



How to entry and fly VFR in Portugal

Flying VFR into Portugal is easy and free.
All you need is a flight plan and some more items.

Intra-community (EU, EEA and Switzerland) flights, excluding non-Schengen flights (to/from United Kingdom, Ireland, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Cyprus), inbound or outbound of aerodromes and ultralight runways, are not subject to authorization.

See: NAV Portugal, VFR Manual <https://www.nav.pt/docs/AIS/vfr-manual-i/normas-de-entrada-tr%C3%A2nsito-e-sa%C3%ADda.pdf?sfvrsn=14>

According to EU regulations flying from Spain is considered an internal flight. There are no border controls.

The use of an 8.33 kHz Radio and a Transponder Mode C are mandatory.

ATC language: EN or PT only!

Free use of ULM airfields listed in VFR Manual. Observe PPR rules, if indicated.

<https://www.nav.pt/ais/vfr-manual/pistas-ul>

In PT, ULM can fly into controlled airspace C class with a flight plan and use the general aviation aerodromes opened to ULM flights (see VFR Manual). Use of aerodromes Class IV, international airports, is not available.

Mandatory documents:

Valid ULM flight certificate or equivalent;

Valid Pilot license;

Insurance valid in PT;

Period of stay: max 90 days. For longer stays, a license from PT CAA: ANAC is needed.

Entry points in Lisboa FIR are described in the following chart in PT AIP*:

<https://www.nav.pt/CD/NAVProtectedData/eAIP/html/index.html>

We advise you to enter in PT using ROSAL entry point (Rosal de la Frontera)

On entry in PT (Lisboa FIR), call: 123.750 MHz: Lisboa Information.

(Lisboa Information is a FIS that follows you up to 5.500 ft in Golf Airspace).

Remember: to fly ULM in Spain you will need a permit, please see:

https://www.seguridadaerea.gob.es/media/4352573/f_dsa_upf_01.pdf

Do not forget: ULM in Spain cannot fly above 1.000 ft AGL and cannot fly into controlled airspace.

*To see the NAV AIP *chart*, you need to get a free login. Then, on AIS, click eAIP.