

15 things to
do in Lisbon



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Why Lisbon?

“If you are dreaming about your next trip to Europe, come and visit Lisbon, the historical city with many stories to tell. Where the sun shines up to 290 days a year and the temperature rarely drops below 15°C. Where you feel safe walking during the day and going out at night. Where gastronomy is dedicated to defining more than a thousand ways to cook our beloved cod. Where you will find hotels and restaurants for all tastes, budgets and criteria. Find Lisbon. An authentic capital, where ancient habits and secular history intersect with cultural animation and technological innovation: Lisbon is ageless but loves company, as you will be able to confirm as soon as you find someone who explains, with many gestures and repetitions, the best place to go and listen to Fado. After all, Lisbon is famous for its hospitality and the familiar way of welcoming its visitors. ”

<https://www.visitlisboa.com/pt-pt/p/porque-lisboa>



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1. Ride on Tram 28

“Tram 28 is a real ex-libris of Lisbon, and one of the best ways to get to know the city.

From the windows of this picturesque means of transport we can appreciate all the historical and natural heritage that Lisbon has to offer, from the imposing Basilica da Estrela to the monumental Castelo de São Jorge, in the medieval area of the capital.

Tram 28, or “Amarelo” (yellow) as it is affectionately called by the inhabitants of Lisbon, is part of a group of vehicles originally imported from the United States in 1901 with the aim of replacing the old horse-drawn carriages, which were the main means of transport at the high.

We can start our journey in the heart of Lisbon, at Rua da Conceição, for example, and go up to Chiado, one of the most cosmopolitan and historic neighborhoods in the city, between Bairro Alto and Baixa.”

www.guiadacidade.pt

See more: <https://www.eletrico28.pt/eletrico28/>



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2. Watch the sunset at one of our viewpoints

“In this Lisbon of the seven hills, there are a lot and even more viewpoints, each one of them offering the “ best view ” of the city. It is not worth having vertigo ”

<https://visao.sapo.pt/>

See more: <https://visao.sapo.pt/visaose7e/sair/2017-11-17-lisboa-vista-das-alturas-os-11-miradouros-com-a-melhor-panoramica-sobre-a-cidade/>



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3. Eat a custard tart “Pastel de Nata”

“Although its history is unclear, it is known that “pastel de nata” has a monastic origin, linked to the Jerónimos monastery. It is believed that, in a time of need, particularly difficult due to the liberal revolution, the monks of the famous monastery would have resorted to this delicacy to try to make money and survive. Thus, at that time of urgency, they will have started marketing in an establishment, right there in Belém, near the Jerónimos monastery.”


<https://pastel-de-nata.pt/historia-do-pastel-de-nata/>



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4. Know Lisbon by Bicycle

Discovering Lisbon by bicycle is a unique experience, which is done at each one's pace. A way to see the city with the 5 senses, with smells, sounds and sights that would otherwise go unnoticed.






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5. Go to the Flea Market “Feira da Ladra”

“The world is divided into two types of people: those who like modern objects, avant-garde and with futuristic vibes; and those that prefer objects with history, old but charming and timeless.”

<https://lisboasecreta.co/as-melhores-feiras-de-antiguidades-e-velharias-de-lisboa/>



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6. Walk in the Botanical Garden of Lisbon

“The Botanical Garden was built between 1873 and 1878, with the aim of being a scientific garden and welcoming several species of botany worldwide. In a green space of 4 thousand hectares it is possible to find about 1,500 different species.”

<https://lisboasecreta.co/uma-boa-noticia-o-jardim-botanico-reabriu-nesta-semana/>

See more: <https://museus.ulisboa.pt/pt-pt/jardim-botanico-lisboa>



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7. Go to a traditional fado house

“At a time when Portuguese fado reaches the most acclaimed stages in the world, it is time to return to the origins. It is in Bairro Alto, Mouraria and Alfama that the taverns are located where professionals and amateurs duel in a battle called “Fado Vadio.””

<https://ionline.sapo.pt/artigo/416138/fado-vadio-sil-ncio-que-se-vai-cantar-tradicao?seccao=B.I.>

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8. Breathe the fresh air at the Gulbenkian Foundation

“The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation was created in 1956 by the will of Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian, an Armenian philanthropist who lived in Lisbon between 1942 and 1955, the year he died.

The Foundation has a museum, home of the Founder's private collection and a collection of modern and contemporary art; an orchestra and a choir; an art and archive library; a scientific research institute; and a garden, which is a central space in the city of Lisbon, where educational activities also take place.

In conjunction with cultural activities, the Foundation fulfills its mission through innovative programs that develop pilot projects and support, through grants and subsidies, social institutions and organizations. ”

<https://gulbenkian.pt/fundacao/apresentacao/>





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9. Have a coffee at “A Brasileira”

“This project, luxurious and in Parisian style, became the hallmark of Lisbon's coffee, containing distinctive elements of its author's work in the entrance statues, in the elegant wreaths that replace architectural structures, in the masks or in the careful work of wrought iron.”

<http://www.patrimoniocultural.gov.pt/pt/patrimonio/itinerarios/norte-junior-itinerarios-1905-1929/baixa-pombalina-lisboa-4-cafe-brasileira-do-chiado>



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10. Lisbon Cinematheque

"Its main mission is to promote and safeguard the Portuguese cinematographic heritage. The building was restored at the turn of the century and today it is possible to comfortably watch the classics of national and international cinema in three rooms: in the Dr. Félix Ribeiro room, the main one with 227 seats, in Luís de Pina, with 47, and on the terrace where projections happen when the weather allows it. At the Foz Palace, the first house and where the Cinemateca Júnior works today, an exhibition on the genesis of cinema is permanently on, a journey that begins in the shadow spectrums."

<http://www.cinemateca.pt/>



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11. Lisbon's "Santos Populares"

"June is the month of the Popular Saints with festivals all over the country on the nights of Santo António, São João and São Pedro."

"In Lisbon, the popular marches of each neighborhood parade along Av. Da Liberdade, filling that artery of hundreds of extras, music, colorful and very public. But the flood and excitement are not less in the streets of these neighborhoods, especially Alfama, but also for Graça, Bica, Mouraria or Madragoa. In the medieval streets and alleys, green broth and roasted sardines are eaten, sung and danced at night. Another high point is the procession of Santo António, which on the 13th leaves his church, located in Alfama, next to the Cathedral, in the place where this saint was born, around 1193."

<https://www.visitportugal.com/pt-pt/node/210955>



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12. Visit the beaches in the area

“Marginal out, Tagus beyond, Atlantic there... and a whole line of sand. According to many tourists, this are the beaches of Lisbon. For the locals, they are the beaches on the “Line”.”

http://fugas.publico.pt/Viagens/286051_de-lisboa-a-cascais-por-praias-bem-alinhadas?pagina=-1



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13. Visit the LX Factory

“It was in 1846 that the “Companhia de Fiação e Tecidos Lisbonense”, one of the most important industrial complexes in Lisbon, was installed in Alcântara. This industrial area of 23,000 m² was occupied in subsequent years by “Companhia Industrial de Portugal e Colónias”, typography “Anuário Comercial de Portugal” and “Gráfica Mirandela”.

A fraction of the city that for years remained hidden is now returned to the city in the form of LXFACTORY. A creative island occupied by companies and industry professionals has also been the scene of a diverse range of events in the areas of fashion, advertising, communication, multimedia, art, architecture, music, etc. generating a dynamic that has attracted countless visitors to rediscover this area of Alcântara.”

<https://lxfactory.com/a-lxfactory/>



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14. Visit Time Out Market, former Mercado da Ribeira

“The revitalized Mercado da Ribeira - Time Out Market since 2014 - gathers in about 7,000 square meters, the best the city has to offer: restaurants, chefs and national products. There are more than 40 spaces for gastronomic offer, with 800 seats in a covered area and another 250 on the terraces. And traditional food, Lisbon's food hall still combines an unprecedented cultural offer - with events ranging from the theater, to concerts and exhibitions - and a cooking school.”

<https://www.dn.pt/portugal/mercado-da-ribeira-distinguido-com-oscar-da-restauracao-9172792.html>



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15. Visit the smallest bookstore in the world – “Livraria do Simão”

“In 2008, former chemistry professor Simão Carneiro decided to dedicate himself to his passion: literature. At the time, he was looking for a place in the central area of Lisbon to open a bookstore, and he only found this curious space that is in the middle of the Escadinha de São Cristóvão.

That was how Livraria do Simão was born, which in 4 square meters manages to house about four thousand books of the most varied languages, values and genres, such as romance, poetry, short stories, among others.”

<https://lisboasecreta.co/livraria-do-simao/>