

MAKE THE MOST OF THE FESTIVE PERIOD WITH A LAST-MINUTE CITY BREAK TO LISBON

Enjoy a wide range of seasonal events for all the family



17th December 2014 – Lisbon is embracing the festive season with an impressive line up of family-friendly events and activities for a memorable and affordable city break this winter. A wide range of shows, including classical music concerts, ballet performances, and circus extravaganzas, together with festive decorations in abundance and the sound of carols in the streets, are set to entertain visitors right on through to the New Year.

Below are some of Lisbon's best festive events:

Video Mapping

Praça do Comércio, 14th – 23rd December 2014

This Christmas, the façade of the Arco da Rua Augusta will be used as a giant “screen” which will display an impressive 3D multimedia show. Using video projection technology and optical illusions, the show, entitled “Christmas Wish”, embodies the Christmas spirit through a fantasy story experienced by a group of children. The show, with three sessions a day (7pm, 8pm and 9pm) is free of charge and lasts for 15 minutes.

www.visitlisboa.com/Conteudos/Eventos/2014/12/VideoMapping.aspx

São Silvestre de Lisboa Race

Across the city, 27th December 2014

The Avenida da Liberdade, Praça do Comércio, Rossio Square and the up-and-coming Cais do Sodré are just four of the popular locations the Christmas race of ‘São Silvestre’ will pass through on its 7th edition this 27th December. Thousands of athletes and running enthusiasts will say goodbye to 2014 by competing in a 10K race across the city. An alternative race for 5-11 year olds will also take place on the same day.

www.saosilvestredelisboa.com

Christmas Circus

Coliseu de Lisboa, 6th – 26th December 2014

Those who love their fix of clowns and jugglers at Christmas should visit the Coliseu de Lisboa's Christmas Circus this month. The venue has been hosting different circus shows for more than



120 years. Families will be amazed by the stunts of reckless acrobats, tightrope walkers and trapeze acts.

www.coliseulisboa.com

Prices from €9 (approximately £7)

Christmas Concerts

Different venues, 7th – 21st December 2014

Throughout December, a wide range of churches across town will host Christmas choir concerts, musical ensembles and orchestras. One of the most popular concerts is performed by the Portuguese Symphony Orchestra and the São Carlos Theatre Choir, which will take place in Chiado's São Carlos Theatre on 20th December. Conducted by countertenor Carlos Mena, this concert will be an opportunity to listen to the well-loved music Messiah, Handel's most famous Oratorio.

www.tnsc.pt

Cirque du Soleil's "Quidam"

Meo Arena, 18th – 28th December 2014

Lisbon's Meo Arena, located in the modern area of Parque das Nações, will welcome Cirque du Soleil's masterful team of singers, musicians, jugglers and acrobats to perform "Quidam", the group's ninth stage show. The show tells the story of a girl called Zoé, who escapes reality by creating her own imaginary world. "Quidam" will run in Lisbon from 18th to 28th December over 15 performances.

www.cirquedusoleil.com/en/shows/quidam

Prices from €37 (approximately £30)

Swan Lake on Ice

Belém Cultural Centre, 19th & 20th December 2014

Tchaikovsky's famous ballet Swan Lake takes to the ice this Christmas. Lisbon's Belém Cultural Centre is hosting three exclusive performances of the Classical Russian Ballet that tells the story of a prince who falls in love with Odette, a princess turned into a swan.

www.ccb.pt

Prices from €10 (approximately £8)

New Year Celebrations

Praça do Comércio, 31st December 2014

Central Praça do Comércio will host the main celebrations on the evening of 31st December. The New Year's countdown is marked with the eating of the raisins as the clock strikes midnight. This Portuguese tradition will be followed by a magnificent fireworks display and music entertainment by Portuguese singer José Cid and rock band Xutos & Pontapé.

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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 Portugal'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 also one of the most affordable capitals in Europe, perfect for a captivating city break or short haul escape.

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About Turismo de Lisboa

Turismo de Lisboa is a non-profit organization established through an alliance of public and private bodies operating in the tourist sector. It now has around 700 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.