



2026 Building Trip Info Sheet for Portugal

Thank you for your interest in visiting Portugal with Volunteer Build to assist with converting an old workshop into 6 apartments for refugee families in Braga, Portugal. No prior building experience is required to participate in this trip and well-behaved children over 14 years old travelling with a parent are welcome.

A typical trip programme is attached for your information. The trip starts in Lisbon, Portugal, with a day to recover from jet lag, and visit some of the Lisbon tourist sites. We will then take a train to Porto where our in-country hosts will meet us to transfer us to Braga where we will be based for the week.

The trip finishes on Sunday 7th of June 2026. Team members have the option to join others in Morocco for some R & R and tourism activities (additional cost from \$1,500 pp) for 11 days prior to the Portugal build trip.

Flights & Trip Budget:

Best available economy airfares from Auckland return are around \$3,000 to Lisbon. Different airlines (Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Emirates, Qatar, China Eastern etc.) post sales at different times so you may get cheaper. Volunteers are responsible to organize their own flights to and from Lisbon. This trip is perfect if you already have European/UK travel already booked before or after our dates and want to take a week to build with us. If you are joining us on the optional Morocco trip, you can either meet us in Casablanca, or travel from NZ with your Volunteer Build host.

Meeting Date in Lisbon, Portugal – 30 th May 2026	Costs from
Trip Cost – Early Bird – increases to \$2,200 1 st of Nov 2026	\$2,000
Building Materials Contribution Donation	\$1,000
Trip cost including building materials contribution	\$3,000

Costs are based on an exchange rate of US\$0.55 to NZ\$1. Pricing is subject to change with movements in currency and supplier price changes.

Accommodation:

Share twin with same gender or your spouse/child in 3-star hotels and share twin in Braga guesthouse.

Transport: Hire vans with local drivers, Train

Building Donation: Each volunteer contributes NZ\$1,000 to the building fund on current exchange rate. A receipt will be provided which may qualify for up to a 33% (\$333) donation credit on your NZ tax.

Vaccinations: You will need to consult your doctor, however common vaccinations required are Tetanus, Diphtheria, MMR, Hepatitis A & B, flu vaccination. Remember it's not just you who needs protection – it's the Portuguese kids and families you interact with as

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well. All team members must be vaccinated to travel on this tour and provide confirmation to us prior to departure. More information will be provided in the full pre-trip briefing.

Visas: For NZ passport (ensure expiry date is longer than 6 months after your return to NZ), no visas are required.

Travel insurance is compulsory and must include coverage for manual labor/building. Volunteer Build offers a Covermore policy. Once your application has been accepted, we will email you a quote.

To register for the Trip: log onto <https://volunteerbuild.com/portugal> and complete the online registration form.

What is covered in the Trip Cost?

- Accommodation in Portugal on our core trip dates with Daily Breakfast
- 7 Lunches and 7 Dinners
- Van transport & driver
- Train ticket from Lisbon to Porto
- Drinking water on build site
- Dedicated trip guide
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What is not covered in the Trip Cost?

- Vaccinations
- Entrance visas and departure taxes
- Travel Insurance
- Lunch and Dinners
- Bottled water, drinks and snacks
- Optional Excursions – more info on optional excursions will be in the Pre-Trip Brief

PURPOSE OF VOLUNTEER HOUSEBUILDING in PORTUGAL:

1. **To provide an in depth and meaningful experience for foreigners visiting Portugal.**
Team members will experience not only the tourist attractions but will come to understand and befriend Portugal - including the poorest.
2. **To educate volunteers about poverty and the issues involved** – receive an education in the causes of poverty, the results of poverty and solutions to poverty.
4. **The families chosen are some of the poorest in their communities as well as being role models** for their courage and faith in their own ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds.



Morocco Pre Build Add on Package

from \$1,750 pp to \$2,000 twin share – depending on G Adventure Trip Price

Join us before the Portugal Build on a bucket list trip to Morocco. We can have our own private trip if we have 10 travelers otherwise we will be part of a group of up to 14.

Flights: Either meet us in Casablanca or travel on same flights as your VB host.

Accommodation: Share twin with same gender or spouse.

Transport: Hire vans with local drivers, train, camel

Vaccinations: You will need to consult your doctor, however common vaccinations required are Tetanus, Diphtheria, MMR, Hepatitis A & B, typhoid, flu vaccination. Dogs infected with rabies are commonly found in Morocco. The CDC advises that if rabies exposures occur while in Morocco, rabies vaccines are typically available throughout most of the country.

Visas: For NZ passport (ensure expiry date is longer than 6 months after your return to NZ), no tourist visa is required.

Travel insurance is compulsory, and dates would be added to your Portugal build policy.

Covered in the Trip Cost:

- 11 days including 8-day G Adventure Morocco Kasbahs & Desert (<https://www.gadventures.com/trips/morocco-kasbahs-and-desert/7024/>) or similar.
- 11 breakfasts, 1 Dinner, 1 Lunch
- Airport Transfers (Morocco x 2 & Lisbon x 1)
- 3 additional hotel nights (1 Casablanca, 1 Marrakesh, 1 Lisbon) twin share
- Trip hosting

What's not covered in the Trip Cost

- Flights to Casablanca
- Flights to Lisbon from Marrakesh
- Travel Insurance
- Vaccinations
- Lunch and Dinners not specified
- Bottled water, drinks and snacks
- Any optional Excursions