

Practical information

While Day 2 of the Festival will take participants beyond Lisbon to Sintra and Cascais, Lisbon will serve as the Festival's main base, with participant accommodation and the principal venue at the [Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation](#) located in the city.

Reaching Lisbon from the airport

Lisbon's international airport, **Humberto Delgado Airport (LIS)**, is located approximately 7 km from the city centre. Thanks to its proximity, there are several convenient and affordable ways to reach the city.

Metro

The Lisbon Metro is one of the quickest and most economical ways to travel from the airport to the city centre. The **Red Line (Linha Vermelha)** departs directly from the airport station and connects to the Green, Blue and Yellow Lines, allowing easy access to most parts of Lisbon.

A single journey costs €1.90 (plus €0.50 for the rechargeable Navegante card if purchasing one for the first time) and takes approximately 20–30 minutes, depending on your destination.

Tickets can be purchased from the ticket machines at any metro station. Alternatively, at metro stations you can simply tap your contactless bank card or mobile payment device at the ticket gates, without purchasing a separate ticket.



Bus (Carris)

Carris buses also connect the airport with various parts of the city. A single journey costs €2.30 if purchased onboard, or €1.90 when using a Navegante card. Journey times vary depending on traffic but are generally between 25 and 45 minutes.

Ride-sharing

Ride-sharing services such as Uber and Bolt are widely available in Lisbon and are often the most convenient option for travelling around the city. We recommend downloading the apps before your arrival, as payment is handled directly through the app.

A journey from the airport to the city centre typically costs between €8 and €18, depending on traffic and demand.

Taxi

Official taxis are available directly outside the arrivals terminal. A taxi ride from the airport to the city centre usually takes 15–25 minutes and generally costs between €15 and €25, depending on traffic and luggage.

Please note that while taxi fares are similar to those of ride-sharing services, **some taxis only accept cash, so it is advisable to check with the driver before starting your journey.**



Getting around Lisbon

Lisbon's public transport network – metro, buses, trams and suburban trains – is reliable and easy to use.

You can either download the **Carris Way** app or use **Google Maps**, both of which provide real-time route planning for buses, trams, the metro and suburban trains.

If you plan to use public transport frequently during your stay, you may wish to purchase a 24-hour unlimited travel pass (approximately €7.25), which covers the metro, buses, trams, funiculars and the Santa Justa Lift.





Emergency numbers

- **112** – Emergency national contact
- **808 24 24 24** – For non-emergency medical advice or guidance to a local health center or hospital, call the toll-free helpline
- **217 654 242** – Police Department in Lisbon



Currency & payments

The official currency in Portugal is the Euro. While cards are accepted in the vast majority of places, we recommend having some cash on you for smaller payments. In older, more traditional shops, you might still find some places that are "cash only." If you are using a foreign currency, apps like Revolut, N26, etc. are highly recommended for their low exchange fees.



Tourist attractions

Lisbon is one of the oldest cities in Western Europe, filled with layers of history that make it feel like a true open-air museum. As you wander through its hilly streets, you will naturally discover and appreciate the city's unique charm – from its iconic **hand-painted tiles (azulejos)** decorating the facades, to its striking architecture and timeless monuments. To help you experience Lisbon's rich heritage, here are some of our top recommendations:



Castelo de S. Jorge

The ancient hilltop castle offering panoramic views over the old quarters and the river.



Terreiro do Paço

Lisbon's grandest riverside square, once the gateway to the city for royal ships.



Chiado

The elegant, historic cultural hub, perfect for a stroll among old bookstores and cafés.



Torre de Belém & Mosteiro dos Jerónimos

Two stunning examples of Manueline (Portuguese Gothic) architecture, deeply tied to the Age of Discovery.



Padrão dos Descobrimentos

A powerful monument celebrating the Portuguese navigators.



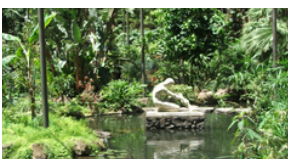
Igreja de São Roque & Brotéria

Located side-by-side in Bairro Alto; São Roque holds one of the world's most lavish baroque chapels, while Brotéria offers a vibrant, modern cultural space.



Igreja de S. Vicente de Fora

A magnificent monastery where **the rooftop terrace offers some of the absolute best views over Lisbon.**



Estufa Fria (Parque Eduardo VII)

A lush, peaceful greenhouse hidden in the heart of the city, ideal for a relaxing break.





Miradouros (Viewpoints)

Built across seven dramatic hills overlooking the majestic Tagus River, Lisbon's unique geography creates natural balconies all over the city. These viewpoints, known locally as *miradouros*, are the ultimate spots to appreciate Lisbon's legendary, luminous light, its sea of terracotta rooftops, and the charming white-washed houses cascading down to the river. As late afternoon approaches, these squares come alive. They are incredibly popular spots at dusk, where locals and travelers gather to watch the sunset in a vibrant, social atmosphere, often soundtracked by local street musicians. Here are the essential *miradouros* you cannot miss:



Miradouro da Senhora do Monte

The highest point in the city, offering an unparalleled, sweeping panoramic view of Lisbon and the castle. It is one of the most magical spots for sunset.



Miradouro da Graça

Located just a bit lower than Senhora do Monte, it features a lively open-air café (*quioste*) under the pine trees, making it a favorite for late-afternoon drinks and socializing.



Miradouros: Portas do Sol & Santa Luzia

Situated side-by-side in the historic Alfama district. Santa Luzia is famous for its romantic flower-covered pergolas and tile panels, while Portas do Sol offers that postcard-perfect view over the labyrinth of Alfama's roofs down to the river.



Miradouro de São Pedro de Alcântara

Located on the opposite hill (near Chiado and Bairro Alto), this landscaped garden viewpoint gives you a stunning front-row seat to the castle and the downtown area, complete with a bustling, energetic vibe in the evening.



Museums

Beyond its streets, Lisbon boasts a rich and diverse museum scene that bridges the gap between Portugal's grand history and global modern art. From world-class private collections to interactive experiences that bring history alive, there is something for every type of traveller. Here are our top museum recommendations:

History & Cultural Heritage

Museu Nacional dos Coches

Home to one of the world's finest and most unique collections of royal carriages, spanning from the 16th to the 19th century.



Museu do Oriente

Celebrating Portugal's historical ties with Asia through an incredible collection of Eastern art and artifacts.



Casa Fernando Pessoa

The former home of Portugal's most famous modern poet, now a literary house dedicated to his life and work.



Interactive Experiences

Quake (Lisbon Earthquake Museum)

A thrilling, interactive, and educational simulator experience that takes you back in time to the major 1755 earthquake.



Lisbon Story Centre

An innovative, high-tech museum in Terreiro do Paço that takes you on a fascinating 60-minute journey through the city's history.



Art & Contemporary Culture

Museu Calouste Gulbenkian

One of Europe's hidden gems, housing a world-class private collection that ranges from ancient Egyptian artifacts to masterpieces by Monet and Rembrandt, surrounded by beautiful gardens.



MAAT (Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology)

Located on the Belém waterfront, this iconic, wave-like building hosts cutting-edge contemporary exhibitions.



Museu Nacional de Arte Contemporânea (MNAC)

Located in the heart of Chiado, it offers a great look at the history of Portuguese contemporary and modern art.





Restaurants

Portuguese cuisine is all about simple, high-quality ingredients made with a lot of heart. In Lisbon, you will experience a perfect mix of fresh Atlantic seafood and comforting, traditional dishes.

The undisputed king of the Portuguese table is **Bacalhau** (salted codfish). It is a national obsession – there are said to be more than 365 ways to cook it, one for every day of the year. For a true local comfort food experience, you must try a **Bitoque**, a traditional dish featuring a juicy steak topped with a fried egg (served "*a cavalo*", meaning "on horseback"), accompanied by fries and rice. Finally, no trip to Lisbon is complete without tasting a **Pastel de Belém**, the world-famous, warm custard tart with crisp pastry, dusted with cinnamon and powdered sugar.

To experience the best of the local flavours, here are our recommended spots:

Adega Solar Minhoto (Best Bitoque)

A traditional, no-frills neighbourhood tavern (*tasca*) famous among locals for serving what many consider the absolute best *bitoque* in town.

O Aregos

A fantastic, authentic spot to enjoy traditional, hearty Portuguese home cooking in a welcoming and genuine atmosphere.

Cervejaria Ramiro (Seafood)

A legendary Lisbon institution. It is highly popular for its incredible, fresh seafood – from garlic prawns to giant tiger shrimp – always paired with buttered toasted bread and finished with a steak sandwich (*prego*) for dessert.

Nunes Real Marisqueira

A top-tier, refined seafood restaurant known for its exceptional quality, premium fresh catches, and immaculate service.





Activities to do / Events happening during the festival week

October is an absolute magical time to visit Lisbon. The intense summer heat fades into a pleasant autumn warmth, the crowds thin out, and the city takes on a cozy, golden hue. Here are the best ways to experience Lisbon during your stay:

Seasonal & Cultural Experiences



Taste Roasted Chestnuts (Castanhas Assadas)

October marks the beginning of chestnut season in Portugal. As you walk through downtown, you will spot traditional street vendors roasting them over charcoal. Follow the white smoke and try a dozen – they are served piping hot, salted, and are a true autumn ritual.



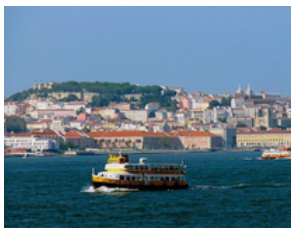
LX Factory

A trendy, creative hub set inside an old 19th-century industrial complex beneath the iconic 25 de Abril Bridge. It is packed with quirky design shops, artisan boutiques, excellent restaurants, and a breathtaking multi-level bookstore.



Portuguese Wine Tasting

Portugal produces some of the finest wines in the world. October is right after the grape harvest (vindimas), making it the perfect time to book an authentic tasting session in downtown Lisbon to sample rich Alentejo reds, crisp Vinho Verde, or historic Port and Madeira wines.



Tagus River Boat Tour

Experience Lisbon's stunning skyline from the water. Head down to the waterfront at Cais do Sodré or Belém and hop on board a scenic sailing or catamaran tour. Doing this near sunset offers unforgettable views of the monuments bathed in gold.



Print Pause Lisboa

Print Pause Lisboa is a new international fair for independent publications and self-publishing in the fields of journalism, arts and knowledge. The first edition takes place on **October 16, 17 and 18, 2026** at **Goethe-Institut in Lisbon**, with a programme that includes the fair, talks and workshops.

Nature & Scenic Walks



Monsanto Park (Parque Florestal de Monsanto)

Known as the "lung of Lisbon," this massive forest park offers a beautiful escape from the bustling city. October's mild weather is ideal for exploring its walking trails, catching a peaceful panoramic view of the river, or enjoying a crisp autumn picnic among the pine trees.

Our Signature Walking Tour (4–5 km Route)

For an incredible self-guided introduction to Lisbon's core beauty, we highly recommend following this route:

- Start your morning surrounded by exotic plants at the lush Estufa Fria inside Parque Eduardo VII.
- Stroll down the grand, tree-lined Avenida da Liberdade, heavily inspired by Paris's boulevards.
- Walk through the magnificent stone arch into the pedestrian-only Rua Augusta in downtown Baixa.
- Open up into the vast expanse of Praça do Comércio right by the water.
- Finish with a relaxing late-afternoon stroll along the riverside promenade of Ribeira das Naus, a perfect spot to sit by the riverbank and soak in the atmosphere.

