

Discover Porto, The Host City of TIWC 2025

Welcome to Porto, a city where centuries of history meet bold innovation, and where the soul of Portugal comes alive through its architecture, cuisine, and vibrant culture.

As the country's second-largest city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Porto is much more than just a backdrop for TIWC 2025, it's a living example of how tradition and modernity can coexist and thrive. Nestled between the Douro River and the Atlantic Ocean, Porto offers a rich experience for curious minds, cultural explorers, and food lovers alike.

A City of Heritage and Innovation

The story of Porto began long before the country of Portugal was born. Originally called *Cale* by the Celts, the Romans named it *Portus Cale*, from which the name "Portugal" was eventually derived. Today, Porto proudly carries the nickname "Invicta", the undefeated city, due to its historic resilience and revolutionary spirit.

Walk through the cobbled streets of the Ribeira district, take in the views from the iconic Dom Luís I Bridge, or admire the baroque masterpiece of the Clérigos Tower. The past is ever-present, but so is the future.

Porto is a hub for research, knowledge, and creativity, home to the University of Porto, one of the leading academic institutions in Europe, and a growing center for science, technology, and sustainable innovation, the very themes we'll be exploring at TIWC 2025.

Culture, Flavour, and Charm

In 2001, Porto was named the European Capital of Culture, and in recent years, it has consistently been voted Best European Destination. Whether it's your first visit or your tenth, Porto never fails to inspire.

Discover world-class music venues like the Casa da Música, sip a glass of the city's signature Port Wine along the riverbanks, or get lost in a maze of lively streets filled with contemporary art, historic façades, and local eateries.

Porto is not only a beautiful and accessible host city, it's also a symbol of transformation, making it the perfect setting for a global conversation about the future of textiles, sustainability, and circular economy. The warmth of its people, the excellence of its institutions, and the inspiration found in every corner will ensure that your time at TIWC 2025 is both professionally rewarding and personally unforgettable.

Conference Venue

Porto Palácio Hotel & Congress Center, Av. da Boavista 1269, 4100-130 Porto. Venue located in the heart of the Boavista district, one of Porto's most modern and vibrant areas.

Local Information

Time zone: UTC +1 / Western European Summer Time (WEST).

Dial code : +351

Electricity: In Portugal there are two associated plug types: C and F. Portugal operates on 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

Copy shop

There is a copy shop called World of Copy (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/bv1Eitalv9RAvbXn9>) 850 m from the conference venue.

Police station:

(+351) 222 092 000 Comando Metropolitano do Porto | Largo 1º de Dezembro, s/n, 4000-404 Porto

Banks and currency

Currency: Euro = EUR/€

Most banks operate from 8:30 to 15:00. Some branches in the city centre operate longer opening hours. There are cash points (ATM) near the conference.

Coffee shops/cafés, restaurants and breweries

Porto is filled with coffee shops and breweries you can enjoy while your attendance at the Conference.

1. Pastries/bakery and coffee shop

Confeitaria Leblon, Rua do Campo Alegre 229, 4150-169 Porto

Maria Dentada - Jardim Botânico, R. de Gonçalo Cristóvão 2, 4000-263, Porto

Negra Café Boavista, R. de 5 de Outubro 93, 4100-172 Porto

Manteigaria – Fábrica de Pastéis de Nata, R. de Alexandre Braga 24, 4000-049 Porto

2. Restaurants:

Capa Negra II, Rua do Campo Alegre 191, 4150-177 Porto

Madureira's, Rua do Campo Alegre 365, 4150-178 Porto

3. Breweries

Catraio Craft Beer Shop and Bar, R. de Cedofeita 256, 4050-174 Porto

Cervejaria Nortada, R. de Sá da Bandeira 210, 4000-427 Porto

Letraria Porto, Rua da Alegria 101, 4000-042 Porto

Climate and weather

In early October, Porto has mild autumn weather with daytime highs around 20°C and nighttime lows near 12°C. Rainfall increases to about 121 mm over 10–15 days, humidity rises to 79%, and the UV index remains moderate, so expect a mix of sunny and rainy periods.

Medical care

There are multiple Pharmacies around the conference venue. Closest pharmacy: Farmácia Alves da Silva, R. de João de Deus 22, 4100-456 Porto

Hospital/Urgent care: Hospital de Santo António, Largo do Prof. Abel Salazar, 4099-001 Porto | +(351) 222 077 551

Post offices

Ponto CTT: Rua do Campo Alegre 254, 4150-169 Porto
Loja CTT Boavista: Praça de Mouzinho de Albuquerque 74, 4050-428, Porto

Local transport information

OPO Airport: +(351) 229 482 547
Metro do Porto (Subway): <https://en.metrodoporto.pt/pages/418>
STCP (Bus) : +(351) 226 158 15844

Getting Around Porto

Arriving in Porto

Most international delegates will arrive at **Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (OPO)**, located approximately 13 km from the city center. Porto's public transportation system offers a fast and affordable way to reach your accommodation or the conference venue.

From the Airport to the Venue

The easiest and most convenient option is the Metro do Porto.

- Take Line E (Purple) from the airport.
- Disembark at Casa da Música station, from there, it's just a 10-minute walk to the Porto Palácio Hotel & Congress Center.
- The journey takes around 30 minutes.
- Taxis and ride-sharing apps (like Bolt and Uber) are also readily available at the airport.

Getting Around the City

Porto is a very walkable city, with most key sights and restaurants within short distances. Public buses, trams, and metro lines provide excellent coverage throughout the city.

Tip: Consider purchasing an [Andante card](#) for convenient travel across all public transport modes.

Gala Dinner (Transport Provided)

The Gala Dinner will be held at a special venue outside the main conference site. Coaches will be provided for all registered participants to and from the dinner venue. Further details on timing and pick-up location will be shared closer to the event and also available on the official website.