



TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISA – Please observe the deadline:

Please note that a visa is required for entering the country. Your passport must have a validity of six months subsequent to the day of departure. If this is not the case, please renew your passport as quickly as possible as this may take several weeks. For detailed information, please get into contact with your nearest Consulate or Embassy of the Republic of Cape Verde. GEOMAR or CAU participants may please get back to me **by March 15 at the latest** for visa application!

ACCOMMODATION – Please observe the deadline:

A block of rooms from May 19 to 23 has been reserved for you at special rates at three different locations in the city centre of Mindelo about 10 to 15 minutes walking distance from the symposium venue at INDP. All hotels offer wireless internet.

1. Don Paco Hotel - <http://www.donpachotel.com/en/>
5 suites simple at 7.570 CVE (€ 69) incl. breakfast and tourist tax
8 standard rooms at CVE5.400 CVE (€ 49) incl. breakfast and tourist tax
2. Porto Grande Hotel - <http://www.oasisatlantico.com/en/portogrande/>
18 rooms, all on one floor at CVE6.800 CVE (€ 62) incl. breakfast and tourist tax
3. Casa Colonial - <http://www.casacolonial.info/>
7 rooms at 7.390CVE (€ 67) incl. breakfast and tourist tax

→ If you wish to stay in one of the suggested hotels, please let me know by **March 15 at the latest**.

→ If you wish to stay elsewhere and make your own travel arrangements, please feel free to do so. Mindelo is offering several nice pensions. The following link provides a few destinations for accommodation: <http://cvo0.geomar.de/index.php?id=39>

FLIGHT RESERVATION - for participants coming from abroad:

Please understand that we ask you to look for convenient flight connections yourselves. In most cases, fares are much cheaper if you book from your home country.

FLIGHT RESERVATION – for participants from Germany. Please observe the deadline:

For participants coming from Germany, I am offering to reserve seats on a regular flight with TAP/TACV. The travel agent we work with is Contiways in Hamburg. Please note that the prices indicated are through-fares and subject to daily changes. The suggested flight connections are as follows:



- **Inbound**, leaving Tuesday morning:
Tue., May 19, Hamburg – Lisbon, TP 567, 06:00 – 08:25
Tue., May 19, Lisbon – São Vicente, TP 1553, 14:35 – 16:50
Outbound, 1st option, leaving Friday night:
Fri., May 22, São Vicente – Sal, VR 4212, 18:30 – 19:20
Fri., May 22, Sal – Lisbon, TP 1548, 23:55 – 05:45
Sat., May 23, Lisbon – Hamburg, TP 562, 07:35 – 11:50

Price through-fare (inbound + 1st option): € 1,166 + € 77 commission fee. Cancellation fee € 200

- **Outbound, 2nd option**, leaving Saturday night:
Sat., May 23, São Vicente – Praia, VR 4201, 18:40 – 19:35
Sat., May 23, Praia – Lisbon, TP 1532, 23:55 – 05:55
Sun., May 24, Lisbon – Hamburg, TP 562, 07:35 – 11:50

Price through-fare (inbound + 2nd option): € 1,166 + € 77 commission fee.
Cancellation fee € 200

- **Outbound, 3rd option**, leaving on Sunday:
Sun., May 24, São Vicente – Sal, VR 4212, 21:00 – 21:50
Sun., May 24, Sal – Lisbon, TP 1548, 23:55 – 05:45
Mon., May 25, Lisbon – Hamburg, TP 562, 07:35 – 11:50

Price through-fare (inbound + 3rd option): € 766 + € 77 commission fee. Cancellation fee € 200

→ **Please let me know by March 15** at the latest, if you wish me to make a reservation for one of the suggested flight connections. Also note that availability now is still given but may change quickly. If you intend to travel on your own schedule I would kindly ask you to make your own reservation.

Arriving by plane:

- Airport destination: Cesária Evora International Airport (VXE) on the Island of São Vicente, Rep. of Cabo Verde:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ces%C3%A1ria_%C3%89vora_Airport.
The airport of São Vicente is still often referred to by its former name São Pedro International Airport. The airport is about a 15 minute drive to the center of Mindelo. At the airport free wifi and an ATM are available. In front of the airport there is a taxi stand. A taxi ride from the airport to the center of Mindelo has a fixed fare of 900 CVE (1000 CVE in the evening).



- General note: Direct flight connections to the Island of São Vicente are not frequent but do exist. Best connections are usually available via Lisbon with TAP, Amsterdam with KLM or Paris with TACV (Cabo Verdean Airline). However, often, a further stopover via Praia (Island of Santiago) or Sal or Boavista is included.

Transportation:

- Hotel pick-up service from/to airport: Most hotels offer a pick-up service from and to the airport. Public transportation from the airport is not given, but taxis are easily accessible.
- Taxis: A common means of transportation is a usual taxi, easily recognizable by their white color. The day fare for a taxi ride is 150 CVE, the night fare is 200 CVE independent from the distances you take as long as remaining in the city of Mindelo. A taxi fare at daytime from the airport is 900 CVE, at night it is 1000 CVE.
- Public transport: Public transport, consisting of small busses, is available and very cheap but usually limited to Mindelo. Only during weekends in the summer busses will go to Calhau and Baía das Gatas.
- Aluguer: For trips over the Island, minibuses or communal taxis called “Aluguer” can be booked with up to 8 people. Prices depend on the time and distances and need to be fixed with the driver before beginning the tour. Aluguers can be found at Praça Estrela in Mindelo:

<https://plus.google.com/105833915972695342034/about?gl=de&hl=de>

HEALTH ISSUES & SECURITY

Vaccination

Most vaccinations for Cabo Verde are not obligatory, however vaccinations or an update of the usual childhood-diseases and hepatitis are recommended. If travelling from a yellow fever country, a certificate is required. Further information on health issues can be accessed via: http://www.nathnac.org/ds/c_pages/country_page_CV.htm or at the German Federal Foreign Office: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/00-SiHi/CaboVerdeSicherheit.html>.

Ebola

There have been no suspected cases of Ebola in Cape Verde. For further details about the outbreak of Ebola, see the [World Health Organization website](#), the [NaTHNaC outbreak surveillance database](#) and [this map showing the areas affected](#).



Travel Insurance

An Overseas-Travel Insurance, covering risks outside the European Union and eventually an emergency flight back home, is recommended. Standard mandatory health insurance contracts do not include those benefits.

Hygiene and water-borne diseases:

Standards in hotels are quite high and often European like. However, when travelling the first time, it is recommended to stick to the following basic rules when touring Mindelo or visiting restaurants:

- Wash hands
- Cook it or peel it
- Buy sealed bottled water for drinking
- Carry a small travel pharmacy against gastrointestinal disorders

Petty crime: Most visits to Cape Verde are trouble-free, but you should take sensible precautions against petty crime.

FURTHER INFORMATION & CONTACTS

Currency and Climate:

The Cabo Verdean Escudo (CVE) is the official national currency with coupled fixed exchange rate with the Euro (1 € = 110,265 \$). VISA and MASTERS credit cards are accepted in many place in Cabo Verde and where displayed an emblem at the entrance. There are ATMs at the airport and in the city centre. The weather in Mindelo is generally dry and mild with an average day/night temperatures of 20°C/25°C (68°F/76°F) in May.

Voltage

In Cabo Verde the standard voltage is 230 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets used are European Standard (Type C/F).

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