



## GEORGIA - PORTUGAL COUNTRY CONNECTION

### Government and Commerce

The Consular Section of the Embassy of Portugal to the United States, located in Washington, D.C., serves the state of Georgia. His Excellency Domingos Fezas Vital serves as Portugal's Ambassador to the United States.

In October 2012, the former Ambassador of Portugal to the United States, His Excellency Nuno Brito, held an executive briefing in Atlanta about Portugal's business and investment opportunities in the European context. The Metro Atlanta Chamber helped organize this event.

The state of Georgia has had continuous representation in Europe since 1973. Since that time the office has assisted hundreds of European firms locating in Georgia and Georgia companies exporting to Europe.

### Academics

The University System of Georgia (USG) offers at least two study abroad programs to Portugal in international affairs and humanities. 22 Portuguese students enrolled in USG schools in Fall 2018.

The Georgia Institute of Technology offers a summer faculty-led study abroad program where students spend time in Lisbon.

Emory University also has a program for students to study abroad in Portugal for a semester or a whole academic year as part of their Study in Portugal Network.

### Arts, Culture and Tourism

Portuguese fado music has proved extremely popular at the annual Savannah Music Festival which has featured acclaimed fado singers Ana Moura and Mariza

in sold-out performances. Antonio Zambujo performed in March 2018.

The world-renowned Georgia Boy Choir toured Spain and Portugal in the summer of 2016.

In 2018, more than 4,600 Portuguese tourists visited Georgia and spent \$9.7 million.

### International Trade

**EXPORTS:** In 2018, Georgia exports to Portugal totaled **\$18.8 million**, an 18% increase over the previous year.

Top exports from Georgia to Portugal include electric boards and panels, fiberboard of wood, parts of electric motors, parts of airplanes or helicopters and chemical products.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Portugal: fiberboard of wood and poultry.

**IMPORTS:** In 2018, Georgia imports from Portugal totaled **\$184.0 million**.

Top imports from Portugal include paper and paperboard, rubber tires, ceramic housewares, petroleum oils and parts for electric transformers.

### Investment

There are at least **13 Georgia companies that have operations in Portugal**, including but not limited to:

AGCO Corporation  
Alimera Sciences  
Equifax  
Exide Technologies  
Immucor  
Kawneer Company  
Manheim  
NCR Corporation  
Travelport  
UPS

There are at least **2 Portuguese facilities** operating in Georgia. These Portuguese-affiliated facilities employ at least 43 Georgians.

### Transportation

Delta Air Lines offers daily non-stop and one-stop connecting flights to Lisbon via Paris or Amsterdam.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with the ports of Portugal and offers regular shipping service to Sines.

### About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects. For more information, visit [www.georgia.org](http://www.georgia.org).

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