

Fly-in-Minho:

Transportation alternatives to Guimarães

Analysis criteria:

1. Total time between Airport → Guimarães Centre;
2. Total estimated cost;
3. Number and location of connections;
4. Comfort and convenience;
5. Sustainability.

Lisboa Airport (Aeroporto Humberto Delgado, LIS) → Guimarães

Option A: Bus / FlixBus

- **Route:** Lisboa → Porto → Guimarães (no direct bus confirmed Lisboa → Guimarães)
- **Estimated time:** ≥4h20m
- **Estimated price:** From €6,98 (FlixBus Lisboa → Porto) + connection Porto → Guimarães
- **Observations:**
 - More economical than train, however, it may require a transfer.
 - Confirm schedules close to the event date.

Option B: Train (CP) + Train Porto → Guimarães

- **Route:** Lisboa → Porto (Campanhã or São Bento) → Guimarães
- **Estimated time:** Lisboa → Porto ~3h, Porto → Guimarães ~1h10-1h20
- **Estimated price:** Lisboa → Porto: ~€25-€45; Porto → Guimarães: ~€13/€27
- **Observations:**
 - Involves transfer in Porto;
 - More expensive than a direct bus to Porto;
 - Good for those who prefer travelling by train and opt for comfort.
 - Confirm schedules close to the event date.

General comment Lisboa → Guimarães

- No direct bus Lisboa → Guimarães with confirmed schedules for June 2026.
 - Route Lisboa → Porto + Porto → Guimarães is viable, but it requires planning for transfers.
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Porto Airport (Francisco Sá Carneiro, OPO) → Guimarães

Option A: FlixBus direct bus → Guimarães

- **Estimated time:** ~40 minutes
- **Estimated price:** From €2,48
- **Frequency:** Departures at 07:55, 10:10, 10:55, 14:50, 18:25, 19:55
- **Observations:**
 - Excelent choice: fast, direct, economical.
 - Book early in order to guarantee cheaper prices and seats close to each other.

Option B: Rede Expressos

- **Estimated time:** 35-50 minutes
- **Estimated price:** Promotion from €1,95; typical price €5-€10
- **Observations:**
 - Limited promotion, book early.
 - Highly economical, direct connection.

Option C: Train CP Porto → Guimarães

- **Estimated time:** 1h10-1h20
- **Estimated price:** €13-€27
- **Observations:**
 - Consider it an alternative if the group happens to be in the city;
 - More expensive and slower than the direct bus Airport→ Guimarães.

Option D: Plane Lisboa (LIS) → Porto (OPO)

- A one-way fare was found from ~€38 Lisboa (LIS) → Porto (OPO).
 - Direct flight time: ~59 minutes (approximately).
 - Comment: If students arrive in Lisbon and want to go to Porto and then on to Guimarães, this flight may make sense; but transportation from Porto airport to Guimarães must be considered.
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Vigo Airport (Vigo, VGO) → Guimarães

Option A: FlixBus

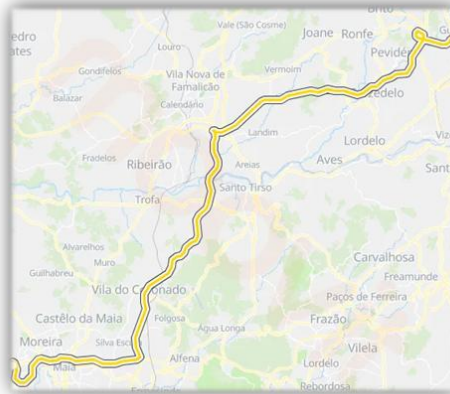
- **Estimated time:** ~1h10 (depending on stops)
- **Estimated price:** From €6,48; typical price €11-€17
- **Boarding location:** May be at the bus station or near the airport (see ticket);
- **Observations:**
 - Confirm whether it is direct from the airport or requires travel to the bus station in Vigo;
 - Book early, especially for groups.

General comment Vigo → Guimarães

- Viable route and relatively fast.
 - It is necessary to confirm the exact airport boarding location and the arriving point in Guimarães;
 - Time may vary depending on stops and traffic.
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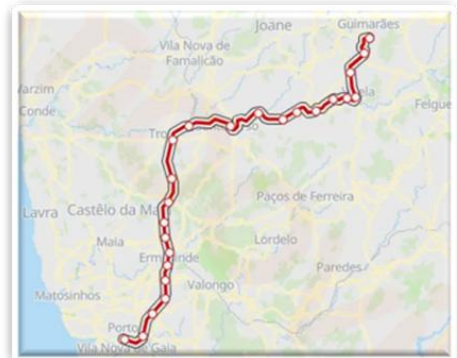
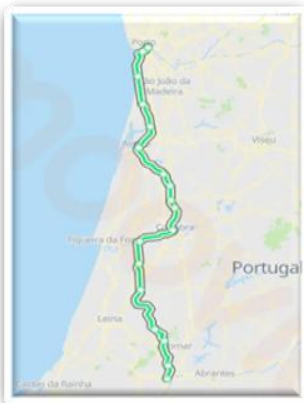
Some routes:

Bus:



Vigo → Porto Porto → Guimarães Lisboa → Porto

Train:



Lisboa → Porto Porto → Guimarães

General considerations about prices and schedules:

Origin:	Means of transportation:	Estimated time:	Price (€):	Main observations:
Lisboa	Train CP	4h+	38-72	Involves transfer in Porto.
Lisboa	FlixBus	≥4h20	From 6,98	May require transfer, less comfortable.
Porto (Airport)	FlixBus	40 min	From 2,48	Direct, economical, frequente.
Porto (Airport)	Rede Expressos	35-50 min	Promotion €1,95; €5-€10 typical	Highly economical, direct, book early.
Porto (City)	Train CP	1h10-1h20	13-27	Alternative if the group happens to be in the city
Vigo (Airport)	FlixBus	~1h10	6,48-17	Confirm whether it is direct, book early.
Lisboa (Airport)	Plane	~ 1h	38	Transportation from Porto airport to Guimarães must be considered.

Strategic recommendations:

- 1) **Porto → Guimarães:** Maximum preference, FlixBus ou Rede Expressos, fast and cheap.
- 2) **Lisboa → Guimarães:** Plan transfer in Porto; predict schedules and book tickets early.
- 3) **Vigo → Guimarães:** FlixBus; confirm exact boarding location and schedules.
- 4) Book all tickets as soon as possible, so as to guarantee promotions and seats close to each other.

For definitive schedules for June 2026, please consult the FlixBus, RedeExpresso, and CP websites or apps 3-4 months before the event to avoid any inconvenience.