

TRAVEL – IMMIGRATION - HOTELS - SPECIAL EVENTS – TOURIST INFORMATION

Travel to Braga

The nearest airport is Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (Porto). Braga is located approximately 54km north of the airport.

Bus Transportation

Buses depart Porto airport several times daily. Travel time to Braga is approximately 45 minutes and costs \$3 - \$12 (depending on seat selection). The bus station in Braga is near the city center.

<https://www.flixbus.com/>

Train Transportation

High-speed trains depart from Porto-Campanhã station in Porto. You will need to take the Metro from Porto airport to the Porto-Campanhã station; then transfer to a train to Braga. The Metro trip takes approximately 30 minutes; the train trip takes approximately 45 – 60 minutes. Commuter trains cost approximately \$5; there are multiple stops between Porto and Braga. High-speed trains cost approximately \$16 - \$25; there are fewer stops between Porto and Braga. The train station is slightly south of the city center.

<https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en>

Airport Taxi

Airport taxis can be booked in advance and cost approximately \$75.

<https://www.welcomepickups.com/porto/airport-taxi/>

Uber

Uber operates in Porto and Braga. The fare from Porto airport to Braga city center is \$45 – \$53 and can be ordered in advance.

<https://www.uber.com/global/en/r/airports/opo/pickup/>

Visa and Immigration Information

Foreign entry to Portugal depends on citizenship and length of stay but generally requires a valid passport and sometimes a visa.

Travel from the United States

For short stays up to 90 days, U.S. citizens can enter visa-free but must have a passport valid for at least three months beyond their stay and show proof of funds and a return ticket.

Travel from the Schengen Area

Although you do not need to present your national ID card or passport to travel between two countries in the Schengen area, you should bring these documents with you as you may need to present them when traveling by plane, for example.

The countries in the Schengen area are:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

To determine if you need a visa to enter Portugal, please refer to the link below:

<https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/short-stay-visas-schengen/general-information/who-needs-a-visa>

Conference Venue

The conference venue is Forum Braga (Av. Dr. Francisco Pires Gonçalves, 4715-558 Braga, Portugal).



Conference Hotels

The Conference Hotels are:

- **Inside Braga Centro** (Av. Central 107, 4710-310 Braga, Portugal). Room rates for single/double occupancy start at \$146 USD (before taxes).

The Inside Braga Centro is located approximately a 20-minute walk from the Forum Braga. Buses are available every few minutes from Central I to Av. Dr. Francisco Pires Gonçalves for approximately \$2. The trip/walk to the Forum takes 10 – 12 minutes.

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- **The Hotel Parque** (Monte do Bom Jesus- Tenões - 4715-056 Braga, Portugal). Room rates for single/double occupancy start at \$359 USD.

The Hotel Parque is located approximately a 15-minute drive from the Forum Braga. The Uber fare is approximately €6.

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- **Hotel Templo Hotel & SPA** (Monte do Bom Jesus- Tenões - 4715-056 Braga, Portugal). Room rates for single/double occupancy start at \$432 USD.

The Hotel Templo Hotel & SPA is located approximately a 20-minute drive from the Forum Braga. The Uber fare is approximately €6.

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- **Porto Nova Collection House** (R. Dom Diogo de Sousa 6, 4715-039 Braga, Portugal). Room rates for single/double occupancy start at \$121 USD.

The Porto Nova Collection House is located approximately a 10-minute drive from the Forum Braga. The Uber fare is approximately €4.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Victoria Ivashina

**Lovett-Learned Professor of Business Administration
Anne and James F. Rothenberg Faculty Fellow
Harvard Business School**



Victoria Ivashina is the Lovett-Learned Professor of Finance and Head of the Finance Unit at Harvard Business School. She also serves as a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), and a Visiting Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Professor Ivashina co-founded and co-leads Harvard Business School's Private Capital Project and several executive education programs in the private equity area. She also developed the HBS Online Alternative Investments program. Professor Ivashina is a co-author of the books *Patient Capital: The Challenges and Promises of Long-Term Investing* and *Private Equity: A Case Book*.

Alex Edmans

**Professor of Finance; Fellow of the British Academy;
Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences
London Business School**



Alex Edmans is Professor of Finance at London Business School. Alex graduated from Oxford University and then worked for Morgan Stanley in investment banking (London) and fixed income sales and trading (New York). After a PhD in Finance from MIT Sloan as a Fulbright Scholar, he joined Wharton in 2007 and was tenured in 2013 shortly before moving to LBS.

Alex's research interests are in corporate finance, responsible business and behavioural finance. Alex has spoken at the World Economic Forum in Davos, testified in the UK Parliament, presented to the World Bank Board of Directors as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series, and given the TED talk *What to Trust in a Post-Truth World* and the TEDx talks *The Pie-Growing Mindset* and *The Social Responsibility of Business* with a combined 3 million views. Alex's book, *Grow the Pie: How Great Companies Deliver Both Purpose and Profit*, was featured in the Financial Times Best Business Books of 2020 and has been translated into nine languages. He is a co-author of *Principles of Corporate Finance* (with Brealey, Myers, and Allen). His latest book, *May Contain Lies: How Stories, Statistics, and Studies Exploit Our Biases – And What We Can Do About It*, was published by Penguin Random House in 2024.

Alex has won 28 teaching awards, was featured in Thinkers50 Radar, and was named Professor of the Year by Poets & Quants in 2021.

Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner will be held at the beautiful Colunata Eventos (Parque do Bom Jesus, 4715-261 Braga, Portugal) on Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 7:00 pm. Buses will depart the Forum Braga immediately after the conclusion of the Keynote Address.

Additional attendance fee(s) for the Gala Dinner are required.



Closing Reception

The Closing Reception will be held in the gardens of the Ininside Braga Centro hotel (Av. Central 107, 4710-310 Braga, Portugal) on Friday, 12 June 2026.

Additional attendance fee(s) for the Gala Dinner are required.



BRAGA TOURISM

Braga is a city of huge beauty and heritage richness, which combines tradition with innovation, the memory to the youth, creativity to conservatism. With over 2000 years of a very rich history, possesses one of the oldest Sacro-Montes in Europe and is the representative of the Minho region, the Bom Jesus. The oldest Portuguese Cathedral and the Motherhouse of the Benedictines, the Monastery of Tibães is located in Braga.

Braga presents places that by their intrinsic devotion and beauty, impose themselves as mandatory benchmarks to visit. Highlights include the Sanctuary of Sameiro (Santuário do Sameiro), the Bom Jesus and the Falperra. The Roman legacy is another of the attractive factors of Braga, often called 'Portuguese Rome', due to its origin in the Roman city of Bracara Augusta. Known by its distinct churches, splendid XVIII century houses, gardens, nature parks and recreational areas. Braga's long history is visible in the splendor of its monuments, museums and churches.

Visiting Braga is like time traveling inside modernity. Old city and of traditional religiousness – always imposing on its richness and majesty – lives hand in hand with the entrepreneurship and young spirit in vital areas such as culture, commerce, gastronomy, industry and services.

Video View of Braga!

<https://youtu.be/Jf2bX9fuUR8>

Tourist Information

[Visit Portugal!](#)

[A Local's Guide to Braga](#)

Braga Restaurants

The city's restaurant scene offers a vibrant array of dining options that cater to a variety of tastes, making it a paradise for food lovers.

A curated list of Braga restaurants is available [HERE](#).

