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# RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL PORTUGAL 26

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RUGBY YOUTH  
FESTIVAL IN  
EUROPE IS BACK



# PASSION FOR RUGBY

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** is Europe's premier international youth rugby event, welcoming clubs, academies, colleges, and school teams from around the world. Since its inception, it has hosted over **40,000 YOUNG ATHLETES** from more than **1,720 TEAMS ACROSS 28 COUNTRIES**.

Held at the Estádio Universitário de Lisboa, with **8 PITCHES** and over **300 MATCHES IN JUST 2 DAYS**, the festival transforms Lisbon into a dream playground for young rugby players.

We take pride in our excellent organization and high standard of play. The event offers international visitors the opportunity to enjoy Portugal's rugby spirit, warm hospitality, cultural charm, and have a chance to experience global competition.

More than just a tournament, it's a celebration of rugby, uniting teams of all levels in a shared passion for the sport. Interest continues to grow each year, reflecting the festival's expanding international appeal.



# GREAT MEDIA COVERAGE THE MAYOR OF LISBON



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# GIRL POWER

In 2018, the festival proudly introduced a girls' competition, which was met with great success! Since then, we have hosted teams from the **NETHERLANDS, IRELAND, ENGLAND, SPAIN, CANADA, USA** and **NEW ZEALAND**. Our dedication remains strong as we look forward to 2026 and beyond.



# ENJOY LISBON, ENJOY PORTUGAL

Lisbon is celebrated as **EUROPE'S LEADING CITY DESTINATION IN 2024**. The city has also garnered numerous accolades, including the **WORLD'S LEADING SEASIDE METROPOLITAN DESTINATION IN 2022** and **EUROPE'S LEADING CITY BREAK DESTINATION** in 2017-2020 and 2022.



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## SAFETY

Safety is always a major concern when travelling, especially with children. Portugal, however, stands out as one of the safest destinations. According to the 2024 Global Peace Index, Portugal is the world's 7<sup>th</sup> safest country, ranking just behind Iceland, Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand, Austria, and Singapore.

## MODERNITY

The heart of Lisbon is vibrant with wide avenues, green trees, modernist buildings, mosaic decorations, and numerous cafes. The city is undergoing a renaissance, making it one of the trendiest cities in the world.

## CULTURE

Lisbon's cultural scene is a dynamic mix of the old and the new. The echoes of its grand past blend seamlessly with contemporary venues, creating a unique cultural experience.

## WEATHER

Portugal enjoys a temperate climate year-round, with long hot summers, warm spring and autumn months, and mild winters. Being located along the Atlantic coast, Lisbon benefits from this pleasant climate.



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## ATTRACTI0NS

The capital city is rich in history and easy to explore. Wander through the historic neighbourhoods of Alfama, Mouraria, and Graça, or visit the ancient St. Jorge's Castle for stunning city views. Belem, the launching point for Portugal's great maritime explorers, is another must-see area filled with impressive sights.

## FRIENDLINESS

Portugal is known for its friendly people. Locals are hospitable and enjoy being good hosts. Most speak excellent English and are eager to assist tourists.

## EASY ACCESS

Lisbon is only two hours from most Western European cities, with numerous low-cost flight connections to the main airport. The tournament venue is conveniently located just 5 km from Lisbon International Airport and close to many accommodation options.

## LEISURE

The city offers a fantastic atmosphere with endless activities. From ancient and modern architecture to interesting monuments and exciting tourist activities like Bus, Tuk Tuk, and Sailing Tours, there is always something to do. High-end shopping centres and vibrant city life make it a must-see destination for those wanting to experience the Southern European lifestyle at its best.



# HOW TO GET TO LISBON

## LISBON

Direct flights to Lisbon International Airport from Europe, Africa, America and Asia are available from more than 110 different destinations. The airport is located in the heart of Lisbon making the route from the airport to the existing accommodations servicing the Festival, not taking much longer than 20 minutes by bus.

## OPORTO

Flying to Oporto, with 84 destinations from Europe and the rest of the world is also a great way to get to the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival. Oporto, the World's Leading Seaside Metropolitan Destination in 2024 is only 3 hours away by bus to Lisbon on first class highways.

## FARO

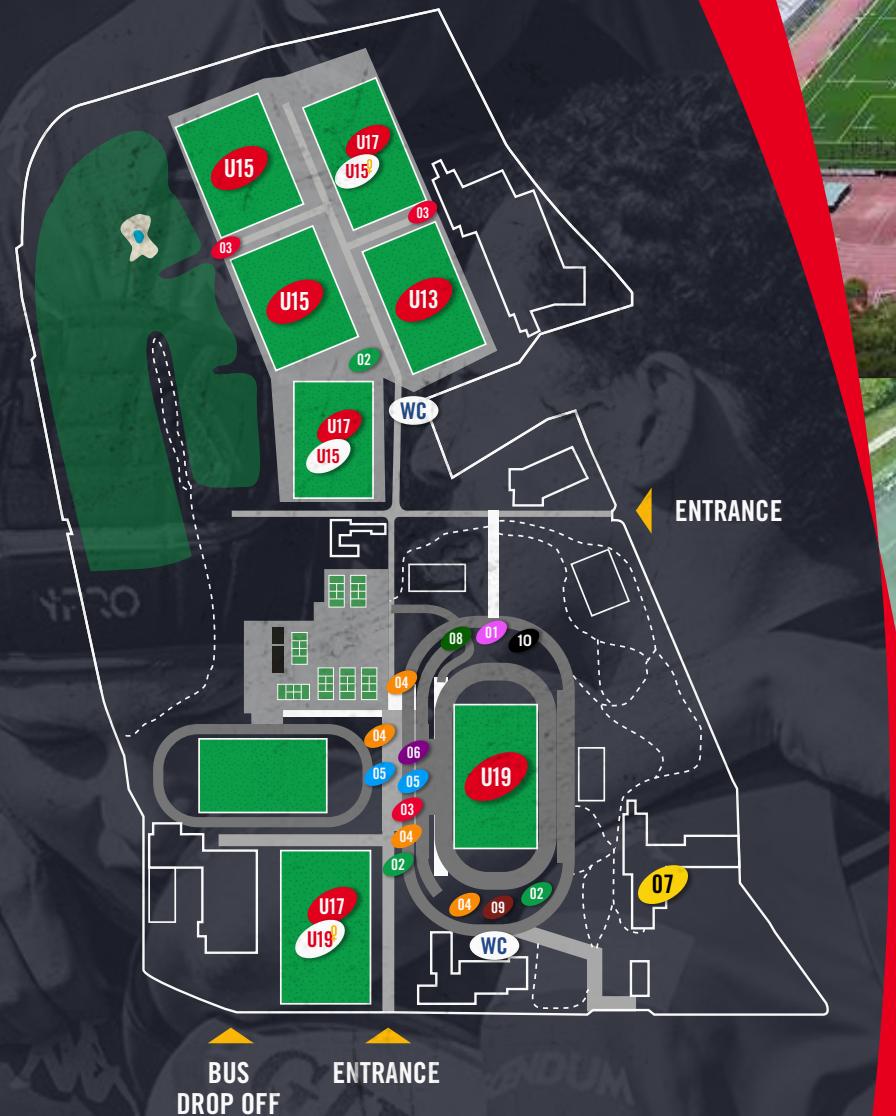
With more than 68 destinations, flying to Faro Airport, is an excellent option to get to the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival with cheaper prices in the flights. Enjoy the beautiful beaches in the Algarve and combine with the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival. Faro is less than 2h30 by bus on modern highways to Lisbon, and we can provide a good accommodation next to the beach or just a transfer to Lisbon!



# TOURNAMENT FACILITIES

Lisbon, particularly the **ESTÁDIO UNIVERSITÁRIO DE LISBOA**, offers unparalleled conditions for playing rugby. It has hosted prestigious international events such as the **WORLD RUGBY JUNIOR TROPHY 2015** and the **RUGBY EUROPE U18 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**, proudly organized by MOVE SPORTS. The venue includes one of the country's most iconic rugby stadiums, frequently serving as the home ground for the Portuguese National Rugby team. All pitches have been renovated and now feature artificial grass. Please note, due to venue regulations, no metal studs are allowed.

- 01 COACHES CORNER
- 02 BAR
- 03 CHANGING ROOMS
- 04 FUN PARK
- 05 EXHIBITORS
- 06 CHECK-IN
- 07 CANTEEN
- 08 MEDICAL CENTER
- 09 FOOD COURT
- 10 MOVE SPORTS' LOUNGE



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# THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Teams should arrive in Lisbon by Friday. Qualifying matches will begin on Saturday morning, with all finals played on Sunday. The organization will coordinate and manage all internal transport arrangements for foreign teams arriving at any international airport in Portugal. Each team will be assisted by a Team Liaison Officer throughout their stay.

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** will provide all participants with healthy meals and drinks at the accommodation sites. Lunch is included in the festival package and will be served at the tournament venue. The lunch menu includes soup, salad, a main course, dessert, and drinks at the event's canteen.



# THE TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The **PORTUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL 2026** competition format ensures all teams have competitive matches and the opportunity to play against international opponents. The tournament will be played according to the World Rugby Laws of the Game Variations. On Saturday, the first day of the competition, each team is expected to play three matches. Play-off matches and finals (2 or 3 games per team) will be held on Sunday. The tournament organization reserves the right to make adjustments to the format, if necessary, to guarantee that every team plays a minimum of four matches during the event.



# AGE GROUPS INVOLVED

## BOYS

- U13** 01.09.2012 - 31.12.2014
- U15** 01.09.2010 - 31.12.2012
- U17** 01.09.2008 - 31.12.2010
- U19** 01.09.2006 - 31.12.2008

## GIRLS

- U15** 01.09.2010 - 31.12.2012
- U18** 01.09.2007 - 31.12.2010
- U20** 01.09.2005 - 31.12.2007



# PRYF 25 FACTS

11 COUNTRIES

8 RUGBY PITCHES

347 RUGBY MATCHES

1770 FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

1830 PORTUGUESE PARTICIPANTS

120 NATIONAL AND FOREIGN PARTICIPATING TEAMS

40 REFEREES



# TEAMS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD



ARGENTINA • AUSTRALIA • BELGIUM • BRAZIL  
CANADA • ENGLAND • FRANCE • GEORGIA  
GIBRALTAR • IRELAND • ITALY • LATVIA  
LUXEMBOURG • MALTA • NAMIBIA  
NETHERLANDS • NEW ZEALAND • N. IRELAND  
QATAR • SCOTLAND • SOUTH AFRICA • SPAIN  
SRI LANKA • SWEDEN • UNITED ARAB  
EMIRATES • USA • WALES • ZIMBABWE

# SOME OF THE PAST EDITION'S TESTIMONIALS

“Firstly, could I start by thanking you and your team enormously for last weekend's Lisbon festival? I was one of the coaches/parents of the Cobham Rugby Club U15's team from England. We utterly loved our weekend in your beautiful city and having now been on rugby tours with my eldest son for over 10 years, this was by far and away the best-organised festival I have ever been to. Huge congratulations on what you have been able to achieve. (...) We would love our younger boys to experience what our U15's did, and hopefully, this can become a regular occurrence for us as a club through the alternate years you run.”

COBHAM RUGBY CLUB ENGLAND

“Congratulations on a very well-organised and successful event! Our Peterhouse Boys thoroughly enjoyed the festival and I'm sure have grown from the exposure!”

KIM STYLE, PETERHOUSE GROUPS OF SCHOOLS ZIMBABWE

“I have to thank you again for an exceptional tournament, easily the best-managed event I've attended in over 10 years with Doha Rugby. The biggest surprise to myself and the coaches, I think, was the Coaches' Corner; something we've never before encountered, and very much appreciated.”

DAVID HARCOMBE, DOHA RFC QATAR

“First, I would like to thank our guide for all her help. She has been perfect. (...) Everyone is going home with a very positive attitude about Portugal, and a big part of that has been due to our guide. (...). Your efforts have not gone unnoticed by all the team parents. (...) Move Sport team have a tournament you should be very proud of. It's the best tournament I have ever attended.”

DARRIN ROBERTSON (NORTHCOTE GIRLS U19), NEW ZEALAND

“The entire Rapids Rugby team, players, coaches, manager and medical person would like to thank everyone for all the work that went in to organizing a fabulous event. Right from the minute we arrived we knew that we were being taken care of. (...) The hostel was great and the location was amazing! We are thankful that we got to be on right on the ocean and have access to the beaches and great restaurants. (...) The 2 days of rugby and fun at the festival was an experience the girls will remember forever. The girls loved all the excitement, seeing all the other teams and getting to know players from different countries. We all had so much fun for the entire week and would recommend this event to other teams. Thank you for an amazing time and all your hard work that went in to organizing.”

RAPIDS RUGBY, COMOX VALLEY, BC CANADA

“Just wanted to say a huge thank you for organising our tour. We loved it all. The festival was so well organised and was loads of fun. The standard of rugby was high but was played in the right spirit. The girls loved meeting the players from the other countries. They were so inspired by watching the older girls- especially the NZ team. The team guide you provided us was great and was really flexible and easy to reach at all times.”

ANJI SWATTON (ALNWICK U15 GIRLS), ENGLAND

“I just wanted to personally message and thank you for the brilliant tournament you provided. It was a time I will personally never forget. (...) But I wanted to just say thank you, and I hope to see your team again. (...) indeed the tour really gave me a memory I will cherish in my heart forever. And I hope and plan to return soon. (...) Wishing you all the best.”

HAMZA TUREDJI, ASHFORD RFC PLAYER UK

“I just wanted to drop you a note to a massive “thank you” on behalf of the boys & parents for the Festival this weekend. The whole event was brilliantly organised and everyone had a great time.

A special thanks also to team guide who couldn't have been more helpful and really made a difference to our experience (...) he was superb throughout and his hard work was appreciated by everyone.”

MIKE WIELAND (HARROGATE U15), ENGLAND

# SOME PREVIOUS PARTICIPATING TEAMS



# SUPPORT AREAS

COACHES CORNER

VIP TENT

FOOD COURT WITH 1.220 SQ. METERS

EXHIBITION AND MERCHANDISING TENTS

FUN PARK

CANTEEN

MEDICAL CENTER



# INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

Referees are crucial to the success of our event. They must be respected at all times. Since 2024, the **PORUGAL RUGBY YOUTH FESTIVAL** is a **RUGBY EUROPE APPROVED EVENT** and is used to promote the development of referees on their pathway to the international panel in Europe.



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# OUTDOOR ADVERTISING



# ACCOMMODATION

All our tournament packages include accommodation for players and team officials at holiday parks, youth hostels, and hotels in Lisbon, all within easy and quick access to the festival venue. We ensure that all teams are comfortably accommodated at the most affordable prices. Each team will have a dedicated liaison officer available 24/7 during their entire stay for continuous assistance.



## 3 NIGHTS TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

### OPTION 1

#### Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 3 x nights' accommodation at 3 or 4-star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival;
- Welcome Pack (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament canteen;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

### OPTION 2

#### Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 4 x nights' accommodation at 3 or 4-star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival;
- Welcome Pack (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament canteen;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

### OPTIONAL

- Half/Full Day City Tour to Lisbon or Sintra;
- Surf Clinic;
- Adventure Park;
- Benfica or Sporting Stadium Visit.

## 4 NIGHTS TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

## 5 NIGHTS TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

### OPTION 3

#### Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 5 x nights' accommodation at 3 or 4-star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival;
- Welcome Pack (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament canteen;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

### OPTIONAL

- Half/Full Day City Tour to Lisbon or Sintra;
- Surf Clinic, Adventure Park, Benfica Stadium Visit;
- Training Sessions;
- Friendly Fixtures.

## LONG HAUL TOUR & RUGBY FESTIVAL

### OPTION 4

#### Tour package includes:

- Meet & Greet at the airport;
- Return airport transfers on arrival and departure;
- 6 or more nights' accommodation at 3 or 4-star standard Hotel/Holiday Park;
- Registration and participation in the Portugal Rugby Youth Festival;
- Welcome Pack (including official t-shirt);
- Medical and physio assistance on tournament site;
- Mineral water provided for both days of the tournament;
- Lunch on tournament days (Saturday & Sunday) at the tournament canteen;
- All transfers required to/from tournament venue to/from team accommodation;
- 24h assistance throughout your stay in Portugal.

### OPTIONAL

- Tour in Portugal (Oporto/Algarve) or Spain (Madrid/Barcelona);
- Full Day City Tour to Lisbon, Fátima, Évora or Sintra;
- Surf Clinic, Adventure Park, Benfica or Sporting Stadium Visit;
- Volunteering;
- Training Sessions;
- Friendly Fixtures.



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**WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU**  
**IN LISBON**

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