

Travel Information - AHE Coimbra 2026

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2 Conference and Venue

The conference will take place at FEUC, University of Coimbra, in the Celas/Olivais area of Coimbra.

Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra (FEUC):

- Address: Av. Dr. Dias da Silva, 165, Celas, 3004-512 Coimbra, Portugal
- General FEUC contact: +351 239 790 500 | feuc@fe.uc.pt
- Local public transport to FEUC: SMTUC bus lines 4, 37, and 103

If your institution uses eduroam, it is worth configuring it before departure. FEUC's teaching block, library, and several public areas are covered by the eduroam wireless network.

FEUC location and contacts: <https://www.uc.pt/en/feuc/contacts-location/>

Google maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/3sdLGhUjeEwD5CPv6>

3 Getting to Coimbra

Coimbra is centrally located, around 200 km from Lisbon and 120 km from Porto. Official tourism guidance highlights fast road connections, an efficient rail network, and proximity to the two main international airports.

- Train: Alfa Pendular and Intercidades services connect Coimbra-B with Lisbon (about 1h45) and Porto (about 1h15). Coimbra-B is the long-distance station.
- Bus: Rede Expressos and FlixBus operate regular services from Lisbon, Porto, and other cities. The Coimbra bus station is next to the city centre.
- Airports: the nearest major airports are Lisbon Humberto Delgado (LIS) and Porto Francisco Sá Carneiro (OPO).
- Private transfer: Coimbra Airport Shuttle offers shared and private transfers between Coimbra and Lisbon/Porto airports.

Visit Coimbra - How to get: <https://visitecoimbra.pt/en/practical-guide/how-to-get/>

CP train times and tickets: <https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en>

Rede Expressos: <https://rede-expressos.pt/en>

Coimbra Airport Shuttle: <https://www.airportshuttle.pt/>

From Lisbon Airport (LIS) to Coimbra and FEUC

A practical rail-first route is Lisbon Airport -> Metro Red Line -> Oriente -> Alfa Pendular or Intercidades to Coimbra-B.

- Lisbon Airport is linked to Oriente on the Metro Red Line, and Oriente is a main CP rail station on the North Line.
- From Coimbra-B, continue to FEUC by taxi or local bus.
- Direct coach options from Lisbon to Coimbra are also available if bus schedules suit your arrival time better.
- Taxi or ride-hailing all the way from Lisbon is possible, but usually unnecessary unless you are sharing or arriving at an awkward hour.

Lisbon Metro - Oriente: <https://www.metrolisboa.pt/viajar/oriente/>

From Porto Airport (OPO) to Coimbra and FEUC

From Porto Airport, the simplest options are a direct coach to Coimbra or a metro-plus-train/coach transfer through Porto.

- Direct coach services from Porto Airport to Coimbra are available.
- Metro do Porto Line E is the airport line and can be used to connect into Porto for

onward rail or coach travel to Coimbra.

- From Porto city, CP services connect Porto and Coimbra in about 1 hour.
- Once in Coimbra, use taxi or SMTUC to reach FEUC.

Porto Metro (Line E) information: <https://www.metroporto.pt/>

From Coimbra-B or the Coach Station to FEUC

- Coimbra-B is the station for long-distance trains. CP notes that it interfaces with SMTUC buses at Coimbra-B, and the coach station is also close to the city centre.
- If you are carrying luggage, a taxi from Coimbra-B or the coach station to FEUC is usually the simplest option.
- FEUC is served by SMTUC lines 4, 37, and 103.
- If you stay in Celas or Solum, the venue is usually a short taxi, bus, or walk away.

4 Moving Around Coimbra

- Coimbra Tourism presents Coimbra as a "15-minute city", and the local bus network covers the city well for conference travel.
- SMTUC buses offer broad coverage across Coimbra and neighbouring parishes.
- For occasional travel, SMTUC sells pre-loaded tickets on the Viagem conVIDA card.
- Intermodal 1-day, 3-day, and 7-day tickets are also available.
- Validate your ticket on every trip.

Visit Coimbra - Moving around the city: <https://visitecoimbra.pt/en/practical-guide/move-around-the-city/>

SMTUC products and tickets: <https://www.smtuc.pt/produtos/>

5 Visa requirements

If you are coming from outside the Schengen Area, you may require a visa:

- Schengen Visa (Short Stay): Valid for stays up to 90 days within a 180-day period for purposes such as tourism, business, or attending conferences.
- Requirements: Typically include a valid passport (at least 3 months beyond stay), visa support letter, proof of accommodation, return flight ticket, travel insurance, and proof of sufficient funds.
- Application: You should apply at the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence or via the E-Visa Portal (<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/short-stay-visas-schengen/general-information/where-should-you-lodge-a-visa-application>)

- Note: Citizens of countries like Brazil, USA, and UK (for short stays) currently do not need a visa for tourism or business, but should check updated ETIAS requirements for 2026 (<https://travel-europe.europa.eu/en/etias/about-etias/who-should-apply>)
- **Visa Support Letters will be issued to participants upon request.**

6 Health and Emergencies

The reference guide's health section is worth keeping. Portugal's public system can handle emergencies, but the right preparation depends on your coverage.

- If you are eligible for an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) or equivalent public reciprocal-healthcare card (Provisional Replacement Certificate), bring it.
- The EHIC covers medically necessary state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay under the same conditions and at the same cost as locals; it does not replace travel insurance or cover private care.
- If you are not covered by an EHIC-style arrangement, arrange travel medical insurance before departure.
- For a serious emergency, call 112.
- For urgent but non-life-threatening health advice and triage, call SNS 24 on 808 24 24 24.

European Health Insurance Card information: <https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies-and-activities/moving-working-europe/eu-social-security-coordination/european-health-insurance-card-en>

SNS general contact lines: <https://www.sns.gov.pt/sns-saude-mais/linhas-de-atendimento-gerais/>

7 Tourist Information

- Municipal Tourist Office - Old Coimbra Station A
- António Granjo Street No. 6, 3000-429 Coimbra, Portugal
- Monday-Friday 09:30-13:00 and 14:00-16:30 (closed weekends and holidays)
- Phone: +351 239 857 500
- Email: tourism@cm-coimbra.pt

Visit Coimbra: <https://visitecoimbra.pt/en/>

8 Accommodation

As in the reference guide, the main accommodation choice is whether to stay close to the venue or in the historic centre.

Near FEUC: Celas and Solum are the most convenient areas. Celas centres on Avenida Dias da Silva and the hospital area; Solum is known for services and easy accessibility.

Historic-centre option: Baixa / central Coimbra gives you quicker access to monuments, restaurants, and transport, with a slightly longer commute to FEUC.

Book early: early July is summer travel season and availability can tighten.

Visit Coimbra - Where to stay: <https://visitecoimbra.pt/en/practical-guide/where-to-stay/>

Below is a list of hotels we have agreed to offer discounts to participants at the AHE 2026 conference:

a) Penedo da Saudade Suites & Hostel

Offers a 10% discount to all participants who use the code “AHE2026” when booking through the [official platform](#).

For reservations and more information about the accommodation unit: <https://www.penedodasaudade.pt/>.



PENEDO DA SAUDADE
SUITES & HOSTEL

b) Pousada da Juventude Coimbra

Offers a 10% discount to all participants who explicitly refer to the Association for Heterodox Economics Conference 2026 when booking via email at coimbra@movijovem.pt.

For reservations and more information about the accommodation unit: <https://www.pousadasjuventude.pt/pt/pousadas/pousada-de-coimbra/>.



c) Hotel Mondego

Offers a 5% discount to all participants who explicitly refer to the Association for Heterodox Economics Conference 2026 when booking via email at info@hotelmondego.com or by phone at +351 239 496 239.

For reservations and more information about the accommodation unit: <https://hotelmondego.com/>.



d) Hotel Botânico de Coimbra

Offers a 10% discount to all participants who explicitly refer to the Association for Heterodox Economics Conference 2026 when booking via email at geral@hotelbotanicocoimbra.pt.

For reservations and more information about the accommodation unit: <https://hotelbotanicocoimbra.pt/>.



e) Hotel Astoria

Offers a 10% discount to all participants who use the code “AHE26FEUC” when booking through the [official platform](#).

For reservations and more information about the accommodation unit:
www.almeidahotels.pt.



f) The Zero Hotels

Offers a fixed nightly rate of €50 to all participants who use the code “AHE2026” when booking through the [official platform](#).

Rate excludes breakfast and tourist tax.

Tourist tax of €1 per person per night.

Breakfast available for €9 per person per night.

For reservations and more information about the accommodation unit:
<https://coimbra.thezerohotels.com/>.



g) Hotel Ibis Coimbra Centro

Offers a 10% discount to all participants who explicitly refer to the Association for Heterodox Economics Conference 2026 when booking via email at h1672@accor.com.

For reservations and more information about the accommodation unit:
<https://all.accor.com/hotel/1672/index.pt.shtml>.

