

LIFE CAMPERS



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CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MOTOR CARAVANNING

OBJECTIVES

RESPECT THE TERRITORY

Circulate, park and stay overnight in the places designated for this purpose.

PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

Find the appropriate places for the maintenance and cleaning of your motor caravan.

PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE

Enjoy all the beauty of Portugal.

VALUE THE POPULATIONS AND PLACES TO VISIT

Be welcomed with open arms!



FRAMEWORK

VEHICLE CATEGORY

Motor caravans are considered as M1 category passenger vehicles (Decree Law no. 16/2010 of 12 March).

STOPPING

Imobilising a vehicle, with or without occupants, other than a stop and not due to traffic circumstances.

PARKING

Parking of a vehicle occupying more space than its perimeter, namely, when you: i) place stabilisers and wedges; ii) open the side windows of caravans or motor caravans; iii) drain the sewage tanks; iv) place access steps; v) place camping material such as tables or chairs on the pavement; vi) assemble leisure equipment; vii) put out clothes; viii) light bonfires; ix) prepare or take meals.

OVERNIGHT STAY

Stay of a motor caravan or similar with occupants between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

SPACES FOR MOTOR CARAVANS

Motor caravans may only park:

Motor caravans may only circulate, stop and park in areas aimed for this purpose, and must comply with the laws and regulations relating to road traffic and road transport, road safety, traffic planning and order, as well as the legal and regulatory provisions concerning the occupation of public spaces and the conservation and protection of nature and the environment.

Motor caravans or similar are forbidden to stay overnight and to park in areas of the Natura 2000 Network, protected areas and areas included in Coastal Zone Management Plans, except in places expressly authorised for the purpose.

In the remaining territory, and in the absence of municipal regulations for the activity, motor caravans approved by the Instituto da Mobilidade e dos Transportes, I. P. (Institute for Mobility and Transport) may stay overnight for a maximum period of 48 hours in the same municipality, except in places expressly authorised for the purpose, for which no overnight stay limit is established.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PLACES EXPRESSLY AUTHORISED FOR MOTOR CARAVANS TO STAY:

- Camping and Caravan Sites – tourist resorts aimed for the accommodation of campers, caravanners or motor caravanners;
- Service Areas for Motor Caravans – signposted spaces, outside camping and caravan sites, which include one or more service stations, aimed exclusively for the parking (stopping and overnight stay) of motor caravans;
- The places authorised for occasional camping by municipal licence and duly signposted for the purpose.

The circulation and parking of motor caravans must respect the rules applicable to vehicles of the same category, namely those provided for:

- In the Highway Code;
- In municipal regulations;
- In applicable territorial management instruments, namely in the coastal zone management plans and in the regulations and plans for the management of classified areas.

Circulation, stopping and parking outside the places designated for this purpose constitute administrative offences punishable by fines and possible confiscation of the vehicle.

ASA – LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

ORDINANCE NO. 1320/2008, OF 17 NOVEMBER

The Service Areas for Motor Caravans (ASA) not integrated in Camping and Caravan Sites must comply with the following requirements:

- Easy access to the public highway;
- Fenced plot with entrance and exit gates;
 - Internal circulation routes;
 - Electricity grid;
- General installation conditions with requirements for fire protection and user safety;
- In person or automatic reception available 24 hours a day;
- Internal regulations, including duties of campers and caravanners and grounds for refusal of stay.

NATIONAL NETWORK OF SERVICE AREAS FOR MOTOR CARAVANS

The creation of a national network of Service Areas for Motor Caravans (ASA) ensures the existence of a qualified supply network of spaces aimed for motor caravans in order to maintain a balance between tourist activity and the environment, public health, territory and populations.

Through the *Outdoor Routes digital platform* it is possible to consult information about the location and services available in each of the ASAs.

“CLEAN & SAFE” LABEL

The *“Clean&Safe” label* acknowledges establishments and activities that commit to complying with the recommendations of public authorities to reduce the risk of contamination of their spaces by Covid-19 or other infections, and that are able to react to other situations of vulnerability and risk inherent to the experiences that tourists develop on national territory (other public health risks, extreme phenomena and collective risks such as rural fires, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis, or international constraints associated with cybersecurity and refugee reception).

OBJECTIVES

Raise awareness among tourism companies of the minimum procedures to be adopted in order to strengthen everyone's confidence in Portugal as a destination and in its tourism resources.

THE LABEL CAN BE FOUND AT:

- Service Areas for Motor Caravans
- Camping and Caravan Sites
- Motor Caravan Rental Companies

The *Clean & Safe label* is intended to function as a support tool for companies in crisis management, enabling them to implement Action Plans, through free training and provision of drafts of these plans.