

# Let One Of The Oldest Cities, Lisbon, Conquer You With Its Mysticism And Modernity.



Lisbon is a city that will undoubtedly surprise you. You may arrive with certain expectations, but it will not only meet them; believe me, it will offer much more. Nestled in the southwestern corner of Europe and sprawled across seven hills, with both river and ocean, this picturesque city delivers an abundance of art and culture, as well as history and modernity, excitement and serenity—uncovered and undiscovered pleasures that surpass mere admiration.

## What is the story of Lisbon?



Lisbon is one of the oldest cities in the world and the oldest city in Western Europe, predating other contemporary European capitals like London, Paris, and Rome. Ruled by various Germanic tribes from the 5th century, it was conquered by the Moors in the 8th century. In 1147, crusaders led by Afonso Henriques reconquered the city, and since then, it has been the political, economic, and cultural center of Portugal.

Lisbon boasts two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Belém Tower and the Jerónimos Monastery. In 1994, the city was named the European Capital of Culture. Its name translates to "harbor," and it's also known as the "City of Seven Hills."

## The Charm of the City



To capture charm, one must possess uniqueness, and Lisbon has plenty of it. The city's iconic tram lines are sure to leave a lasting impression, as will the expansive stone mosaics that cover the city. Enhanced by a string of living postcards in the form of beauty, Lisbon looks simply incredible!

## Walking Through the Orient



When exploring Lisbon's most significant landmarks, starting with the 16th-century Belém Tower is a sure bet. This symbol of the city captivates with its exterior and even more so with its interior, much like the breathtaking Jerónimos Monastery. Their UNESCO protection speaks volumes about their value.

Not far from the tower is the impressive Monument to the Discoveries, featuring a group of sculptures representing the cradle of the caravel (a small sailing ship developed by the Portuguese for exploring the Atlantic Ocean). Leading the ship is Prince Henry the Navigator, followed by many other great Portuguese explorers.

One can't miss the striking bridge over the Tagus River, often seen in many reports from the city. The vast Praça do Comércio square will welcome you with open arms, with its unusual breadth and statues of important Portuguese figures such as Vasco da Gama and the Marquis of Pombal, crowned by the grand and monumental Arco do Triunfo (Arch of Triumph).

## Discoveries Around Every Corner



As you stroll through Lisbon's boulevards and streets, surprises will greet you at every turn. The scents in the air and the freshness of the fountains will ignite your desire for more exploration. Perched atop São Jorge, the highest hill in Lisbon, is the beautiful Garden of the Castle of São Jorge, one of the city's most famous landmarks.

Below it, you'll find the bustling Praça do Rossio, the liveliest area in Lisbon, full of bars and restaurants, and a common meeting place for locals and visitors alike. You'll also be drawn to sights such as the Lisbon Cathedral, also known as Sé de Lisboa, or the Oceanarium, the largest of its kind in Europe. You can marvel at the longest bridge in Europe, named after Vasco da Gama, or take an unforgettable walk through the iconic Alfama district, where you can savor pastel de nata, try local wine, and listen to the legendary sounds of Fado music.

## **Not Far from the City**



The surroundings of Lisbon offer exceptionally interesting places to visit. The rail and boat infrastructure makes it easy to reach landmarks such as Sintra, a charming retreat nestled in the hills near Lisbon, a whirlpool of fairytale styles combining exotic and local architecture with mesmerizing views. At the top lies the magnificent Pena Palace, the epitome of the Romantic movement, or you can enjoy the nearby beaches along the Atlantic Ocean.