



# Consular Section of the US Embassy

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2009

## US Embassy Lisbon

Av. das Forças Armadas,  
Sete-Rios  
1649-044 Lisbon  
Tel: 21-727-3300

American Citizen Services  
Appts: Monday to Friday  
8:30—9:45 a.m.  
Mondays and Wednesdays,  
1:30—3:30 p.m.  
Tel: 21-770 2122  
Phone hours:  
Mon. to Fri. from 2:00pm to  
4:00pm  
E-mail: [Conslisbon@state.gov](mailto:Conslisbon@state.gov)  
<http://portugal.usembassy.gov/>

For emergencies concerning an  
American citizen afterhours,  
please call 21-727-3300.

## US Consulate Ponta Delgada

Av. Principe do Monaco  
No. 6-2 F  
9500-237 Ponta Delgada  
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American Citizen Services  
Hours: Monday to Friday  
9 am—12:30 pm, 1:30—5 pm

## US Consular Agency Funchal

Rua da Alfandega, No. 10  
2nd Floor, Rooms A & B  
9000-059 Funchal  
Tel: 291-235-636

American Citizen Services  
Hours: Monday to Friday  
9 am—1 pm



## Welcome to our New Consular Officers

We are pleased to introduce you to our new Visa officer Laura Chamberlin and American Citizen Services officer Jon Magsaysay!!



LAURA & JON



## Consular Visit to Porto

On November 19, consular staff from the US Embassy will visit Porto to provide services such as: re-newing US passports; registering births of US citizens; and notarizing documents for use in the U.S.



Consular staff will be available onboard one of the DouroAzul's boats docked at Cais de Gaia from 2 to 5 p.m on the 19th. Parking is available. [Click here](#) for a map.

You must make an appointment. Either send an email to [conslisbon@state.gov](mailto:conslisbon@state.gov) or call the Consular Section at 21-770-2122 during our public phone hours from 2 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. We will inform you of the required documents and fees. In Porto, the consular staff will not be able to accept credit cards or provide change so please bring exact fee amount. We look forward to serving you.

## November/December Holidays

The Consular Section will be closed for the following holidays:

November 11 — Veterans Day

November 26 — Thanksgiving Day

December 1 — Restoration of Portuguese Independence

December 8 — Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 25 — Christmas Day

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## Happy Holidays

### *The First Thanksgiving*

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast which is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. This harvest meal has become a symbol of cooperation and interaction between English colonists and Native Americans. Although this feast is considered by many to be the very first Thanksgiving celebration, it was actually in keeping with a long tradition of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a successful bounty of crops. Native American groups throughout the Americas, including the Pueblo, Cherokee, Creek and many others organized harvest festivals, ceremonial dances, and other celebrations of thanks for centuries before the arrival of Europeans in North America. (History.com)



### PHONE LINE

21-770-2122

Our staff takes phone calls from 2 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Outside those hours, we have a recorded Information Line for your convenience.

In case of emergency, you will be connected directly to an Embassy official.

### *Plan B*

When Americans find themselves overseas in late November, they often find themselves going to extreme - and frequently entertaining - lengths to celebrate Thanksgiving. It entails a dedication to tradition, and a willingness to embrace new ones. Here is the tale of Plan 'B':

Our first Thanksgiving in Europe was in 1995, and as a newly minted foreign correspondent, I was determined to reach for great gastronomical heights. But there were complications. The French had turkeys, but they all seemed dismembered: a thigh here, a breast there. No whole birds to be stuffed and basted. And pardon my French, but their turkey always seemed a tad tough. In theory, good old dependable American "Butterballs" could be had, but the only ones we knew about were sold to diplomats at the U.S. Embassy commissary, which was strictly off-limits to journalists.

So we opted for Plan B - "B" as in bunny.

Wandering our local market, we'd always been struck by how succulent the rabbits were, and we knew from my Belgian-born mother-in-law how to stew them until deliciously fork-tender in brown Trappist beer and onions. The only real challenge was whether to pair it with a Chateau Margaux or a Nuits-Saint-Georges. It seemed a foolproof plan. That is, except for the tears. Our kids were just 7 and 5 then, and the tears came hard and fast as we gathered around our feast. I've interviewed prime ministers and presidents on three continents, but the quote seared most deeply in my psyche is this plaintive plea: "Why, Daddy? Why are we eating the Easter Bunny?"

(William J. Kole, Associated Press)



## Important Tips on Traveling to Portugal

### PORTUGAL

**Country Specific Information** is available at [http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1002.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1002.html)



#### ENTRY/EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

Portugal is a party to the Schengen agreement. As such, US citizens may enter Portugal for up to 90 days for tourist or business purposes without a visa. The passport should be valid for at least three months beyond the period of stay.

Portuguese law requires some non-European Union foreign nationals to register with immigration officials within three working days of entering Portugal. This law affects those who transit another Schengen area country by air en route to Portugal and then stay at noncommercial accommodations.

If an American citizen would like to ensure that his or her entry is properly documented, it may be necessary to request a stamp at an official point of entry, or download a "declaração de entrada" from the Portuguese Immigration Service (SEF) website, and submit it to a local SEF office or police station within 3 days of entry.



## Registration with Embassies

**R**egistration at the US Embassy or Consulate makes your presence and whereabouts known, in case it is necessary for a consular officer to contact you in an emergency. For example, American consular officers can facilitate your evacuation should a disaster affect Portugal. Click here to register: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

**R**emember to visit our website to make an appointment for the US Citizen Services or Visa units. It's easy and fast! [Portugal.usembassy.gov](http://Portugal.usembassy.gov)

## Consular Visit to Porto - Map



## Consular Fees

		EUROS	DOLLARS
<b>PASSPORT</b>	<b>ADULT RENEWAL</b>	53.00	75.00
	<b>MINOR RENEWAL</b>	60.00	85.00
	<b>FIRST TIME APPLICANT YOUNG ADULTS LOST/STOLEN/DAMADGE</b>	71.00	100.00
<b>REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD</b>	(Report of Birth Abroad; Passport and Social Security Number)	106.00	150.00
<b>CONSULAR CERTIFICATE/ NOTARY SERVICES</b>	<b>FIRST DOCUMENT</b>	21.00	30.00
	<b>EACH EXTRA ONE</b>	14.00	20.00

**W**e always welcome your thoughts and feedback. Feel free to contact us at [conslibon@state.gov](mailto:conslibon@state.gov).