

Welcome to ETAPS 2007

The European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software (ETAPS) is the primary European forum for academic and industrial researchers working on topics relating to Software Science. ETAPS, established in 1998, is a confederation of five main annual conferences, accompanied by satellite workshops and other events. ETAPS 2007 in Braga is the tenth event in the series, after Lisbon, Amsterdam, Berlin, Genova, Grenoble, Warsaw, Barcelona, Edinburgh, and Vienna.

Over 9 days, ETAPS 2007 will offer 7 invited talks by distinguished speakers, 5 main conferences, 17 workshops, 3 tutorials, and a significant number of invited talks specific to the satellite events. Overall, this year the five main conferences received around 630 submitted papers, with an acceptance rate of 25%. The high quality and quantity of the submitted papers required the overlapping of four conferences on Wednesday, for the first time in the history of ETAPS.

ETAPS 2007 marks the tenth anniversary of the conference. To celebrate the event, brief talks will be given by some of those who have been involved in ETAPS over the years: Hartmut Ehrig, Reinhard Wilhelm, Don Sannella, José Fiadeiro, and Perdita Stevens. An informal panel will follow.

Welcome to Braga

ETAPS 2007 will be held in Braga, an ancient city in the heart of the green and fertile region known as the Costa Verde in the North of Portugal. It is the capital of the Minho province, and formerly was (as Bracara Augusta) the capital of the Roman province of Gallaecia, and of the Suebic kingdom in Gallaecia.

Braga, which is known for its baroque churches and splendid 18th century houses, is a modern, fast-growing commercial town. The old city, solemn and antique, is animated with academic and cultural life and with its characterful nineteenth-century cafés, a good choice of restaurants serving splendid traditional gastronomy, and a number of lively bars.

How to Get to Braga

There are several ways to go from the Oporto Airport to Braga:

Taxi

Taking a taxi is the simplest and the fastest way (45 min). The distance between the Oporto airport and Braga is about 50km by road. The cost of traveling from the airport to the Braga city center should be around EUR 50.00.

Metro+Train (The cheapest way)

1. Take the metro to Oporto Railway Station "Campanhã". Line E (Violet) goes to "Estádio do Dragão". Exit at Campanhã. The metro ticket should cost you around EUR 2.00.

2. Take a train from the Campanhã train station to Braga. The train ticket should cost you about EUR 2.00. In general the earliest train to Braga leaves from Porto-Campanhã station at 6:21.

Rental Car / Driving

The following car hire companies have offices at the Oporto International Airport: Budget, Avis, Europcar, Hertz, National/Alamo and SIXT. See the airport web-page for details (location, contacts. etc).

Take the A3 motorway from Porto to Braga; exit at "Braga Sul", and then always follow the signs to Braga Sul. If you are driving directly to the university campus, follow the directions to Chaves and then Universidade do Minho. You may park your car in the campus.

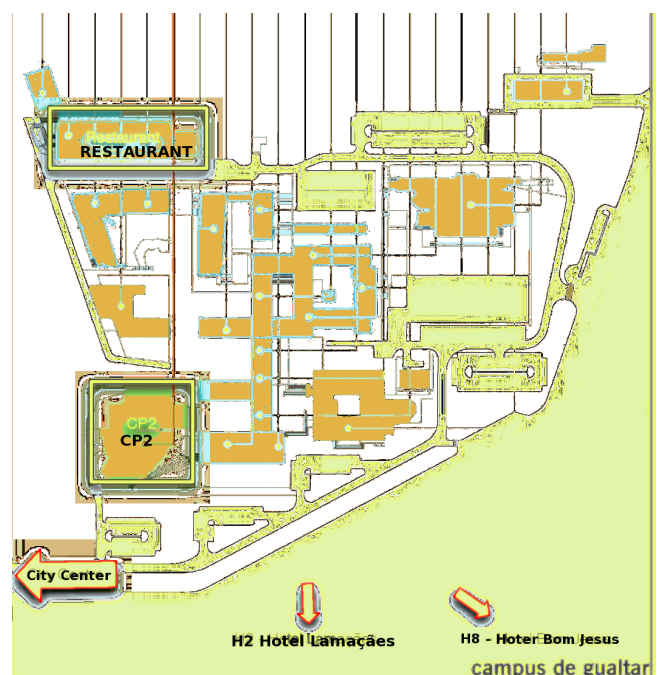
How to get to the University Campus at Gualtar

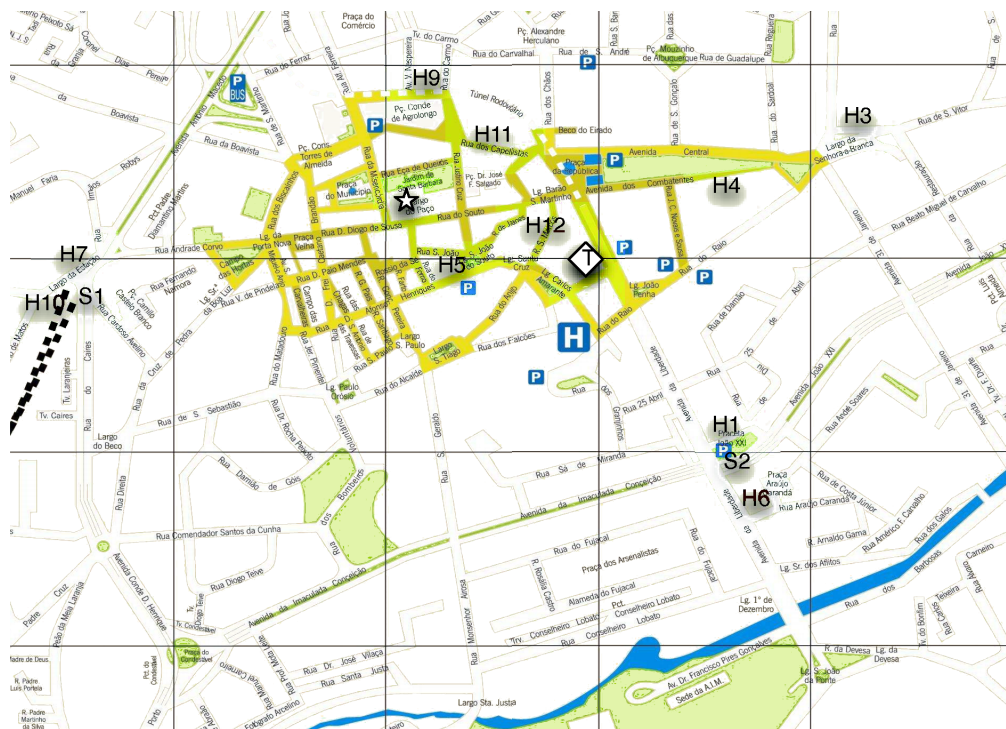
Satellite events on March 24 and 25 will take place at the University Campus, in the area of the city known as Gualtar. If the weather is nice, you may want to walk. It should take you about 30 minutes from the city center. Walk in the direction of Bom Jesus, through Rua de S. Vitor, Rua de D. Pedro V, and Rua Nova de Sta. Cruz.

Alternatively you can use the shuttle that will run on Saturday and Sunday. Shuttles will leave from two locations in the city center, see timetable below and map.

At the campus (see map) you should have no trouble in finding the CP2 building, where events will be located. This is the first building you will see coming from the city center.

The registration desk will be located in the entrance hall of the CP2 building. The opening hours are 8:30 - 18:00. Lunch (included in the workshops daily fees) will be served at the university restaurant.





S1, S2: Shuttles
T: Theatro Crico

H1: Hotel Turismo
H3: Alb. Senhora-a-Branca
H4: Alb. Bracara Augusta
H5: Hotel Resid. D. Sofia
H6: Hotel Carandá
H7: Hotel da Estação
H9: Hotel IBIS Braga
H10: WS Braga SPRU
H11: Resid. dos Terceiros
H12: Resid. S. Marcos

Relevant phone numbers

Police: 253 200 420
Hospital: 253 209 000
Taxis: 253 683 228
Tourism: 253 262 550
ETAPS org.: 96 4200918

Shuttle Information for weekend March 23–25

Day	Time	From	To
Fri, 23	8:30	H. Turismo	Univ. Campus
Sat, 24	8:15	Train Station	Univ. Campus
	8:15	H. Turismo	Univ. Campus
	8:15	Bom Jesus	Univ. Campus
	18:45	Univ. Campus	City Center
Sun, 25	8:15	Train Station	Univ. Campus
	8:15	H. Turismo	Univ. Campus
	8:15	Bom Jesus	Univ. Campus
	18:45	Univ. Campus	City Center
	23:00	Bom Jesus	Bom Jesus: WS Dinner City Center

Suggested Cultural Activities for March 23

- Concert by the Conservatório de Música Calouste Gulbenkian 21:30, Sé Catedral (city cathedral)
- Jazz concert: The Jamie Saft Trio Theatro Circo de Braga, 21:30
- Jazz concert: John O'Gallagher round midnight, Café Vianna
- Music from India: Jugalbandi (Sitar e surbahar), Biblioteca Lúcio Craveiro, 21:30m

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