

Why Lisbon?

From the outdoor markets along the harbor to the winding street of the old quarters, to the mournful tones of its Fado music, Lisbon and its people embrace you with their warmth and spirit.



Lisbon has an incredibly rich heritage. Spread over seven hills north of the Rio Tejo (Tagus River) estuary, the city presents a variety of faces to those who negotiate its switchback streets. In the oldest bairros (neighborhoods), stepped alleys are lined with pastel-color houses decked with laundry. Eléctricos (trams) clank through the streets, and blue-and-white glazed ceramic tiles adorn churches and fountains.

Legend has it that Lisbon was founded by Ulysses. The name comes from “Olissipo”, which has its origins in the Phoenician words “Allis Ubbo”, meaning “enchanting port”.

Europe's second-oldest capital (after Athens), Lisbon was occupied by the Moors for 450 years and conquered by the Christians in the 12th Century. Once home to the world's greatest explorers like Vasco da Gama, Magellan and Prince Henry the Navigator, Lisbon became the first true world city, the capital of an empire spreading over continents - from South America (Brazil) to Asia (Macao, China; Goa, India)

Since the Age of Discoveries until now – Lisbon has played a role in many of the events that set the course of European and world history. The Portuguese capital, with its rich cultural heritage, is a progressive, cosmopolitan and creative city, marrying the historic with the modern, the traditional with the cutting edge.

Quick Facts



Average Weather in January

- 8°-15°C (46° - 58°F)

Travel & Transportation Information

- By air, Lisbon is 1-3 hours from most European cities. Nonstop flights available from major North & South American gateway cities
- Distance from Airport (LIS) to hotels & city center: 7 KM
 - Average Taxi Fare 7-10€ -- 10-15 minutes
- Local Public Transportation – Metro Station across the street from Corinthia Hotel

