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LISBON GUIDE



Nestled on the scenic hills overlooking the Tagus River, Portugal's charismatic capital is a tapestry of architectural wonders, vibrant neighborhoods, and a rich tapestry of history. As you meander through the cobbled streets of Alfama, Lisbon's oldest district, you'll be transported to a bygone era, where colorful tiled facades, Moorish influences, and the soulful sounds of Fado music intertwine. Lose yourself in the labyrinthine alleys, stumbling upon hidden courtyards, boutique shops, and cozy cafés where you can savor delectable pastéis de nata, Portugal's famous custard tarts.

Beyond its nostalgic allure, Lisbon is also a hub of modern creativity. The stylish district of Baixa is a haven for fashionistas, with its chic boutiques and trendy concept stores. Discover the cutting-edge art scene at the LX Factory, a converted industrial complex now housing art galleries, design studios, and hip eateries. As the sun sets, the city's vibrant nightlife comes alive, offering an array of stylish rooftop bars and fashionable clubs where you can dance the night away. Whether you're exploring historic landmarks like the imposing São Jorge Castle or indulging in a luxurious spa retreat, Lisbon promises an unforgettable blend of sophistication, culture, and indulgence that will leave you longing for more.





DINING OUT: HIGHLIGHTS

BELCANTO

Belcanto is located in a legendary Lisbon building that first served as a men's club back in 1958. It was reopened as a restaurant in 2012 by chef Jose Avillez, who helped Belcanto to earn two Michelin stars within just a couple of years.

It's an intimate restaurant which seats just 45 guests, who choose from two tasting menus or an a la carte menu, with the hake with fig leaf being one of the top dishes to try here. For a unique night out, consider booking the Chef's Table, where you'll be able to get a first hand look at the kitchen.

WEBSITE INSTAGRAM

100 MANEIRAS

Michelin star restaurant 100 Maneiras follows the concept of freedom, with no rules when it comes to the creativity of their menu. Chef Ljubomir Stanisic from Sarajevo arrived in Portugal following the war in his home country and has been passionate about cooking ever since.

Diners can choose from three tasting menus: Ecos do 100, O Conto or A Historia. The menu contains references to the chef's home country with a modern twist on more traditional dishes. Expect seasonal menu updates and bold desserts.

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DINING OUT: EXTENDED LIST

MICHELIN STARRED

- ALMA
- CURA
- ELEVEN
- ENCANTO
- EPUR
- FEITORIA
- FIFTY SECONDS
- KABUKI
- KANAZAWA E LOCO

FINE DINING

- SITIO
- CANTINHO DO AVILLEZ
- CICERO BISTROT
- GRENACHE
- OTRO
- VIA GRACA

FISH AND SEAFOOD

- CERVEJARIA RAMIRO
- CEVICHERIA
- LOTA D'AVILA
- NUNES REAL MARISQUEIRA
- PEIXOLA
- SEA ME

TYPICAL PORTUGUESE AND FADO

- GAMBRINUS
- O FAIA
- O VELHO EURICO
- PINOQUIO
- SOLAR DOS PRESUNTOS
- TABERNA ANTI DANTAS

ASIAN

- BOA BAO
- GO JUU
- GUNPOWDER
- KHAYYAM
- SOAO
- YAKUZA FIRST FLOOR

ITALIAN

- ALLORA
- COME PRIMA
- FORNO D'ORO
- IL MERCATO
- SOPHIA
- VALDO GATTI

STEAKHOUSES

- ATALHO REAL
- OITTO
- K.O.B BY OLIVIER
- LA PAPARRUCHA
- O TALHO
- SALA DE CORTE

PETISCOS (APPETIZERS)

- OFFICIO
- PICA PAU
- SR. LISBOA A COZINHA
- TABERNA DA RUA DAS FLORES
- TABERNA BAIRRO DO AVILLEZ
- TAPISCO

VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN

- AO 26 VEGAN FOOD PROJECT
- ARKHE
- O BOTANISTA
- PSI LISBOA
- THE GREEN AFFAIR
- VEGAN JUNKIES

BRUNCH

- AMELIA LISBOA
- BOUTIK
- HEIM CAFE
- HYGGE KAFFE
- MARIA LIMAO
- SELLLVA



THINGS TO SEE & DO

FEIRA DA LADRA

What? Bi-weekly market Where? Sao Vicente

IMMERSIVUS GALLERY

What? Immersive art gallery Where? Reservatório da Mãe d'Água das Amoreiras

PENSAO AMOR

What? Late-night cocktails Where? Cais do Sodré

MARTINHO DA ARCADA

What? Coffee shop Where? Santa Maria Maior

SANTINI

What? Artisinal ice creams Where? Chiado

MONSANTO PARK

What? Public park
Where? Benfica/Monsanto

MUSEU DO ORIENTE

What? Museum of the Orient Where? Estrela/Lapa/Santos

MAAT

What? Art, architecture and technology museum Where? Belem

PORTAS DO SOL

What? Cocktails with a view Where? Castelo de Sao Jorge

PANORAMICO DE MONSANTO

What? Historic viewpoint Where? Benfica/Monsanto

PASTEIS DE BELEM

What? World famous pastries Where? Belem

MESA DE FRADES

What? Fados hangout Where? Sao Vicente

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN MUSEUM

What? Fine art museum Where? Sao Sebastiao

TEJO BAR

What? Tiny live music venue Where? Alfama

RED FROG

What? Late night bar Where? Avenida da Liberdade

OBEY GIANT

What? Mural by Shepard Fairey Where? Rua Natalia Correia

LUX

What? Lisbon's best club Where? Sao Vicente

MUSIC BOX

What? Music venue Where? Cais do Sodré