

WBFSH Annual Meetings & General Assembly 2024

Cascais Portugal - 12 to 15 October

Information Guide

Welcome Message from the hosts

The Portuguese Lusitano Breeders Association (APSL) and the Portuguese Breeders Association (APCRS), wish to welcome all the members of WBFSH, who will be present in Portugal, a country rich history of equestrian culture and tradition, from 12th to the 15th of October, on the occasion of the 2024 Annual Meetings and General Assembly.

We, as hosts, are certain that this “meeting” will be enriching for everyone, both through the sharing of knowledge and through the theoretical-practical demonstration of everyday life with our Horses, as well as being enjoyable, as we will make a point of sharing the well-known Portuguese hospitality.



Lisbon & Cascais

Lisbon is the vibrant capital city of Portugal, located on the western coast of Europe, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. It is known for its charming old neighbourhoods, colourful architecture, old-fashioned trams, delicious food, and rich history.

Half an hour west of Lisbon lies the coastal town of Cascais, known for its sandy beaches and busy marina. The old town is home to the medieval Nossa Senhora da Luz Fort and the Citadel Palace, a former royal retreat. Our annual meetings take place here, and the area has much to offer, for a few extra days of exploring the sights.



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About the hosts

APSL Portuguese Lusitano Breeders Association

APSL was founded at the initiative of a group of members of the Portuguese Breeders Association (APCRS) which, in considering that the breed needed an exclusive Association, created the studbook in 1967. The official approval of the Lusitano Breed Studbook, in conditioning the admission of studhorses, was a decisive step forward in giving rise to a painstaking, across-the-board selection process.

Founded in 1989 it was authorised by the Portuguese State through the offices of the Ministry of Agriculture, to manage the Lusitano Breed Studbook, which is unique and functions in Portugal, as the breed's cradle, on a worldwide basis.

APSL's object is to defend and promote the Lusitano Purebred equine breed and maintain the Lusitano Breed Studbook with the aim of ensuring the breed's ethnic purity and to help improve the breed's zootechnical and sanitary development, based on the approval of its breeding stock.

In 1995 its activities were rewarded by the granting of "Public Utility" status.

APCRS Portuguese Breeders Association

Our Association was founded in 1967, the year in which the Portuguese Genealogical Breeding Register of Equines was created, and is currently the oldest in the country, with regards to Horse Breeding, and succeeds the very first Horse Breeding Association – Associação de Criadores de Cavalos, founded in 1924, dedicating itself to regular research, identification and coordination of the Stud Books that it is composed by, the preservation and valorization of the respective Breeds, thus promoting the best conditions for Breeders and Owners, so that their products have the greatest credibility and quality required in the Equestrian World, in this second decade of the 21st Century.

By giving us the honour and pleasure of welcoming you, we will do our best to ensure that your stay will be mainly about discovering our intangible and material heritage, in addition to the way we breed. It is worth noting that the very first Portuguese Olympic Medal was won in an Equestrian discipline – Show Jumping, 100 years ago, with APCRS wanting to be a descendant of the achievement of that first feat and of all those that followed, investing and betting on the future and above all in the Sport Disciplines, through the Stud Books that include, namely, the Portuguese Sports Horse (PSH) and the Luso Warmblood (LW), respectively "Full Member" and "Associate Member".



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Event Info

This is the first time the WBFSH Annual Meetings take place in Portugal. The annual meetings kick off with a welcome reception Hotel Cascais Miragem, on the evening of Saturday 12th October 2024.

The coming days will be filled with seminars and presentations covering a wide range of topics, such as horse welfare, modern reproductive techniques, sustainability and social license to operate.

A round table discussion will also focus on the challenges the industry faces for the Social License to Operate in horse breeding. We have an exciting panel of experts, that are leaders in their respective fields of the industry. And of course, there will be opportunities to network during the various cultural activities, such as a visit to the Carriages Museum and the Portuguese Equestrian Riding School, as well as the Queluz Palace and the picturesque Sintra.



Portuguese Equestrian Riding School



Queluz Palace



Sintra



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Program

This year's program has been meticulously designed to mark the 30th anniversary of the WBFSH, and to make this General Assembly an unforgettable event. Our hosts have outdone themselves to prepare an even richer and more memorable program filled with activities. The highlight of the 2024 General Assembly will be a spectacular Gala Dinner held at the heart of the Queluz Palace.

Saturday 12th October

- Arrival & WBFSH Registration at Hotel Cascais Miragem (15h00 - 17h00)
- Welcome Reception at Hotel Cascais Miragem (19h00)

Sunday 13th October

- Opening, Seminars and Round Table Discussion at Hotel Cascais Miragem (08h30 - 13h00)
- Visit to the Carriage Museum & Portuguese Equestrian Riding School & host presentations (15h00)
- Dinner in Lisbon (19h30)

Monday 14th October

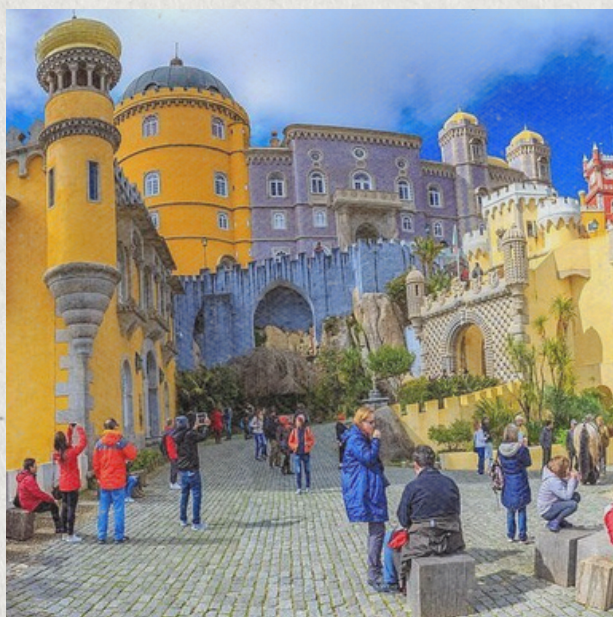
- Seminars (09h00 - 12h00)
- General Assembly (*Members only*) (13h00 - 16h30)
- Cocktail Reception & Gala Dinner at Queluz Palace (*Cocktail/Suit & Tie dress code*)(19h00)

Tuesday 15th October

- Optional Visit to Sintra (09h00 - 13h00)



National Carriage Museum



Sintra



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Travel

Travel to Portugal by Plane

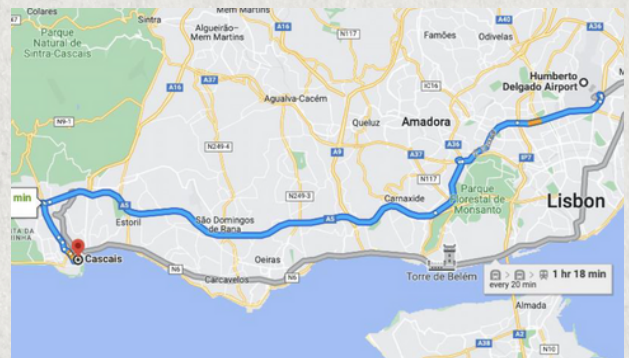
Humberto Delgado Airport, better known as Lisbon Airport (LIS), is Portugal's most central airport and nearby the event's location. The airport lies in the Northern part of Lisbon, about 30 minutes by car from Cascais, except during rush hour when travel times are increased.

Travel to Portugal by car

For those travelling through other European countries, it may be an option to go by car, as the roads are in good condition. To plan your route, we recommend using Google Maps.

From the Airport to the Hotel:

To get to the hotel from the Airport, it is possible to rent a car, take a taxi or an Uber. Uber is a popular mode of transport in Portugal. Public transport (train) can also be taken, but takes longer and there are no direct routes. To book your train, visit <https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en/train-times/Prices/lisbon-tickets>



Moving about in and around Lisbon:

- Rent a car – at the airport there are plenty choices: Avis, Europcar; Hertz
- Metro – Metropolitano de Lisboa, EPE - English (metrolisboa.pt)
- Bus – Carris - Transportes Públicos Lisboa
- Train – <https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en/train-times/Prices/lisbon-tickets>
- Mobility platforms – Uber.com, Bolt.eu.pt



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Useful Information for Travellers

Entry into Portugal:

- Portugal is part of the EU. For EU citizens to enter Portugal, a National ID card or passport must be presented. Non-EU citizens must present a passport.
- Visas: Portugal is part of the Schengen-zone.
- To check what your visa requirements are visit <https://vistos.mne.gov.pt/en/short-stay-visas-schengen/general-information/who-needs-a-visa#list-of-nationalities-who-must-be-in-possession-of-a-visa>

Weather:

The annual meetings take place during autumn (September to November)

The climate in autumn brings mild temperatures and it can be sunny or rainy (not very predictable):
11°C to 26°C.



Currency:

The Portuguese currency is the euro.



Voltage:

The standard voltage in Portugal is 220v (volts) and 50Hz (hertz).

Tax:

The standard VAT rate is 23%



Tipping:

In Europe tipping is not as habitual as in other parts of the world, but in Portugal it is fairly common, especially in the tourist areas such as Lisbon, Cascais or the Algarve. This is mainly due to tourists, as locals are less likely to tip. There is no obligation to do so, however leaving something extra is customary.

As a general rule, tips are not included in the bill in Portugal. You may find that tourist establishments add a 10% service fee to the bill but outside of this, you will most likely not have to worry about gratuity automatically added to the final amount.



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Accommodation - Hotel Cascais Miragem Health & Spa

The partner hotel chosen by the hosts is the Hotel Cascais Miragem. This beautiful hotel is located at the beach in Cascais. It is about 30 minutes from the Lisbon Airport and can easily be reached via taxi or Uber.

Rooms can be booked and paid for at a special rate until 31st August 2024.

After this date, availability cannot be guaranteed. Use the provided booking link to make your reservations. The date options are **12-15 October 2024**. If it is necessary for you to arrive a day early, or leave a day later, please add this into the comments box when confirming your booking. The hotel will accept the booking. However, the group rates for additional nights have not been negotiated by the hosts.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card belonging to the guest the booking is for.

Rooms are available for check-in from 16h00 until 23h30. Check-out is before 12h00 on the day of departure.

Cancellation conditions:

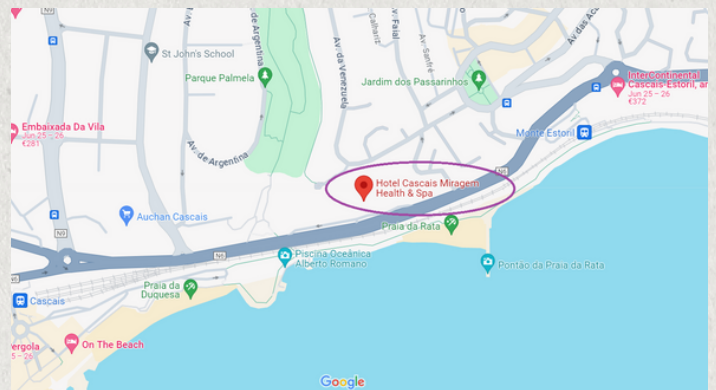
Cancellations are accepted without penalty until 11th September 2024. Cancellations after 11th September will incur the full costs of the booked stay.

We recommend that you book as soon as possible. Cascais is a popular tourist destination & room availability cannot be guaranteed if booking are made too late



Prices (incl breakfast):

Single Room 245 EUR plus tax / night
Double Room 265 EUR plus tax / night



Address:

Av. Marginal N. 8554, 2754-536 Cascais, Portugal



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Additional Hotels in the Area

There are many other hotels in the area, within walking distance from the Hotel Cascais Miragem. Some suggestions are (booking links can be found on the WBFSH website):

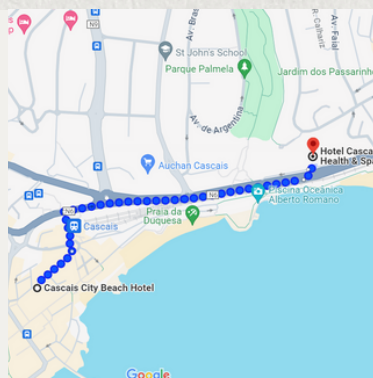
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Cascais City & Beach Hotel

13-minute walk / 950m

Address:

Av. Valbom 14, 2750-508 Cascais

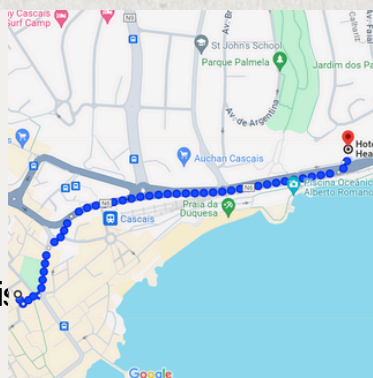


Cascais Hotel

16-minute walk / 1.1 km

Address:

Travessa da Alfarrobeira 1-3, 2750-285 Cascais

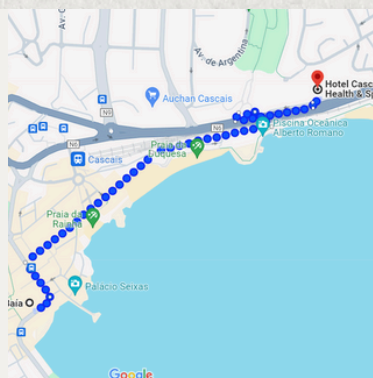


Hotel Baia Cascais

18-minute walk / 1.3 km

Address:

Passeio de Dom Luís I, 2754-509 Cascais



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Registration

Online registration opens Monday 1st July 2024.

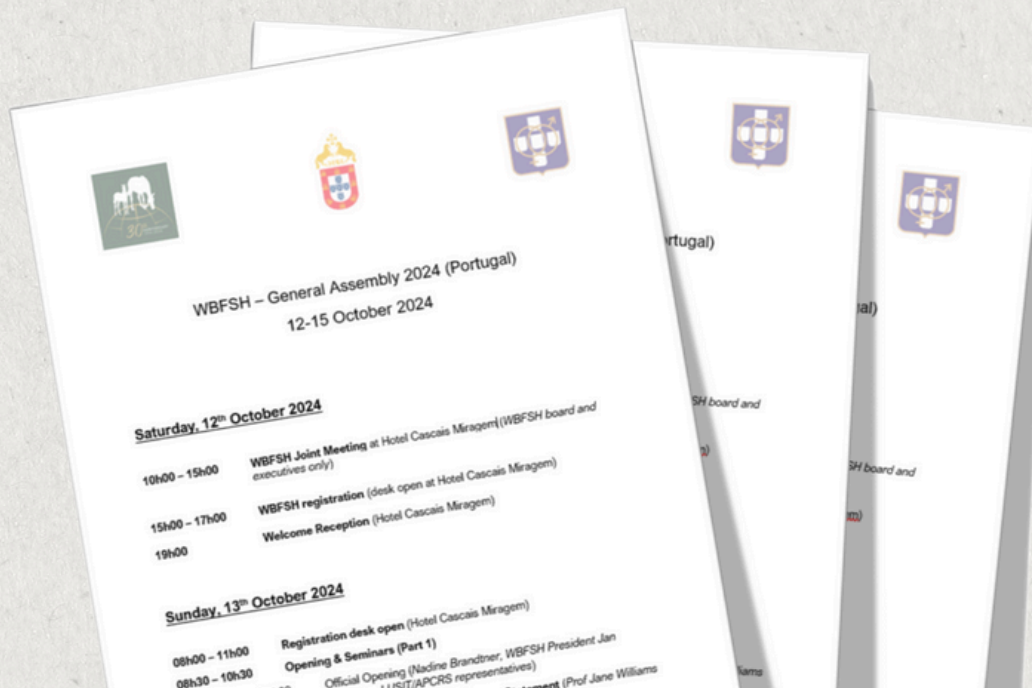
Early Bird Prices are offered until 21st July 2024.

Later registrations until 12th September 2024 are possible at an additional cost as indicated on the price list and online entry form. Entries after 12th September 2024 will not be accepted.

Please refer to the WBFSH website for prices and the terms and conditions. The online registration link can be accessed from the website.



<https://www.wbfsch.com/general-assembly-2024>



We look forward to seeing you in
Portugal!

