

Same-sex marriage in Portugal for foreign couples

A practical Same Vibes guide to the official legal route

One official appointment. Portuguese marriage certificate the same day.

Quick answer

Yes. Portugal allows official civil marriage between people of the same sex. For foreign couples, the key question is not only whether same-sex marriage is legal in Portugal. The practical question is whether your documents are ready for the Portuguese civil registry route.

Same Vibes checks your case, prepares the document route, coordinates the registry process, arranges the interpreter and guides you through one official appointment in Portugal.

After registration, you can leave the same day officially married, with your Portuguese marriage certificate.

Legal basis: Lei n.º 9/2010, Diário da República.

Not sure if your documents are ready?

Check your case: <https://same-vibes.com/en/check-your-case/>

Who this guide is for

This guide is for international same-sex couples who want an official civil marriage in Portugal without handling the Portuguese process alone.

It is especially useful if you:

- do not live in Portugal
- have different citizenships or residence countries
- need a clear European legal route
- need a Portuguese marriage certificate
- want to avoid wedding packages and ceremony planning
- need privacy, discretion or careful communication
- are unsure which documents your country can issue

Key facts

- Portugal allows official civil marriage between same-sex couples.
- Foreign couples can often use the Portuguese civil registry route when documents are prepared correctly.
- Same Vibes checks the route before you travel.
- The official appointment happens in Portugal.
- In the standard route, you can leave the same day with your Portuguese marriage certificate.
- Apostille, certified translation and delivery can be coordinated separately when needed.

Document checklist

The exact document route depends on your citizenship, residence, marital status and country of issue. Same Vibes checks what applies before confirming the route.

Document or issue	Why it matters	Same Vibes role
Passports or ID documents	Identify both partners for the registry process	We check document consistency and advise what to provide
Birth certificates	Often part of the marriage document route	We check format, dates, apostille and translation needs
Certificate of matrimonial capacity or no impediment	Shows whether a person is free to marry when required	We check whether your country issues it and what alternative may apply
Previous divorce or death certificate	Needed if one partner was previously married	We check what proof is needed and how it must be prepared
Name differences or transliteration issues	Different spelling can delay or complicate filing	We identify mismatches before submission
Apostille / legalization	Prepares foreign documents for use in Portugal when needed	We explain what applies to your documents
Certified translation	Needed when documents must be used in Portuguese	We coordinate translation requirements when needed
Interpreter	Needed for the official appointment when Portuguese is not understood	We arrange the interpreter for the appointment

Do not guess your document route. Send us your case first, and we will explain what is realistic.

How the process works

- 1 Send us your case**
Tell us your citizenships, residence, marital status and document situation.
- 2 We check the route**
Same Vibes reviews whether Portugal is realistic for your case and what document route applies.
- 3 Documents are prepared**
We explain what to prepare, what needs apostille or translation, and what must be corrected before filing.
- 4 Registry process is coordinated**
The Portuguese civil registry process is filed or coordinated before you travel.
- 5 Interpreter is arranged**
When needed, Same Vibes arranges the interpreter for the official appointment.
- 6 You come to Portugal**
You attend one official registry appointment.
- 7 You receive the certificate**
After registration, you can leave the same day officially married with your Portuguese marriage certificate.

What Same Vibes handles

- case review
- registry coordination
- appointment guidance
- apostille / translation / delivery coordination when needed
- document route
- interpreter arrangement
- Portuguese marriage certificate

No wedding packages. No bureaucracy left on your shoulders.

Common questions

Is same-sex marriage legal in Portugal?

Yes. Portugal allows official civil marriage between people of the same sex.

Can foreign same-sex couples get married in Portugal?

In many cases, yes. The route depends on documents, citizenship, residence and marital status.

Do we need to live in Portugal?

No. The Same Vibes route is designed for international couples who usually do not live in Portugal.

Can we come for one official appointment?

In the standard Same Vibes route, yes. We prepare the process before you travel.

Do we need a Portuguese interpreter?

Same Vibes arranges the interpreter for the official appointment when needed.

Do you organize weddings or ceremonies?

No. Same Vibes is not a wedding planner. We handle the official legal marriage route.

Next step

Send us your case. We will review your situation and explain the realistic next step.

Check your case: <https://same-vibes.com/en/check-your-case/>

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Same Vibes handles the legal route. You come to Portugal for the official appointment and leave officially married.