

WHAT'S NEW IN LISBON?

From museums and gardens to music and film, a wide variety of events and new attractions are on the menu in Portugal's capital



From left to right: National Palace of Queluz; Jewish Museum; and SudLisboa Terrazza.

30 October 2017 – With the recent announcement that Lisbon will play host to the 2018 Eurovision Song Contest, the Portuguese capital will be a must-visit destination next year. For visitors not wanting to wait until 2018 to discover Portugal's charismatic capital city, there are a number of exciting new attractions, events and festivals taking place this year. Here are some of the highlights:

ATTRACTIONS

"Pilar 7" – Now open

Lisbon's latest attraction, the Pilar 7 Experience – Ponte 25 de Abril Interpretive Centre, will show travellers the bridge as you've never seen it before. Located in Alcântara on the Avenida da Índia, visitors will be taken on a journey through the construction of this national monument, ending their excursion with an elevator ride to a panoramic viewing platform located about 80 metres above the river Tagus and offering unique views of the city, Belém and of course the magnificent river.

<https://www.visitlisboa.com/index.php/node/7560>

Gardens of National Palace of Queluz – Now re-opened

The historical gardens of the National Palace of Queluz, which were closed for extensive restoration work, have recently been reopened to the public. Visitors to the gardens can once again explore the gardens, lakes, fountains and statues, as well as the stunning green scenery. The National Palace of Queluz was the official residence of the Portuguese monarchy during the 18th century and along with its gardens is considered a remarkable example of the harmonious link between landscape and palatial architecture.

SudLisboa Terrazza – New al fresco terrace



Located next to the stunning MAAT (Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology), which opened last October, SudLisboa Terrazza is a brand-new multipurpose venue offering food, cocktails, and entertainment, as well as a rooftop swimming pool. Boasting views of the Tagus River, SudLisboa Terrazza is a refreshing stop for visitors heading from the city centre to Belém along the river. As well as savouring fine Mediterranean food, tasting the 'cocktail of the week' and enjoying great performances of DJs, Saxophone players and 'soul divas', visitors to SudLisboa Terrazza can also take a dip in the outdoor pool, which overlooks the iconic 25 de Abril Bridge.

www.sudlisboa.com

Botanical Garden – Now re-opened

Closed for essential refurbishment works since October 2016, the Botanical Garden of the University of Lisbon is scheduled to be re-opened in the coming months. Located in the Príncipe Real neighbourhood, the gardens opened in 1837 and were designed to be used by the students of the Faculty of Sciences. Today, the Botanical Garden covers around 10 acres and is home to one of the largest collections of subtropical vegetation in Europe, as well as a unique butterfly greenhouse – the first of its kind to raise Iberian butterflies and to be open to the public.

www.museus.ulisboa.pt/en/botanic-garden

EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Volvo Ocean Race

31st October - 5th November 2017

From 31st October, Lisbon is set to host the Volvo Ocean Race, a world class offshore sailing race that is hosted at Doca de Pedrouços and riverfront. The race is described as the world's biggest regatta and one of the three most important international sailing events. It first started more than 37 years ago and this year's event will see Lisbon as a host city for the third time, as well as the first destination in the race. New for 2017 is a boatyard facility in Lisbon, which will service the fleets ready for the next leg of the race. Sailing enthusiasts will have the opportunity to see first-hand how much work goes into preparing the boats for the race.

www.volvoceanrace.com

Lisbon & Sintra Film Festival

17th – 26th November 2017

This annual festival celebrates all things cinema and will be showcasing innovative independent cinema from around the world by up-and-coming artists. The event will bring together audiences, film directors and respected figures from the world of cinema. Since 2007, the festival has brought film heavyweights, such as Francis Ford Coppola, John Malkovich and Pedro Almodóvar to Portugal.

www.leffest.com

Vodafone Mexefest – Independent Music Festival

24th and 25th November 2017



Vodafone Mexefest is one of Portugal's most popular independent music festivals. During the last weekend of November, rock, pop and indie artists from all around the world will perform in different venues across the city. Some of the highlights include Charles Bradley, Cigarettes After Sex and Aldous Harding.

www.vodafonemexefest.com

For more information, ideas and inspiration on visiting Lisbon, please go to www.visitlisboa.com

From the UK, direct flights to Lisbon operate from London, Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Bristol with TAP Portugal, British Airways, easyJet and Ryanair. From Ireland, direct flights to Lisbon operate from Dublin with Aer Lingus and Ryanair.

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About Lisbon

Portugal's national capital, Lisbon, boasts one of the longest histories, warmest climates and bustling nightlife of any major European city alongside its dramatic location sprawled along seven hills overlooking the river Tagus and the country's west coast. Famed for its year-round sunshine and beauty, Lisbon's grand architecture dazzles and its old-world charm mingles with chic streets, galleries, lively nightlife and a centre which gives way to sandy beaches just minutes away. It is also one of the most affordable capitals in Europe, perfect for a captivating city break or short haul escape. www.visitlisboa.com

About Turismo de Lisboa

Turismo de Lisboa is a non-profit organisation established through an alliance of public and private bodies operating in the tourist sector. It has over 800 associated members. Since its inception in 1998, the main objective of this association is to improve and increase the promotion of Lisbon as a tourist destination and therefore enhance the quality and competitiveness of the city.