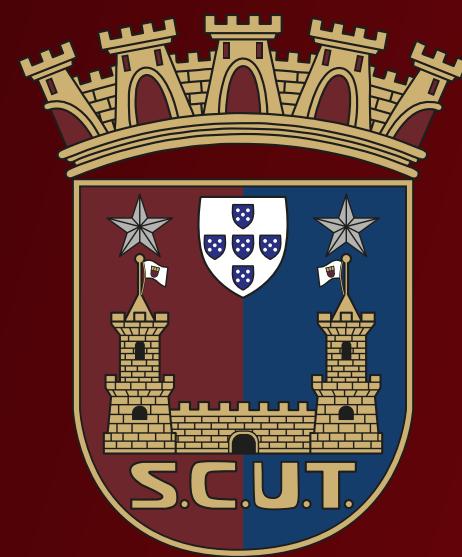




TORREENSE VS SUNDERLAND AFC

AWAY FAN GUIDE

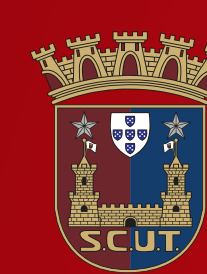
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AWAY DAY SUMMARY



MATCH DETAILS

- **Fixture:** Torreense v Sunderland AFC (UEFA Europa League)
- **Date / KO:** Thursday 15 October 2026, 5:45pm
- **Venue:** Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa, Leiria (capacity c.23,888)
- **Address:** Avenida Bernardo Pimenta, 2400-137 Leiria
- **Away allocation:** 3,990
- **Torreense:** First-ever European home match in their 109-year history, so expect a loud, emotional home crowd.

ACCESSIBILITY

- **Accessible entrance:** Gate 2, right of the ticket office, via the blue door. The Disability Access Officer will be there.
- **Getting there:** Uber or Bolt (accessible and WAV options) recommended. Leiria centre has cobbles, narrow pavements and steep inclines, so book adapted vehicles ahead.
- **Accessible toilet:** right of the food and drink area. Medical equipment guidance still to be confirmed.
- **Contact early:** dao@safc.com

GETTING TO THE STADIUM

- **Base:** Leiria historic centre (Praça Rodrigues Lobo, castle area) is the recommended base.
- **On foot:** Stadium is 20–25 mins (c.1.5km) from the centre and train station. A taxi is quicker.
- **Train / coach:** No direct high-speed rail. Check regional/Intercidades services from Lisbon or Coimbra. Coaches run from Lisbon (1.5–2 hrs) and Porto (2–2.5 hrs).
- **Taxi / ride-hailing:** Uber and Bolt available in Leiria. Parking near the ground is limited on matchday.

WHAT YOU CAN BRING

- **Allowed:** power banks, vapes, cigarettes, lighters, coins, walking sticks.
- Flags up to 2m x 1.5m, with no political, discriminatory or offensive messaging.

WHAT YOU CAN'T BRING

- Bottles, glass, cans, flagpoles, umbrellas, drums, megaphones, air horns, balls,
- Radios, video cameras, long-lens cameras, tools, extinguishers, gas canisters.
- Fireworks, explosives, lasers, knives and arms, darts.
- **Syringes:** if needed for medication, contact the Disability Access Officer in advance.

Entry means accepting FIFA, UEFA and FPF ground regulations. Breaches can mean removal.

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- **Passport:** valid at least 3 months beyond departure from the EU and issued within the last 10 years. UK nationals: up to 90 days visa-free in any 180.
- **Insurance:** strongly recommended. Carry a GHIC/EHIC if you have one.
- **Emergency:** dial 112 (police and ambulance, 24 hrs).
- **Lost passport:** report to local police, then British Embassy Lisbon, +351 21 392 4000.
- **Practical:** Euro (€), contactless widely accepted, EU plug types C/F (230V). Watch for pickpockets around stations.

FOOD & DRINK (IN STADIUM)

- Ham and cheese sandwich roll €3.00, Chorizo bread €4.00, chips €2.50.
- Water €1.50, non-alcoholic beer €2.00, coffee €1.50, soft drinks €2.50, snacks €2–3.

Payment can be cash or card. No alcohol is available to purchase within the stadium.

TICKETS & ID

- **Digital only:** tickets are issued to your online account. No collection needed.
- Bring your passport as ID alongside your digital ticket (UEFA away regulations). Keep both easy to reach.
- **Ticket problems?** Visit the SAFC ticket hub next to the away turnstiles on matchday.

MATCHDAY ENTRY

- **Turnstiles open** c.90 mins before KO (around 4:15pm).
- Gates 1 & 3 for blocks 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 4A & 4D. Check your ticket for your best gate.
- Ticket check and bag search on arrival.
- **Post-match:** possible holdback for away fans. Follow steward instructions.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Fan Engagement, Ticketing, Disability Access and stewarding teams will be in Leiria.

Updates: Fan Information WhatsApp channel and SAFC on X
Supporter Liaison Officer: chris.waters@safc.com
(Subject: Torreense Support)

Accessibility: dao@safc.com | **Ticketing:** asksafc.com

Please represent Sunderland with pride. Ha'Way the Lads!

YOUR FAN ENGAGEMENT & TICKETING TEAM

Sunderland AFC is dedicated to making sure your trip to Portugal is safe and well prepared as we travel for this Europa League away fixture.

Our Fan Engagement Team will be present in Leiria to answer supporter questions, help resolve any problems, and share live updates, staying in close contact with Torreense and the local authorities throughout. They will also be a friendly, recognisable presence for supporters around the area.



CHRIS WATERS

Supporter Liaison Officer



DEBRA CUMISKEY

Disability Access Officer



EMILY JEWITT

Head of Fan Experience

NICOLA ABENDSHINE

Assistant Ticket Office
Manager

NATALIE BELL

Ticket Office Team

GEORGI RUSEV

Ticket Office Manager

YOUR STEWARDING TEAM

Our stewarding team will be on hand throughout the trip to assist supporters and help everything run smoothly, both around the town area and on matchday.



GARY JONES



ROB USHER



DOREEN HULSMEIER



STU USHER



MARTIN ELLIOT



KELLY ALDERSON



BRIAN PORTEOUS



JOE LAMB



HELEN STEVENSON



GEORGE MATTHEWS



ALLAN ROBERTSON



HEATHER MITCHELSON

CONTACT US

Whatever the issue, we are here to help.

We urge all supporters travelling to Portugal to join our dedicated Fan Information WhatsApp channel where we will provide key information and updates that may affect your plans and experience whilst supporting the team.

We will also provide informational updates via our official club channel on X.

To contact us when planning your journey, or whilst overseas, please email Chris Waters, Supporter Liaison Officer on chris.waters@safc.com.

For accessibility information and support, please contact dao@safc.com

For ticketing support, please contact us via www.asksafc.com by submitting a ticketing request.



**JOIN THE WHATSAPP
CHANNEL**



**FOLLOW SUNDERLAND
AFC ON X**



**EMAIL SUPPORTER
LIAISON OFFICER**



**CALL SUPPORTER
LIAISON OFFICER**



**EMAIL OUR
ACCESSIBILITY TEAM**



**CALL DISABILITY
ACCESS OFFICER**



**CONTACT TICKETING
SUPPORT**

TORREENSE GENERAL INFORMATION

Founded in 1917 as Sport União Torreense, the club is based in Torres Vedras, around 30 miles north of Lisbon. Torreense has spent most of its history in Portugal's lower divisions, with two brief spells in the Portuguese top flight in the 1950s.

In May 2026, Torreense produced one of the greatest upsets in Portuguese football history, beating reigning champions Sporting CP 2-1 after extra time in the final of the Taça de Portugal - becoming the first second-tier club ever to win the competition. The victory secured Torreense's first-ever qualification for European football, entering the 2026-27 UEFA Europa League league phase.

The club's own home, the Estádio Manuel Marques in Torres Vedras, holds just 2,431 spectators and doesn't meet UEFA's hosting requirements for European matches. As a result, Torreense will be playing their home Europa League fixtures at the Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa in Leiria, a Euro 2004 venue roughly 60 miles from their own ground.

Leiria itself is a historic cathedral city in central Portugal, roughly midway between Lisbon and Porto, known for its hilltop medieval castle overlooking the Lis river.

This will be Torreense's first-ever European home fixture in the club's 109-year history, so supporters should expect an emotional atmosphere from home fans making the trip from Torres Vedras to cheer on their side's cup-winning heroes.

Given the scale of the achievement that brought them here, Torreense will be determined to enjoy every moment of their European adventure, so expect a passionate and noisy atmosphere at the Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa.



YOUR MATCH TICKET

Digital Tickets

Tickets for this fixture will be issued digitally only. Supporters will receive their tickets directly via their online accounts, so there is no need to collect a paper ticket for this fixture. Full details will be confirmed closer to the date on safc.com.

All supporters will be required to bring passport ID for verification alongside their digital ticket, in line with UEFA regulations for away fixtures.

Ticket & Wayfinding Information

As this is Torreense's first-ever European fixture, ticketing and matchday operations at the Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa are new territory for the club.

All supporters must bring their passport identification alongside their digital ticket, as checks are common at Portuguese and European away fixtures.

Members of the Sunderland AFC fan engagement, ticketing, security, and stewarding teams will be present, as well as support from local Police to answer any questions you may have.

Sunderland AFC Ticket Office

On matchday, a dedicated Sunderland AFC ticket office hub will be located next to the away turnstiles. Members of the SAFC ticket office team will be stationed there throughout the day to support any supporters who experience problems with their tickets.

Whether you have trouble accessing your digital ticket, need help with a query on arrival, or have any other ticket-related concern, please visit the hub and the team will do everything they can to support you in accessing the stadium.



Torreense has asked Sunderland AFC supporters to use the meeting point identified on this image before heading to the turnstiles. Supporters can take a five-minute walk across the car park located next to the stadium to reach the away end turnstiles for entry.



GETTING TO AND FROM THE ESTÁDIO DR. MAGALHÃES PESSOA



TRAIN & BUS

Leiria has a train station on the regional network, around 1.5km (a 20-25 minute walk) from the stadium; a taxi is a quicker option on matchday.

There is no direct high-speed rail link, so check regional/Intercidades services from Lisbon or Coimbra in advance. Direct coaches run from Lisbon (around 1.5-2 hours) and Porto (around 2-2.5 hours) to Leiria’s bus terminal, from where it’s a short taxi ride to the stadium.

Given Leiria’s central location, many supporters may choose to fly into Lisbon or Porto and hire a car or take a coach onward - Lisbon Airport is around 90 minutes to two hours away by road. Allow extra time for your journey given this is a new fixture arrangement for both clubs - check the WhatsApp channel for updates closer to the date.

TAXI & RIDE-HAILING

Taxis and ride-hailing apps are available in Leiria and are a straightforward way to reach the stadium from the city centre or train station. Parking near the ground is available but may be limited on matchday.

ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL IN LEIRIA

The environment of Leiria
Traditional paving: Praça Rodrigues Lobo and the streets immediately leading from it use traditional calçada portuguesa (Portuguese cobblestones). The uneven surface causes strong vibrations and can trap wheelchair front castors.

Narrow, obstructed pavements: On the route from the square to the stadium, older pavements are often extremely narrow, lack dropped kerbs at junctions and may be blocked by street furniture or historic building features. Steep inclines: The historic centre rises around the base of Castle Hill. Travelling over these cobbled gradients requires considerable physical effort.

UBER & BOLT-RECOMMENDED

- Uber or Bolt is the most convenient option for a direct, door-to-door journey.
- **Vehicle options:** Both apps offer specialist categories in Portugal for passengers with reduced mobility. Bolt has an Accessibility category, with drivers trained by the Associação Portuguesa de Deficientes, and an Assist category for passengers using foldable wheelchairs. Uber offers Uber WAV vehicles equipped with ramps or lifts.
 - **Plan ahead:** As Leiria is smaller than Lisbon or Porto, fully adapted WAV vehicles may not always be available. Check the apps in advance and consider a locally adapted taxi coordinated through ANTRAL as a backup.

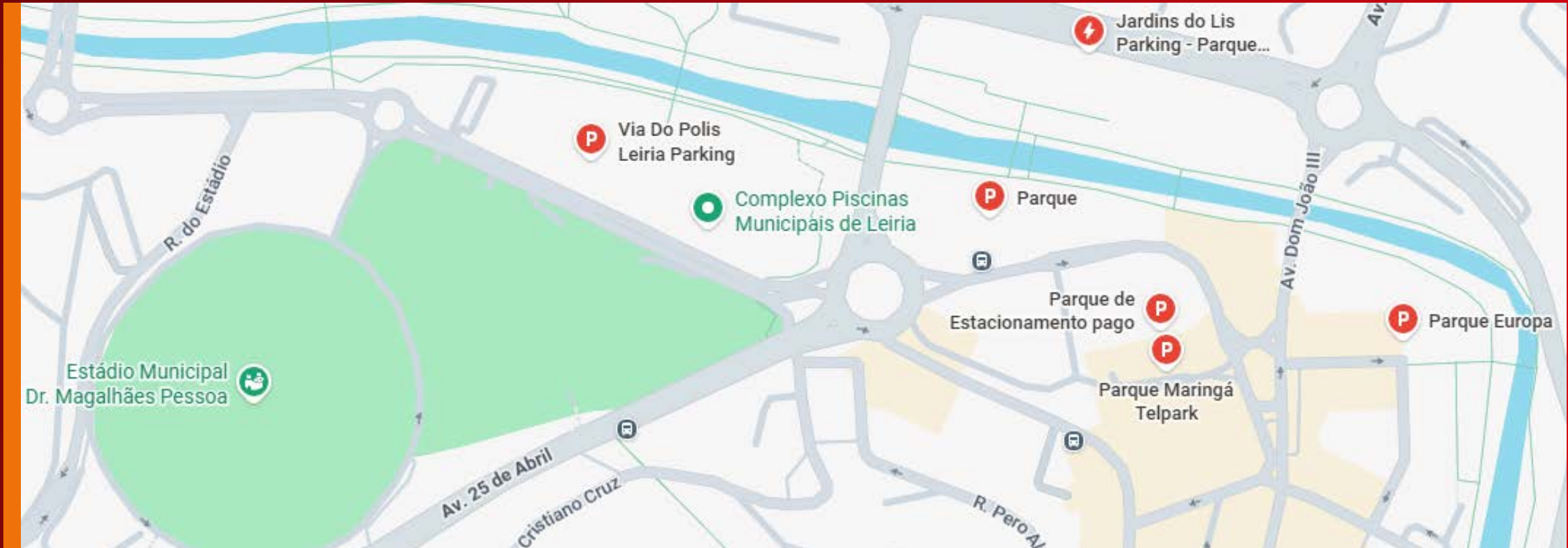
LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Leiria’s local bus network, Mobilis, is affordable and practical but may be less convenient for this journey.
- **Route:** Mobilis Line 2 links the city centre with stops near the stadium, including one close to Escola Domingos Sequeira.
- **Accessibility challenges:** Many newer Mobilis buses have low floors and manual or automatic ramps, but reaching the stop may be difficult. Praça Rodrigues Lobo lies in Leiria’s historic centre, where cobblestones, narrow pavements and the incline towards Castle Hill can make self-propelling or pushing a wheelchair tiring.

CAR PARKS

There are several car parks located next to the stadium. Please refer to the car park signage on arrival on how to book your space.

- **Parque** Via Polis Leiria, 2400-137 Leiria, Portugal
- **Parque Maringá Telpark** Lg. Capitão Salgueiro Maia, 2400-221 Leiria, Portugal
- **Via Do Polis Leiria Parking**
- **Via Do Polis Leiria, 2400-137 Leiria, Portugal**
- **Parque Europa** R. da Europa, 2400-136 Leiria, Portugal
- **Jardins do Lis Parking - Parque estacionamento Publico (Electric Vehicle Charging Station)** Av. Eng. Adelino Amaro da Costa 21 Piso -2, 2415-367 Leiria, Portugal



MATCHDAY INFORMATION

Torreense v Sunderland AFC

Date: Thursday 15 October 2026
Kick-off: 5:45pm local time/5:45pm BST
Venue: Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa (approx. 23,888 capacity)
Address: Avenida Bernardo Pimenta, 2400-137 Leiria, Portugal

Turnstiles are expected to open at approximately 4:15pm. Upon arrival at the away turnstiles there will be a ticket check and bag search before proceeding through. Sunderland supporters will be able to use Porta 1 & Porta 3 to enter the ground. These gates provide access to blocks 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 4A & 4D inside the ground. Please refer to your digital ticket for advice on the best gate to enter.

The Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa has a capacity of around 23,888, significantly larger than Torreense's 2,431-capacity home ground. The away allocation for the fixture is 3,990.

Food and beverage kiosks are open within the stadium, offering standard Portuguese stadium fare (bifanas, hot dogs, snacks, soft drinks). Payment can be cash or card.

There may be a holdback for away supporters after the match to allow home fans to clear the area - please listen for stewarding instructions. Communications on matchday will be via our official club channel on X as well as the dedicated WhatsApp channel.



PROHIBITED ITEMS

If you need to bring a syringe into the stadium with you to administer medication, please contact our Disability Access Officer, who will be able to liaise directly with Torreense. Note that entry to the Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa constitutes acceptance of the stadium’s ground regulations, in line with FIFA, UEFA and FPF (Portuguese FA) rules - breaches can result in removal from the stadium.



WHAT CAN I BRING?

- Power banks, vapes, cigarettes, lighters, coins, and walking sticks are permitted.
- Flags up to 2m x 1.5m are permitted if they do not contain messaging that is political, discriminatory, or offensive.



WHAT CAN'T I BRING?

- Radios
- Long lens cameras
- Video cameras
- Explosive materials
- Fireworks
- Knives and weapons
- Gas canisters
- Darts
- Syringes
- Tools
- Extinguishers
- Flagpoles
- Bottles
- Glass
- Cans
- Megaphones
- Drums
- Air horns
- Balls
- Umbrellas

FOOD & DRINK — IN STADIUM MENU

Food and beverage kiosks will be open. Payment can be cash or card.
No alcohol is available to purchase within the stadium.



Drinks

Still Water	€1.50
Non-alcoholic beer	€2.00
Coffee	€1.50
Soft Drinks (Coca-Cola, Coke Zero)	€2.50



Food

Ham and Cheese Sandwich Roll	€3.00
Chorizo Bread	€4.00
Chips	€2.50

Snacks

Berliner Doughnut	€2.50
Popcorn	€3.00
Chocolate	€2.00
Gummy Bears	€2.00



ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchair spaces for away supporters are provided at the Estádio Dr. Magalhães Pessoa.

It is recommended that wheelchair users arrive via taxi or private transport where possible for ease of access, particularly given this is a new venue arrangement for European fixtures. Should you need any further information please contact our DAO.

Address: Avenida Bernardo Pimenta, 2400-137 Leiria, Portugal

Accessible entrance is via gate 2 to the right-hand side of Ticket Office. Our DAO will be at the entrance to support where required. Supporters will enter via the blue door. Head to the exit point on the left at the end of the wall displaying artwork and move forward pitchside where you will be directed to the wheelchair seats.



Food and Drink

FC Torreense has advised there may be a lower floor food and drink facility. This will be served from the large blue window at the end of the accessible seating. Please note this is not confirmed yet.

Our DAO will be available for guidance on the day.

If this is closed there will also be food and drink areas on the first floor where your companion or our DAO will be able to support with any purchases.



Accessible toilet

The accessible toilet is located to the right of the food and drink area.

If you do have any specific concerns then please contact our Disability Access Officer, who will be able to liaise with Torreense on your behalf to alleviate any concerns.



Medical Equipment

If you need to bring a syringe into the stadium with you to administer medication, please contact our DAO in advance while arrangements are confirmed with Torreense.

TRAVEL ADVICE

As we prepare for this away trip, we'd like to ensure all our travelling supporters are well prepared for their trip to Portugal. Below is essential travel advice to help ensure you have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Passport & Entry Requirements

- Make sure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay. UK nationals can enter Portugal without a visa for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.
- Your passport must be valid for at least three months from your intended departure date from the EU and have been issued within the last 10 years.
- If your passport is lost or stolen, you'll need to apply for an Emergency Travel Document through the British Embassy in Lisbon. Report the loss to local police and keep a copy of the report.

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that all supporters have valid travel insurance for all away European trips. This should cover medical expenses, loss of belongings, and any unforeseen travel disruptions. Always carry a copy of your insurance policy and emergency contact details.

British Embassy - Lost Passport Support

British Embassy Lisbon Address: R. de São Bernardo 33, 1249-082 Lisboa, Portugal

Phone: +351 21 392 4000

Website: www.gov.uk/travel-urgently-from-abroad-without-uk-passport

If you lose your passport:

- Report it to local police and obtain a police report
- Contact the British Embassy to apply for an Emergency Travel Document
- Bring your police report, proof of travel plans, and a passport photo if possible



OTHER KEY INFORMATION

Before you leave your hotel

- Digital ticket downloaded
- Passport with you
- Phone charged / power bank
- Check prohibited-items list
- Joined SAFC WhatsApp channel

Emergency Services in Portugal

In an emergency, dial 112 for Ambulance services or Police (24 hours). Operators often speak English. Always carry your EHIC/GHIC card if you have one, though travel insurance remains essential.

Currency

Portugal uses the Euro (€). You can exchange currency in advance, at airports, or at banks and exchange offices. Contactless and card payments are widely accepted, but it's advisable to carry some cash for smaller transactions or emergencies.

Electrical Devices

Portugal primarily uses plug types C and F (two round pins), with a standard voltage of 230V. Make sure to pack a suitable EU adaptor to charge your phone or other devices.

General Travel & Safety Tips

- Keep your valuables secure and be aware of pickpockets, especially in busy tourist areas and around train and bus stations.
- Make a note of your hotel address and keep a copy of important documents separately from the originals.



WE ARE SUNDERLAND AFC

As we prepare for another away day in Europe, Sunderland AFC would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you making the journey to support the team.

This is a special occasion, not just for the players and staff, but for the entire Sunderland family. Nights like this are built on years of loyalty, passion, and belief from our incredible supporters. Your backing at home and away is always second to none, and we know you'll bring that same pride, passion and noise with you to Leiria.

At the same time, we ask that all supporters remember they are representing Sunderland AFC. Please enjoy the occasion, take in every moment, but do so safely and respectfully towards fellow fans, local staff and the host city of Leiria.

We want this to be a night remembered for all the right reasons, both on and off the pitch. So, let's stand together, sing loud, and help make this another chapter in the story of Sunderland AFC.

Ha'Way the Lads!

