Aveiro Center | 3 stars



<https://www.grupoalboi.com/pt/Hotel-Aveiro-Center/Home>

With a privileged location, the Aveiro Center hotel offers all the comfort and family atmosphere you need.

Nearby, you can enjoy the beautiful examples of Art Nouveau houses and enjoy a ride in the traditional moliceiros boats.

The city's main tourist attractions are close to the Museum of Art Nouveau, the City Museum, Fish Square, the Cathedral and the Museum of St. Joan. In addition, there is an excellent and varied gastronomic offer, with several fish and meat restaurants.

Hotel Aveiro Palace



<https://www.hotelaveiropalace.com/>

In one of the most emblematic buildings in the city, the Hotel Aveiro Palace was the first hotel in Aveiro, a classic from 1937. The recent renovation of this historic hotel, overlooking the Ria de Aveiro, has brought to the interior of its 43 rooms and 5 suites sober colors that convey peace and tranquility. Refreshing the decor that features more modern lines with some minimalism, it has not sacrificed in the least the atmosphere of refinement and elegance that has always characterized it, and now satisfies the new demands of comfort and improves the art of hospitality.

Welcome In



<https://www.welcomein.pt/>

If you are looking for cheap hotels in Aveiro, should consider Welcome In, a “suites & hostel” in the heart of Aveiro. Integrated in an emblematic historic building on Avenida Dr. Lourenço Peixinho, the hotel brings together the best of both worlds: elegant and modern ensuite rooms for those who want privacy and dormitories with six bunk beds for those traveling on a budget.

Hotel Afonso V | 3 stars

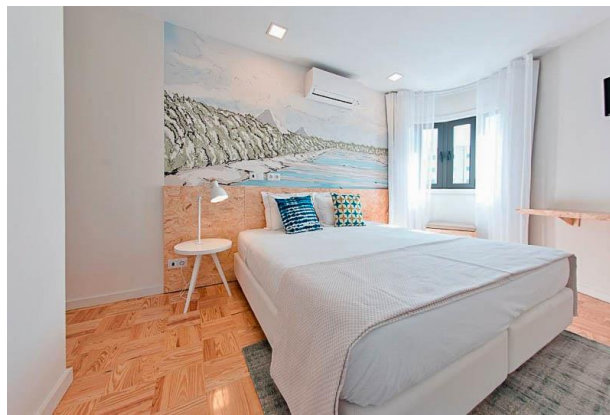


<https://www.hotelafonsov.pt/index.php/pt/>

The Hotel Afonso V, one of the most emblematic hotels of the city, has been recently refurbished. It offers a full range of services and facilities that will make your journey memorable. Located in one of the best areas of the city, the Hotel Afonso V is in a central area very close to the Culture and Congress Centre, the University of Aveiro, the Teatro Aveirense, the historic area of the city, shopping centers and restaurants, and others touristic and cultural attractions.

The Hotel Afonso V is perfect for group events, business meetings or for some unforgettable holidays, with a 24 hours reception, paid private parking and free wi-fi.

Hotel do Mercado| 2 stars



<https://hoteldomercado.negocio.site/>

Well located, young and accessible are the adjectives that best describe the hotel. Close to everything you need for a splendid stay in this city surrounded by canals and moliceiros. The sun-drenched rooms have a private bathroom with shower and free toiletries, all feature an LCD TV, air conditioning and free Wi-Fi.

A 5-minute walk from the Train Station, Hotel do Mercado is right next to the famous Avenida Lourenço Peixinho and the Forum Aveiro Shopping Center is 300 meters away. It is also about a 10-minute walk from the city's nightlife, where you will have access to bars and typical restaurants.