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## Lisbon City History & Culture

### History

Lisbon is the capital and largest city of Portugal, located in the estuary of the Tagus River (or in Portuguese, rio Tejo). The city has almost 550 000 inhabitants, but in the metropolitan area you have 2,6 million people.

In 1147, D. Afonso Henriques and the army of Crusades managed to win the city to the Mouros. The king of Portugal ordered the construction of the Castle of São Jorge.

In the 15th century, Portugal ventured into the discoveries, giving beginning to the Renaissance. It was from the river Tagus that the Armies that would come to discover the world, making Portugal the richest country of Europe. Some monuments had been constructed to eternalize the Portuguese Discoveries, being the Torre de Belém (Tower of Belém) and Mosteiro de Jerónimos (Monastery of Jerónimos) the most emblematic ones.

With the 1755 earthquake, the City of Lisbon was almost totally destroyed. The Marquês de Pombal, Prime-Minister of King D. José, reconstructed the city. The buildings and squares of the downtown Lisbon still prevail, being one of Lisbon tourist attractions, such as Terreiro do Paço.

Although the Lisbon Earthquake of 1755 destroyed most of the city, some of Lisbon's traditional districts survived. In the area surrounding the Castle of São Jorge, you can find Alfama, the ancient mourish quarter with its narrow and labyrinth-alike side streets. Also Bairro Alto, a typically Portuguese quarter, where Fado still echoes in the little taverns.

Besides typical and enchanted streets and quarters full of history, Lisbon also differentiates itself for its modern and bold architecture. Expo '98 revolutionized Parque das Nações, linking Lisbon to the future. It enabled a new and clean area which probably turned out to be the most ambitious national project of urban development of the century.



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### Culture

#### Music

The traditional music of Lisbon is Fado, a nostalgic song accompanied by the Portuguese guitar. Fado is a Portuguese musical style, generally sung by only one person (fadista) and accompanied by the Portuguese guitar. The themes of the songs are related with destiny, nostalgia, jealousy or the small stories of the daily life in the typical districts. The word Fado comes of Latin fatum, which means, "destiny".



Picture: LisbonGreenTour

#### Public areas and museums

Lisbon has a vast number of libraries (National Library) and museums, being relevant to mention the following:

National Museum of Ancient Art National Coach Museum Berardo Museum - CCB Chiado Museum Electricity Museum Orient Museum Tile Museum Fado Museum





Picture: Wikipédia I Ron



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### Enjoy

## Climb to the Castle of São Jorge and stroll through Alfama

Anyone coming to Lisbon and not going to the Castle of São Jorge will have surely missed an unforgettable moment. It is the highest point in the city, set amongst the most typical of neighborhoods. A unique opportunity to feel and understand the city's relationship with the river Tagus.



Picture: Wikinédia I Stefan Didam

#### Go up in the Santa Justa elevator

You cannot miss this fantastic monument in the city center. It offers enviable views over this old part of Lisbon, and it is a privilege to travel in this elevator designed by Ponsard, a disciple of the great master of iron works, Gustave Eiffel, more than a hundred years ago.



Picture: Wikipédia I Concierge.2

#### 2 Listen to Fado

Whether or not you like the style of music, dinner by candlelight listening to fado in Lisbon is a must. Consider yourself lucky and do stop if you hear it sung while strolling through some street in Alfama, Mouraria or Madragoa. This style is the so-called fado vadio, or amateur, sung when someone gets the urge to sing, with the guitars simply joining in.



Picture: Wikipédia I Bryan Ledgar

#### 5 Take a tram ride

The tram is a common mean of transport for "Lisboetas", but also one of the best ways to travel through the historic neighborhoods. It looks good on any photo, and the sound of the trams running on their rails is one of the most characteristic of the city. The no. 28 is the best known, but there are others.



Picture: Wikipėdia I MGA/3boti

#### 3 Terreiro do Paco

The largest square in Lisbon and also one of the most iconic symbols of the city that was rebuilt after the great earthquake of 1755. Currently, it mostly offers a very pleasant walk along the river in the late afternoon. It is also a very beautiful view from the river as you pass on a boat.



Picture: Wikipédia I Husono

### 6 Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower

Lisbon has two unique monuments which are World Heritage Sites. They are two jewels of the Gothic Manueline style very unique and magnificient. Apart from the vaults carved in stone that are a remarkable piece of engineering, the wealth of decorative elements linked to maritime aspects and the voyages of the Navigators is fascinating.



Picture: Wikipédia | Fulviusba

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#### 7 Taste a pastel de Belém

This is a highlight of Portuguese cuisine and its recipe is a closely guarded secret that makes them unique. Not to be missed! A sweet pastry that "Lisboetas" like to eat along their coffee.



Picture: Flickr | Meg Zimbeck

#### Oceanarium in the Parque das Nações

The Parque das Nações is a success story in the revitalization of an industrial area, with a privileged location on the river. It is worth visiting the Oceanarium, one of the largest in Europe, where you can appreciate the flora and fauna of the various oceans of our planet.



Picture: Wikipédia I TN

#### National Tile Museum and the Coach Museum

These two museums are unequalled anywhere in the world. One tells the story of its usage on the 16th century buildings' walls till nowadays. The other has an unrivalled collection of carriages, with fine examples from the 18th century, exuberantly decorated with paintings and gild work.



Picture: Flickr | Uploadbo

#### 10 Dine at Bairro Alto

Lisbon is also known for its very lively and busy nightlife. After an afternoon shopping in the elegant Chiado district, there's nothing like a late afternoon at one of the viewpoints of Santa Catarina or São Pedro de Alcântara, then staying for dinner in the Bairro Alto. It's the place to be for those who enjoy a night out having fun.



Picture: Wikipédia I TN

### Other cities

#### Sintra (Distance: 30 km from Lisbon)

The enchanting town of Sintra is all about scenic splendor; the realm of romance where majestic tale-like fairy palaces, the grandiose castle, regal estates and charming red-tiled houses stand amidst a landscape of luxuriant forests and hilltops.

Characterized by its unique mystique and peacefulness, the province of Sintra offers scenery of striking beauty with its rocky mountain range, lush greenery and amazing beaches. The Sintra's sleepy mountain range is also home to an extensive natural park that stretches out to Cascais wavelapped coast.

Places to see: Palácio da Pena; Quinta da Regaleira; Palácio Nacional de Sintra; Palácio de Monserrate; Palácio Real de Queluz; Castelo dos Mouros.





Picture 1: Wikipédia | Maragato

#### Cascais (Distance: 35 km from Lisbon)

Renowned for its glorious stretch of white, sandy beach, myriad of shopping opportunities and cosmopolitan vibrancy, the former fishing village of Cascais has reinvented itself into a refined seaside resort and one of Lisbon's most sophisticated destinations. Snuggled between the sun-dappled shores of the Cascais bay and Sintra's dramatic mountain range, this stylish coastal town is situated just a few miles from the mouth of the Tagus estuary and captures the attention of visitors year-round with its delightful maritime feel and contemporary charm.

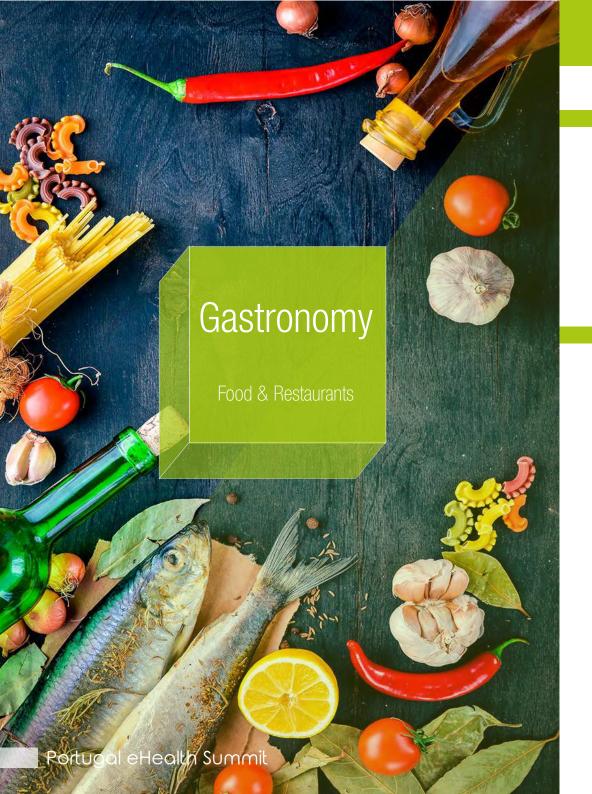
Places to see: Baía de Cascais; Parque Natural Sintra- Cascais (Sintra-Cascais Natural Park); Boca do Inferno ("Hell's Mouth'Grotto); Casino Estoril (Estoril Casino); Praia do Tamariz (Tamariz Beach).





Picture 1 and 2: All-free-photos

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## Gastronomy Food & Restaurantes

Lisbon gastronomy takes a lot of its influence from the proximity of the sea. Pataniscas (cod cookies), peixinhos da horta (fired cookies of green beans, not of fish) are typically Lisbon specialties and in the pastries, the renowned Belém custard pies are worth a try. In seafood, the specialties are mussels, cockle, lobsters and langoustines amongst others. The variety and flavour of the shellfishes that are served in Lisbon is quite impressive. The meat is cooked in the most diverse ways. The more delicious and most common steaks are à la Marraré, à la Café, à la Cortador and in the clay fry pan with an egg on top. Soups are usually made of vegetables or also with fish, shellfish or sausages. From October and during the entire winterseason, there are plenty of ambulant salesmen selling chestnuts baked in the street.

### Restaurants

Restaurants are recognized for their illustrious history and memories, exceptional views of the city, historic or old district location, and gastronomic quality.

Almost all of them are traditional Portuguese cuisine restaurants, an unforgettable experience when visiting the city.

### Suggestions



Antiga Casa Faz Frio Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua Dom Pedro V, n. 96, 1250 Lisboa



Bica do Sapato Fusion cuisine

Adress: Avenida Infante D. Henrique, Armazém B, Cais da Pedra a Sta Apolónia, 1950-376 Lisboa



Café Nicola Portuguese cuisine

Adress: Praça D. Pedro IV, 24/25, 1100-200 Lisboa

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Casa da Comida Stories Fusion cuisine
Adress: Travessa das Amoreiras, 1, 1250-025 Lisboa



Casa do Alentejo Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua das Portas de Santo Antão, 58, Rossio 1150 Lisboa



Casa do Leão Portuguese cuisine Adress: Castelo de São Jorge, 1100-129 Lisboa



Cervejaria Portugália Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua da Cintura do Porto de Lisboa, 1200-109 Lisboa



Cervejaria Trindade Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua Nova da Trindade 20 C, 2715-311 Lisboa



Estrela da Sé Portuguese cuisine Adress: Largo Santo António da Sé, 4, 1100 Lisboa



Faz Figura Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua do Paraíso 15B, 1100-395 Lisboa



Gambrinus Portuguese cuisine
Adress: Rua das Portas de Santo Antão 23, 1150-264 Lisboa



João do Grão Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua dos Correeiros 222, 1100 Lisboa



Laurentina Portuguese cuisine Adress: Avenida Conde Valbom 71A, 1050-067 Lisboa



Martinho da Arcada Portuguese cuisine





Papaçorda Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua da Atalaia 57, 1200-037 Lisboa



Solar dos Presuntos Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua Portas de Santo Antão 150, 1150-269 Lisboa



Tavares Portuguese cuisine

Adress: Rua da Misericórdia 37 R/C, 1200-270 Lisboa



Restaurant 31 da Armada Portuguese cuisine Adress: Largo da Armada 31, 1250-000 Lisboa



Varanda de Lisboa Portuguese cuisine Adress: Rua Rodrigo da Fonseca 88, 1099-039 Lisboa



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## Transports Other Information

#### **Tours**

Yellow Bus Tours www.yellowbustours.com/en/cities/ lisbon/tours/

Tuk-Tuk www.tuk-tuk-lisboa.pt

Segways, Buggies and Bicycle www.redtourgps.com/home.php

Go Car www.gocartours.com

Hippotrip www.hippotrip.com/en

Lisbon Walker www.lisbonwalker.com







#### **Promotional Videos**

Lisbon Promotional Video www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2c6r5aiMuU

Electrico 28 www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqpTU0vwP7o

Spot Lisboa www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mx-d6m0YjhE



#### Carris/Bus

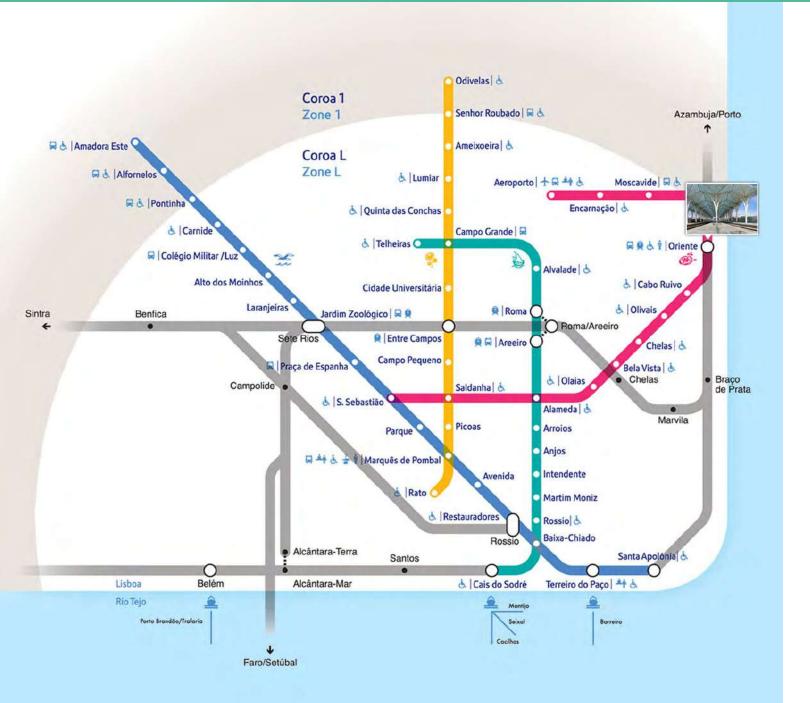
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Onborad fare - tram 2,85€

Bica, Glória and Lavra Funiculars (up to journeys) 3,60€

Sta. Justa Lift (up to 2 journeys) 5€

## Transports Other Information



### **Subway**



#### Blue line

Amadora Este - Santa Apolónia



#### Yellow line

Odivelas - Rato



#### Green line

Telheiras - Cais do Sodré



Red line São Sebastião - Aeroporto

#### Non-Frequent tickets

Carris/Metro singles ticket 1,40€ Valid for one journey in the Carris/Metro whole network, during 1 hour after the first validation

1 day ticket Carris/Metro network (24h) 6€ Valid in the Carris/Metro whole network for 24 hours after the first validation

#### Viva viagem card

The Viva viagem card is an electronic card that is validated by approaching the card to the contactless validators; it is reloadable and specially designed for non-frequent customers.







