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Lisbon

There is a journey to be taken. An emotion around the corner. A heart that beats in the cobbled paving, in the rivers and sea, in the endless golden beaches, in the unparalleled white light that touches buildings, in the people who live here, in the testimonies of its life.

Unique and memorable experiences, for those who like the country, for those who prefer the city, for those who appreciate monuments, for those who seek nature, for those who travel with all their senses. A rich, diverse and inviting itinerary, waiting to be discovered and travelled.





Baixa, Chiado, Avenida da Liberdade, Marquês de Pombal

The charm and elegance of the city centre

This is Lisbon's indisputable central axis. Starting from Marquês de Pombal with the river in the distance, below you is Avenida da Liberdade, a broad avenue lined by shops selling major international brands, full of trees and café terraces, leading us to the area of Lisbon known as Baixa. Here we can follow the busy Rua Augusta down to Terreiro do Paço, a monumental square on the banks of the Tagus, stopping off at one of the many restaurants and cafés and visiting the Lisbon Story Centre to learn more about the city's one thousand years of history. Finally, we can climb the Arco da Rua Augusta. This arch offers an unexpected view over the whole of the Baixa neighbourhood.

From here, walking up to the Chiado we encounter crowds of people who still represent what was, in its time, a neighbourhood of poets and artists.

Alfama, Castelo, Graça, Mouraria

A neighbourhood of history and stunning views

A walk through the streets of Alfama and Mouraria, often steep and narrow, takes us into the original heart of Lisbon. At the top of the hill, we can find the Castle of St George (Castelo de São Jorge), built in the 11th century, which has to be visited for its superb views of the city and the river.

A trip on the number 28 tram, one of the symbols of Lisbon, transports us through these historical neighbourhoods where fado was born and where different cultures combine to create a unique atmosphere that deserves to be enjoyed.

Along this route, as far as Graça, there are fabulous views of Lisbon and the river, including the Graça and Senhora do Monte viewpoints.

Bairro Alto, Bica Cais do Sodré, Santos

Enjoy yourself fun in Lisbon

During the day, Bairro Alto is notable for its wide range of alternative shops, galleries and other services that create a unique atmosphere in combination with the diversity of its inhabitants and visitors. In the Bairro da Bica, which has one of the most emblematic funiculars in Lisbon (Ascensor da Bica), it is enjoyable to observe the everyday life of its residents.

As the evening progresses, these neighbourhoods are transformed into an extensive area of nightlife with bars and restaurants that are particularly popular among younger generations. It is almost a ritual to walk down the hill to the river and end the night in Santos or Cais do Sodré with its famous Pink Street.

Riverside Area

The pleasure of the riverside

The Tagus gives the city of Lisbon its freshness and light. Belém is a neighbourhood that offers leisure, history and culture and Alcântara now has an added attraction: Pilar 7 - the Interpretation Centre for the 25 de Abril bridge, offering different immersive experiences that culminate in a glass viewing platform offering a unique view of the river and Belém.

We can continue along the river through the docks to Ribeira das Naus, a privileged location to enjoy the river and its garden. Further up the river, the cruise terminal is close enough to the historic city centre to be an added factor of satisfaction for passengers disembarking here.

This is the ideal area for long, leisurely walks or cycle rides along the river or for sports enthusiasts, who enjoy the fantastic conditions for running.

Belém

Heritage and history with a special touch

Belém is a symbol of History and the Voyages of Discovery. It was from here that great adventurers set sail to discover the World in their fragile caravels. The UNESCO World Heritage sites of Jerónimos Monastery and Belém Tower, monuments in the Manueline style, enhance the atmosphere with their astonishing architecture.

On a more contemporary note, the Centro Cultural de Belém is renowned for its exhibitions and cultural initiatives.

Before visiting the Coach Museum (Museu dos Coches), with its quite unique exhibition, don't forget to stop off on the way for a pastel de Belém (pastel de nata), one of the great delicacies of Lisbon and internationally renowned.

Parque das Nações

Leisure by the river

The east side of Lisbon is notable for a large area of contemporary architecture. The most well-known and most curious examples are the Portugal Pavilion roof and the Gare do Oriente. Its many green spaces along the river bank, the cable car, the Museum of Knowledge-Ciência Viva and the Oceanário, which has already welcomed millions of visitors and is one of the best in the world, with many different species, make this neighbourhood ideal for family outings.

In addition to countless shopping and dining options, there are two more leisure venues: the Altice Arena for international shows and Casino Lisboa to try your luck.









Events

Peixe em Lisboa

April

This gastronomic event presents a selection of leading restaurants and invites acclaimed chefs to present creative interpretations of fish and shellfish dishes. There are also tastings of a wide range of products and wine, as well as cooking sessions.

Festas de Lisboa

June

June is the month of the Festas de Lisboa, with their highpoint on 12 June, the night before the Santo António public holiday, which people celebrate above all in traditional neighbourhoods, eating grilled sardines, or watching the traditional parades on Avenida da Liberdade.

Festival O Sol da Caparica

August

The O Sol da Caparica festival offers 4 days of the best music in Portuguese. More than 30 artists and bands for 11 hours of music every day, with lounge zones, an avenue dedicated to surfing and many other initiatives related to urban culture and film.

Rock in Rio Lisboa

May / June

Rock in Rio-Lisboa, the greatest music festival in the world, brings to Lisbon a line-up of international pop, rock and electronic music stars. Families are also invited to enjoy the amusement park, green spaces and, of course, the music.

NOS Alive

July

Recognised as one of the best music festivals in Europe, NOS Alive brings to the Passeio Marítimo in Algés the biggest names in pop, rock and electronic music for memorable concerts. Beaches and Lisbon itself so close by are additional attractions for Portuguese and foreign festivalgoers.

Sumol Summer Fest

July

Ericeira is the annual stage for this festival that brings together music, surfing, beaches and friends. Aimed more at lovers of hip hop, pop and electronic music, Sumol Summer Fest is a festival inspired by and associated with the beach.

Mafra, Ericeira and Oeiras

Beyond the city of Lisbon

The town of Mafra is marked by the grandeur of the Palácio Nacional, built during the reign of Dom João V and the most important symbol of Baroque architecture in Portugal. Behind the palace is a huge enclosed park, the Tapada Nacional de Mafra, where wild animals live in complete freedom. Open to the public, it's not to be missed. On the coast is Ericeira, a fishing town that has become a World Surfing Reserve, offering numerous beaches and excellent conditions for surfing. Find out more about this activity at the Ericeira World Surfing Reserve Interpretation Centre.

Oeiras, with its mild maritime climate and its beaches, offers opportunities for a wide variety of outdoor pursuits. But it also has a historical dimension: the Palace and Gardens of the Marquês de Pombal, well worth a visit, and the opportunity to taste one of the oldest wines in Portugal, Carcavelos.

Almada, Amadora, Loures and Odivelas

The charms of another Lisbon

To the south, crossing 25 de Abril Bridge, we can find Almada, one of the surrounding areas most sought after by Lisbon's inhabitants. With its endless beaches, it is ideal for long summer days. A day over the river would not be complete without visiting a Cristo Rei which welcomes all visitors with open arms and offers a fantastic view of Lisbon. To the north, the neighbouring towns of Odivelas and Loures are notable for their historical past and monuments. Closer to Lisbon is Amadora, famous for its International Comics Festival, a leading event in Europe, first held in 1989 and bringing together the best in this field.

Cascais, Estoril and Guincho

The fascination of the sea

30 minutes from Lisbon, Cascais has a great deal to offer - beaches, nature, sports, culture and gastronomy. With its picturesque town centre, marina and powerful ocean, as can be witnessed at Boca do Inferno and Guincho beach, Cascais is ideal for water sports. Almost untouched nature is represented here by the Parque Natural Sintra-Cascais, which covers 1/3 of the total area of Cascais. The green landscape, the dunes and the view over the ocean are the perfect combination for some of the best golf courses in Portugal. Countless cultural activities, music, museums and other regular events define another facet of Cascais. In addition to its beaches, Estoril is a place of entertainment that owes much to its Casino. A meal of fresh fish, overlooking the sea, is always a special treat.



Events

Global Champions Tour

July

The cosmopolitan town of Cascais, which has a long equestrian tradition, once again welcomes the world's best riders for a high-calibre show jumping event. The event is part of the much-respected Global Champions Tour

Festival de Sintra

October / November

A premier cultural event that brings international companies and performers of music and dance to the uniquely romantic backdrop of Sintra. Concert-goers can revel in the impressive programme of performances at the region's magnificent palaces and estates, including the National Palaces of Sintra, Pena and Queluz and the Quinta da Piedade.

Super Bock Super Rock

July

Presenting a modern, urban and cosmopolitan concept, Super Bock Super Rock is considered one of the country's great music festivals. It offers a 3-day line-up of the most extraordinary international and Portuguese rock and alternative music.



Sintra

Capital of Romanticism

Classified by UNESCO as a Cultural Landscape on the World Heritage List since 1995, Sintra has inspired artists and poets throughout its history. A trip up to the Serra de Sintra will take you to Palácio da Pena, the finest example of Portuguese romantic architecture. In the wooded hills of the Serra de Sintra, you will find traces of a more remote past: the Castelo dos Mouros, telling the story of other eras. Enjoy a trip back in time, on foot or in a horse-drawn carriage, and discover lush gardens full of secrets and the magic charm of this mysterious town. Right in the centre of Sintra is the Palácio da Vila, frequently enveloped in the enigmatic mist characteristic of the area's microclimate.

Sintra is far more than just a tourist destination. It is an illustrated fairy tale with sublime landscapes, unique nooks and an experience that do you won't find anywhere else in the world. A veritable work of art created by nature and people.

Arrábida Setúbal, Palmela and Sesimbra

A perfect symbiosis between nature and the sea

To the south of Lisbon, and aligned with Cape Espichel, is the Serra da Arrábida Natural Park, where nature meets the sea. Green and blue dominate and make these hills unique, reflecting the close relationship between the sea, beaches and the Serra. In the Sado estuary, you may well be surprised by a visit from the local school of dolphins, or the flamingos that also live in this area.

The local gastronomy represents this connection with the sea, with fresh fish and shellfish. This area also has a Wine Route, focusing on the wines of Palmela and Moscatel de Setúbal.

Arco do Tejo Alcochete, Vila Franca de Xira, Montijo, Barreiro, Seixal and Moita

The rural side of Lisbon

The vast basin of the Tagus estuary is renowned for its culture and traditions associated with the river and horses. In the estuary, fishermen ply their trade and, on land, the tradition of bulls and horses remains strong. Open grassland offers ideal conditions for bulls and horses to freely pasture. This typical landscape reflects local people's pride in their traditions.

The Tagus Estuary Nature Reserve, the largest wetlands in the country and one of the most important in Europe, is the habitat for countless fish, crustaceans and, above all, birds that stop off here during their migration to the south. For this reason, this area is increasingly attractive to birdwatchers.







Events

Carnaval de Sesimbra

February

Dancing, competitions, samba... and crazy fun are the explosive recipe for this great carnival party. Sesimbra's carnival tradition is renowned, with processions by the Samba Schools and Groups involving more than 2,000 participants and the traditional parade of clowns, one of the largest in the world.

Feira de Sant'iago

July / August

An intense programme of cultural events and leisure activities, good, traditional trade, bars and fun for all ages. 10 days full of entertainment, with dozens of artists and exhibitors showing the best the region has to offer.

Festa das Vindimas

September

The annual Harvest Festival (Festa das Vindimas) is inspired by the municipality's wine tradition and celebrates farming in general. There will be lots of music, good food and sport, a highlight being the wine fair in the Setúbal Peninsula, where Moscatel de Setúbal is the star.

Festas do Colete Encarnado

July

Vila Franca de Xira pays tribute to the campino tradition, bringing together men, bulls and horses. Join the celebrations in the first weekend of July and enjoy the concerts, dances and bull-running across this region.

Festas do Barrete Verde e das Salinas

August

In Alcochete, we have the Festas do Barrete Verde, an event that began more than 70 years ago and represents the most genuine culture this town has to offer. Its charisma and bullfighting tradition attract thousands of visitors, inspired by this tradition, by faith and by the enthusiasm with which they are welcomed.

Festival SeixalJazz

October

SeixalJazz has become a reference among Portuguese jazz festivals. It presents a programme with great names in Portuguese and international jazz, offering five nights of excellent concerts. At the same time, the festival organises exhibitions, workshops, markets and educational concerts.







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