



# PORTUGUESE FOR EDUCATORS

## FARO, PORTUGAL

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN WINTER, SPRING, AND FALL



### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our intensive Portuguese for Educators program in Faro, Portugal combines the standard Portuguese immersion program with specific Portuguese and cultural training for educators. This is a great way to learn both general and specialized Portuguese. Educators at all levels benefit from this immersion experience.



### CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Since the middle of the 16th century, Faro has been the capital of the sunny Algarve region. Famous for its fine beaches, its historical Moorish legacy is seen in the gleaming white villages. Though it has a long history, almost all of the city's buildings were destroyed in an earthquake in 1755 and most of its finest buildings are comparatively modern. It was liberated from Moorish domination in 1249 and a bronze statute of King Alfonso III stands in the main square.

Particularly attractive is the old part of the city surrounded still by the Roman walls which date back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Inside a spacious open square that was once the site of the Roman Forum is a 13th Century Cathedral that faces the 18th Century Episcopal palace. An interesting building is the neighbouring 16th Century Convent that is now turned into the home of the city's archaeological museum.

Faro is also the home of the Ria Formosa lagoon, a nature reserve of over 17,000 hectares and a stopping place for hundreds of different birds during the spring and autumn migratory periods. The beach is almost 7 kilometers from the city and is a long sandy spit reached by crossing a bridge not far from the international airport. The municipal council has an active cultural department organizing different and various events during the year.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

In this Portuguese for Educators program, students will improve their communicative ability in both speaking and listening. They will discuss different methods of teaching with the instructors and the other students in the program, review grammar and other technical aspects of the language, and broaden their understanding of the culture and region of Faro.

## *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 2 week minimum - 30 lessons per week of 50 minutes each
- **Lodging:** Homestay or Hotel
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\***
- \* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **University credit:** Options available
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage \*\***
- \*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

## **FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **STUDY PROGRAM**

This course aims at teachers of Portuguese, whose native tongue is not Portuguese. If you teach Portuguese in your home country and want to update your language and teaching skills and discuss cultural topics, this course is perfect for you.

The course is an opportunity for you to update your language skills and exchange your experiences in using various teaching methods with international colleagues and teaching staff of the language school. Up-to-date information on Portuguese language and culture is part of the program. The course is designed to provide you with suggestions and new ideas which you can then put into practice after returning home.

The Study Program includes 30 hours per week of Group Portuguese classes for a minimum 2 weeks. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of Portuguese. The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class.

### **LODGING OPTIONS**

#### **HOMESTAY**

Private home accommodation is an important part of most students' stay. The NRCSA school's carefully selected homes will offer you much more than accommodation and breakfast - they will be your home away from home.

Living in a Portuguese home will help the student gain familiarity with the language. Students are placed in individual bedrooms and will be the only native speaker of their language in the house. The host may be a family or an individual. The homes that host students are in the area of the schools, many within walking distance. In case students need transportation it will never be more than 20 min.

Private home accommodation is usually booked from the day before starting lessons until the day after the end of the course (Sunday to Saturday). Private home accommodation does not include the use of the kitchen nor laundry of personal clothes. However students can ask the family directly for details of laundry services in the area of the house.

#### **HOTEL**

When students prefer not to stay with a family, the NRCSA school is happy to help find suitable hotel accommodation.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of minimum 2 weeks of Portuguese language classes, teacher training, culture classes, and housing is about:

**\$1,453**

### **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling on regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance.

Participants must have an intermediate level of Portuguese to participate in the Portuguese for Educators program.

### **ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS**

All activities are organized by the local coordinator and may include:

- City walks
- Special interest lectures
- Sports
- Bars
- Live music

One day excursions are also available at an additional cost. Excursion locations can include:

- Arco Da Vila
- Faro Cathedral
- Ria Formosa desert island

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the PORTUGUESE FOR EDUCATORS PROGRAM in Faro, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.