

PORTO (OPO/LPPR)

Elevation 227ft

CATEGORY A

AV brief - not required

GENERAL

- Porto is located in northern Portugal on the Douro river estuary. Airfield is located to the north of the city and approximately 2 nm inland.

Threats

CFIT

- Terrain to the east which is clearly depicted on the Lido AFC and MRC.

Runway Incursion

- Backtrack required for Rwy 17 full length departure.

ARRIVAL

Diversion Airports

LISBON	LIS/LPPT	150 nm/188°T	CAT A
MADRID	MAD/LEMD	237 nm/101°T	CAT B
FARO	FAO/LPFR	256 nm/172°T	CAT A
SEVILLE (San Pablo)	SVQ/LEZL	264 nm/150°T	CAT A

- Expect arrival via ASPOR.

BAV Crew Reports

- *When landing Rwy 35, crew report receiving direct from ASPOR to PR634 then XAPIM, which gives considerably shorter track miles, particularly if flight planned on the ASPOR 3A STAR.*
- *Stand S12: Crew report limited and poor ACARS coverage.*
- *Crew report that fuel figures were sent over ACARS but we're not received.*

- Note the minimum airway altitude of 4000ft on the base turn to Rwy 35.

Approach

- Approaches to Rwy 17 have a high missed approach climb gradient requirement which may be limiting for some aircraft types. If landing weight is above the missed approach climb limiting weight given on the performance manual landing page, expect ATC to give a heading of 270° and climb to 3000ft in the event of a single engine missed approach.
- PRT VOR is not co-located with the THR.

GROUND
BAV Crew Reports

- *Crew report poor ACARS coverage on ground. Consider requesting take off performance before arrival.*
- Company frequency used to receive Final Loadsheets on departure.

WEATHER

- Mediterranean climate with warm dry summers and mild rainy winters. However, unlike the south coast, the dry season can be interrupted by cool rainy weather from the Atlantic.
- Due to its position on the Atlantic coast, Porto has high annual precipitation.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Handling Agent	GROUNDFORCE SPDH
Handling Agent VHF	131.9
Potable Water	Uplift Ban.

IF ONLY Electrical Power is required	Use ground power at all times
If BOTH electrical power and air conditioning is required:	Use both ground services at all times