

# EVS in Peniche

## Location

The City of Peniche is situated on the west coast of Portugal with nice beaches and at 90km from the capital, Lisbon. The economy is based on the fishing and tourism. It's close to "Óbidos" a medieval village and there is a natural reserve, Berlengas that is an island. The city of Peniche has around 15000 inhabitants; it's a calm and touristic place.

There are connections to the others cities by bus. We have a museum, a library, and during the summer there are some activities outside - concerts, theatre shows...

Economically the city lives from the fish and the services that are connected with this area.





## Climate

Peniche has its own microclimate! In the summer it is never too hot, around 23°-27°. 10 minutes further inside in the country you have 10°-15° higher temperatures. Usually there is also a lot of wind in Peniche. The coldest months are December and January with around 3°-5° in the night. You should be aware of that Portuguese houses are not properly prepared for winter, so no central heating. But most houses have electrical heaters and lots of warm blankets.

## Food

These are some typical meals:  
"Amigo de Peniche" (sweet)



Bacalhau (fish)



Caldo Verde (soup)



Carne de porco Alentejana (porc meat)



Castanhas (Chestnuts)



Caracois (snails)



## Festivals and free days

Especially during the summer period, there are plenty of festivals to visit around the neighborhood. The most important that takes place in **Peniche**:

- *Festa de Nossa Senhora de Boa Viagem*: 02 August

During February and March there are carnivals all over the country. The biggest ones are in **Funchal, Loulé, Nazaré, Ovar** and **Torres Vedras**.

In May, there is a big party in the university town Coimbra to celebrate the end of the academically year.

13 of May there is the first biggest pilgrimage to the holy place in **Fátima**.

If you like dancing you can go to **Sines** in August for the *Festival Músicas de Mundo* (world music festival). In **Lisboa** there is “Rock in Rio” and in **Porto** there is *Fantasorto* (international Film festival).

#### “Feriados” (days off) in Peniche:

1. January: *Ano Nova* (New Year)
25. April: *Dia da Liberdade* (the Freedom Day)
1. May: *Festa do trabalho* (Employers Holiday)
10. June: *Dia de Portugal* (Day of Portugal)
2. August: *Festa de Nossa Senhora de Boa Viagem*
15. August: *Assunção* (assumption)
5. October: *Heróis da Republica* (Republic Holiday)
1. November: *Todos os Santos* (the Day of Saints)
1. December: *Dia da Independência* (the Independence Day)
8. December: *Imaculada Conceição* (the Day of Conception without Sin)
25. December: *Natal* (Christmas)



## Bars, restaurants, “pastelarias”, supermarkets

In Peniche you will find many bars, from small ones to touristic ones and outside of Peniche at *Baleal* you have bars on the beach where you can find many surfers!

“Pastelarias” are every ten meters. There you can eat delicious sweets and enjoy espresso.

In the center you have some small supermarkets and outside of the center there a bigger supermarkets, such as “Pingo doce” and “Mini preço”.

## Things to visit in and near Peniche

- The fortress of Peniche



10' walk from the apartment

- Berlengas (natural reserve)



How to get there? – by boat (18 EUR)

- Obidos (medieval village)



How to get there? – By car it takes 15'

- Lisboa (capital)



How to get there? - By bus 1 ½ h (10 EUR)

## Working place:

ATL „O farol“

### What is the time-schedule?

Summer: 9h-12h/14h-18h

Rest the year: 11h50/13h30 – 15h30/19h

### Who am I working with?

Social workers and animators

Children from 5-12 years

During the summer there are about 50 children and school time about 25 or less.

### What will I do?

Help the animators to prepare games and activities for the children like sportive, artistic, cooking and musical activities.



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### **What can I do to learn Portuguese?**

Two hours a week we propose a Portuguese lesson with a private teacher. You will work with the book “Aprender Português”.



## **Accommodation:**

Address:

Rua Francisco Sá Carneiro nº18  
2520 Peniche

The apartment is equipped with 1 kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 1 small living room, 2 bathroom.  
Wi-Fi + TV included (+bed sheets & towels)

### **Rules of the house:**

- Keep the room/house clean;
- Only for the volunteers sleep, family or friends are not allowed;
- Keep the silence since 23 pm;

## **Pharmacy, post, banc and info numbers**

In the center you can find many pharmacies and *Multibanco*. The post office is very close to the apartment. For receiving post it is easier to indicate the address of the association, they will pass you the post.

Address:

c/o Associação juvenil de Peniche  
Rua Dr.João Matos Bilhau nº28, Apart. 45  
2524-909 Peniche

### **Numbers to know:**

SOS - 112  
Fire - 60 60 60

Ambulance - 301 77 77  
The code of Portugal – 00351

## **Check- list:**

- Warm clothes against rain if you come in the winter time
- Sportive clothes
- Beach staff
- Small bag for travelling
- All important documents (+driving license if you have one)
- Dictionary
- Motivation and dynamism!!!!!!

**For further information:**

<http://www.cm-peniche.pt/> (webpage of the Town Hall)