



NOTTINGHAM FOREST

AWAY SUPPORTER GUIDE



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YOUR FAN ENGAGEMENT & TICKETING TEAM

Nottingham Forest is committed to ensuring that your journey to Braga will be a well-informed, memorable, and safe experience for all our fans as we embark on our fourth and final UEFA Europa League away fixture of the league phase.

Our dedicated Fan Engagement Team will be on hand in the city of Braga to handle any supporter queries, assist with issues, and provide real-time updates and information through close two-way communication with SC Braga and the local authorities, as well as providing recognisable and friendly faces for you in key locations throughout the city.



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YOUR STEWARDS



Nottingham Forest travelling stewards will also be on hand in and around Utrecht, at the ticket collection point, and the away sector of the Stadion Galgenwaard, to assist our supporters with any issues or queries they may have.



Mark



David



Mark



Neville



Dariusz



Janet

CONTACT US

Whatever the issue, we are here to help.

We urge all supporters travelling to Braga to join our dedicated Fan Information WhatsApp channel where we will provide key information and updates that may affect your plans and experience whilst supporting the team in Portugal. You can join the WhatsApp channel by clicking the button on the right.

We will also provide informational updates via @NFFCServices on X, and you can follow the account by clicking the button to the right.

To contact your Supporter Liaison Officer when planning your journey, or whilst overseas, please email alex.tatner@nottinghamforest.co.uk, or call the Supporter Liaison team on +44 7729 090 881.

The club recommends that you save this number to your phone ahead of travelling to Portugal.

For accessibility information and support, please contact accessibility@nottinghamforest.co.uk

For ticketing support, please contact ticket.office@nottinghamforest.co.uk



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CHANNEL**



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**EMAIL SUPPORTER
LIAISON OFFICER**



**CALL SUPPORTER
LIAISON OFFICER**



**EMAIL OUR
ACCESSIBILITY TEAM**



**CONTACT TICKETING
SUPPORT**

SC BRAGA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sporting Clube de Braga were founded in 1921 and have grown into one of Portugal's most competitive and progressive clubs. Traditionally seen as just outside the country's 'big three' (Benfica, Porto and Sporting CP), Braga have spent the last two decades consistently challenging that hierarchy and establishing themselves as a regular presence in European competition.

SC Braga reached the final of this competition back in 2011, where they were narrowly defeated by domestic rivals Porto in a 1-0 defeat in Dublin. Despite having never won the Portuguese top division in their history, they have gone on to win five domestic cups since the 2011 defeat to Porto and currently sit seventh in the League Phase table, their only defeat coming in a 4-3 away defeat in Belgium to Genk.

Nicknamed 'Os Arsenalistas' due to their red-and-white colours inspired by Arsenal, SC Braga are known for their strong youth development and attacking style of play. Their home, the Estádio Municipal de Braga, is one of the most distinctive stadiums in Europe with it being carved into a former quarry and set against a dramatic rock face. With a capacity of just over 30,000, Estádio Municipal is the seventh largest stadium in Portugal. Nicknamed A Pedreira (The Quarry), for the above reasons, the stadium was built in 2003 as a venue for the UEFA EURO 2004.

Located in the North of Portugal, the city of Braga is one of the country's oldest and most characterful cities. Often referred to as the "Rome of Portugal", Braga's roots stretch back over 2,000 years to Roman times, when it was known as Bracara Augusta. Today, the city is famous for its historic churches, lively café culture, and passionate football following. The city centre is compact and although has adequate and affordable public transport, many supporters may find it easier to stay on foot when exploring.





FAN MEETING POINT

There is no dedicated fanzone for this fixture as there was in Utrecht, however after communication from the host club, Nottingham Forest fans have been recommended to head to 'Rua Campo Parretas' which can be located along 'Praça Conde de Agrolongo' - the nearby area has plenty of bars and restaurants that will welcome supporters. This is the area visiting team supporters in UEFA competitions typically congregate before fixtures with SC Braga. There will be a police presence from Braga, along with Nottinghamshire Police, and the host club have mentioned to expect a friendly atmosphere where fans will mix within the city.



The walk from the above meeting point to the stadium is approximately 20 minutes (1.5km), largely downhill on the way to the stadium and then uphill on the way back post-match.

The walk from Braga train station to the meeting point is just over 10 minutes (1km).

At the time of publication, we have been informed that there are **no plans for any mandatory transport or police escort to the stadium**. Nottingham Forest supporters are currently free to travel to the stadium as they please. Should this change, communications will be via the [@NFFCServices](#) X account as well as the dedicated WhatsApp channel ([join here](#)).



MATCHDAY INFORMATION

SC Braga v Nottingham Forest

Date: Thursday 22 January 2026

Kick-Off: 8pm WET (no time difference to UK)

Venue: Braga Municipal Stadium,
Braga, Portugal

What3Words: receive.enforced.imply

Turnstiles will open from **6pm WET, two hours before kick-off.**

Smoking and vaping is permitted inside the stadium. Alcohol will not be served to Forest supporters in the away sector, as per Portuguese law.

The stadium accepts both cash and card payments.

SC Braga have informed us that there is expected to be a 30–40-minute holdback for Nottingham Forest supporters after the game. They have however assured us that all concourse kiosks and toilets will be fully accessible during this period for supporters to use as per UEFA regulations.

Seating for the away sector is allocated for all supporters with details on the physical ticket that will be collected. More information on this for supporters with accessibility queries can be found on **'PAGE 13 – ACCESSIBILITY.'**

AWAY SECTION AND STADIUM ACCESS

All Nottingham Forest supporters should head to car park P3 at the Municipal Stadium, which can be located behind the West Stand or '**Bancada Poente**' as it's called locally.

The exact location for this can be put into the app, What3Words, for the precise location - **receive.enforced.imply** – and as mentioned, supporters are free to make their own way to the ground.

The entrance for supporters in wheelchairs is detailed below and all those with **standard away sector tickets will access the stadium through gates 14.** Nottingham Forest supporters who have **Category 1 tickets will access the stadium through gate 15** and should look for SC Braga stewards in car park 3 who will be on hand to direct and signpost.

SC Braga have informed us that supporters will be required to show a form of photo ID (passport or driving licence) to enter the stadium on matchday. There will be body searches before entering turnstiles.





WHAT CAN I BRING INTO THE STADIUM

To ensure a smooth entry into the stadium, please note the items on the graphic are not permitted.
We have also been informed that portable chargers and battery packs are prohibited.



Vapes and
E-cigarettes



Flags (no maximum size) –
must not display offensive
content or harm the
reputation of either club



Smaller than
30cm x 20cm



WHAT CAN'T I BRING INTO THE STADIUM

The following items **will not** be permitted inside the stadium:



Alcohol or
illegal drugs



Guns, knives
or other weapons



Umbrellas



Helmets or
face coverings



Glass
bottles



Fireworks



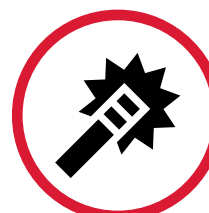
Animals



Aerosols



Laser
pointers



Flares, Smoke
bombs or
Pyros



Megaphones



NO Racism



Professional
Cameras



Bottled
liquid of any
description

SC Braga have also informed us that any items denied entry at turnstiles can be left with them in a secure location for the duration of the fixture. Supporters will receive a ticket, which they can then use to collect their items when exiting the ground.

Nottingham Forest is unable to take any responsibility for items/valuables left with opposition staff during our European campaign, and supporters are encouraged to keep valuables such as phones and passports on their persons in all circumstances.





IN STADIUM MENU

Both cash and card payments are accepted inside the stadium.

Please note, alcohol will not be on sale in the away sector for this fixture.

DRINKS

Non-alcoholic beer	€2
Soft drink cans	€2
Coffee	€1
Bottled water (500ml)	€1.50

FOOD

Hotdog	€5
Steak Roll	€4.50
Breaded chicken roll	€5
Bread roll with chorizo	€3.50
Crisps	€2
Chocolate bar	€2
Popcorn	€4





COLLECTING YOUR TICKETS

AWAY TICKET COLLECTION POINT

In line with UEFA recommendations, the club will be imposing a mandatory ticket collection point for this fixture, and all UEFA Europa League away fixtures.

ALL supporters will be required to bring passport ID to collect their tickets, failure to do so will mean that you will not be able to collect your ticket. Any other form of ID will **not** be accepted, only passport ID.

ALL members of your group must be present to collect their tickets, you will not be able to collect tickets on behalf of another person within your group, and all supporters will be required to collect individually irrespective of age or disability. Each respective individual will be required to collect their assigned ticket – **under no circumstances will multiple tickets be given to one individual.**

Location:
Basic Braga by Axis, Largo da Estação 30,
4700-223 Braga,
Portugal (outside Braga train station).

Opening Times:
Wednesday 21 January: **2pm - 9pm**
Thursday 22 January: **9am - 5pm**

Collection point wayfinding instructions:

1. The entrance and exit to the ticket collection point is located underneath the “Basic Hotel” sign, which is **not** the entrance to the actual hotel.



2. Supporters will enter via the door on the right, which leads immediately to the ticket collection point, before leaving via the door on the left, on the right as you exit.



3. There will be Nottingham Forest stewards present to ensure that the flow of the queue is managed, whilst there will be queue barriers, alongside security.
4. The ticket collection booth will have several positions. Each individual will be required to collect their ticket with passport ID, with one person per position being permitted to approach, with Nottingham Forest staff members facilitating collection.
5. Once a ticket has been collected, supporters will be directed to the door for exit, which will lead back outside.

Paper tickets will be issued via the ticket collection point. Each ticket will be enveloped for collection individually. Please be advised that there is no facility to reprint a lost or damaged ticket, and supporters are advised to store their ticket safely on their person prior to entry at the stadium.

If any individual attempts to collect a ticket that isn't assigned to them, the assigned ticket holder will be removed from the Away Ticket Scheme without appeal and will receive at least the minimum sanction outlined **HERE**.

The ticket collection point is fully accessible for disabled supporters, including wheelchair users.



GETTING TO THE GROUND

From the recommended fan meeting point to the stadium, most supporters may choose to either walk or take a taxi to the stadium. The walk is generally downhill from the city centre to the ground.



WALKING

The walk from the recommended meeting point to the stadium is approximately 20 minutes (1.5km), largely downhill on the way to the stadium and then uphill on the way back. The walk from Braga train station to the meeting point is just over 10 minutes (1km).



TAXI

It's approximately a six-minute drive from the meeting point to stadium if supporters were to choose to book a taxi. Uber is also available in Braga.



TRAIN

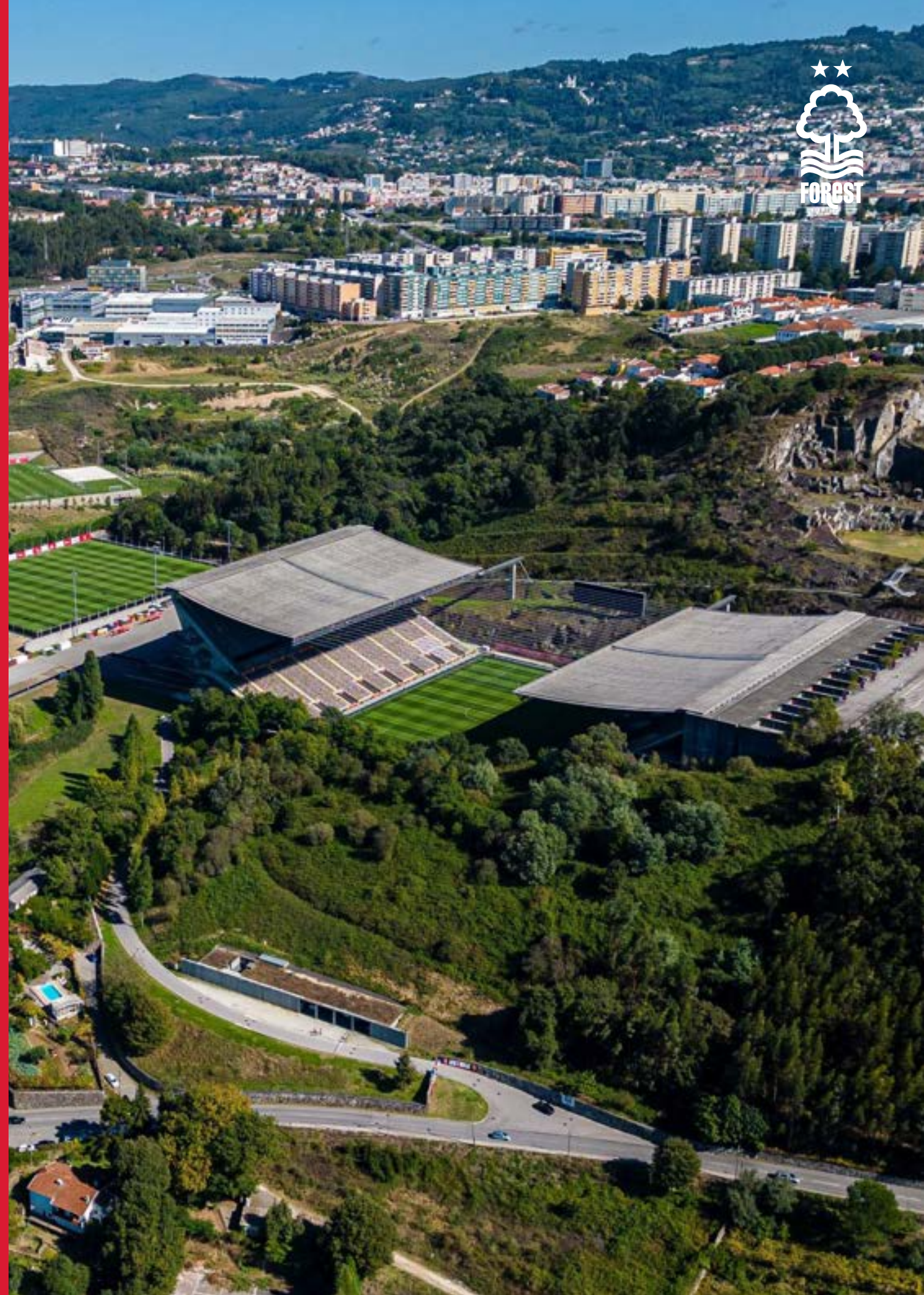
The closest train station to the stadium is Braga station.

Braga is located approximately 50km north from Porto and is easily reachable by train from one of Porto's railway stations, São Bento or Campanhã, with a journey taking approximately 1 hour. A single ticket costs around 3.55EUR.

From Lisbon, Braga is approximately 364km north and is also easily reachable by train. The fastest train journey duration is around 3 hours and 30 minutes with a single ticket costing around 30 to 40EUR.

POST-MATCH

SC Braga have informed us that there is expected to be a 30–40-minute holdback for Nottingham Forest supporters after the game. SC Braga have however assured us that all concourse kiosks and toilets will be fully accessible during this period for supporters to use as per UEFA regulations.





ACCESSIBILITY

Ambulant disabled supporters should note that a taxi to the ground from the city centre is recommended due to the incline around the stadium on roads and paths.

The away sector for this fixture is reserved seating, unlike our recent trip to FC Utrecht.

There are 96 steps to the first ticket check, with a further 27 steps from the entry point to the upper concourse. There is no lift access up to the first ticket check.

Gate 14 will be the entrance point for supporters with ambulant requirements (**which is accessed via the 96 steps**), whilst wheelchair users will access using **Gate 16** which is accessed via **car park P3**.

There are drop off bays for taxis escorting wheelchair disabled supporters in **car park P3**.

Wheelchair users access Gate 16 via a wheelchair lift down the steps (see image below), which leads to the upper concourse for the home section, where they must then make their way immediately to the left where the upper concourse for the away section can be accessed upon displaying ticket at the door that separates the two upper concourses.



Please be advised that the upper concourse has no toilets or bars, however, there is lift access from this upper concourse to the main concourse halfway down the away section, which has a big bar and accessible toilets. The wheelchair platform itself is on the upper concourse at the back of the away section.

For any queries or concerns, please contact accessibility@nottinghamforest.co.uk as soon as possible.





TRAVELLING TO PORTUGAL

As our historic return to a European competition continues, we'd like to ensure all our travelling supporters are well prepared for their trip to Portugal. Below is essential travel advice to help you enjoy a safe and well-informed trip to the historic city of Braga.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that all supporters have valid travel insurance for all our away European trips. This should cover medical expenses, loss of belongings, and any unforeseen travel disruptions. Always carry a copy of your insurance policy and emergency contact details.

PASSPORT & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Make sure your passport is valid for the duration of your stay. UK nationals can enter Portugal without a visa for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.

Your passport must be valid for at least three months from your intended departure date from the EU and have been issued within the last 10 years.

Important:

In the event your passport is lost or stolen, you'll need to apply for an Emergency Travel Document through the British Embassy in Lisbon (details below). Report the loss to local police and keep a copy of the report.

BRITISH EMBASSY & LOST PASSPORT SUPPORT

British Embassy Lisbon

Address:

R. de São Bernardo 33, 1249-082 Lisboa, Portugal

Phone: +351 21 392 4000

Website: [www.gov.uk/travel-urgently-from-abroad-without-uk-passport /](https://www.gov.uk/travel-urgently-from-abroad-without-uk-passport/)

British Embassy Lisbon - GOV.UK

If you lose your passport:

- Report it to the local police and obtain a police report.
- Contact the British Embassy to apply for an Emergency Travel Document.
- Bring your police report, proof of travel plans, and a passport photo if possible.

Note:

Emergency Travel Documents are issued in Lisbon, but you may be able to arrange collection at a more convenient location. Call ahead for assistance.





TRAVELLING TO PORTUGAL

EMERGENCY SERVICES IN PORTUGAL

In an emergency, dial 112 for an option of the Ambulance services or Police (24hours). Operators often speak English.

For non-emergency medical help, you can visit a local hospital or health centre. Always carry your EHIC/GHIC card if you have one, though travel insurance remains essential.

CURRENCY

Portugal use the Euro (€).

You can exchange currency in advance, at airports, or at banks and exchange offices in Portugal. Contactless and card payments are widely accepted, but it's advisable to carry some cash for smaller transactions or emergencies.

ELECTRICAL DEVICES

Portugal primarily uses the European plug **type F** (two round, parallel pins and two earthing clips on the sides of the plug, which fit into corresponding clips in the socket) and also **type C** (two round pins) with a standard voltage of 230V.

Make sure to pack a suitable EU adaptor to charge your phone or other devices.

GENERAL TIPS, LOCAL LAWS AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCE

- Keep your valuables secure and be aware of pickpockets, especially in busy areas in the city. Lisbon is especially bad for pickpockets if you are spending any time there.
- Make a note of your hotel address and keep a copy of important documents separately from the originals.

For further information, please see the official UK Government travel advice here: [Portugal travel advice - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/travel-advice/portugal)





WE ARE NOTTINGHAM FOREST

As we prepare for another historic night in Europe, Nottingham Forest would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you making the journey to support the team in our first campaign back in a major European competition for 30 years.

This is yet another special occasion – not just for the players and staff, but for the entire Forest family. Nights like this are built on years of loyalty, passion, and belief from our incredible supporters. Your backing at home and away is always second to none – and we know you'll bring that same pride, passion and noise with you to Portugal, just like you did in Spain, Austria and The Netherlands.

At the same time, we ask that all supporters remember they are representing Nottingham Forest Football Club. Please enjoy the occasion, take in every moment, but do so safely and respectfully – to fellow fans, local staff, and the host city of Braga.

We want this to be a night remembered for all the right reasons – both on and off the pitch. So, let's stand together, sing loud, and help make this another historic chapter in the story of Nottingham Forest.

Come on you Reds!

