



LISBON FOR LOVEBIRDS

Where to find romance in the city?

21 January 2015 – Lisbon has all the ingredients for a perfect Valentines weekend away – charming boutique and luxury hotels, winding cobbled streets with shops selling authentic handicrafts, atmospheric restaurants playing soulful Fado music, fascinating architecture, history and city views which will sweep visitors off their feet.

Below is a list of some of the city's most romantic things to do:

- **Snuggle up on a Tuk Tuk** – A private guided tour of the city by Tuk Tuk is not only a great way to explore many of Lisbon's historical neighbourhoods; it also allows visitors to take in the sights at their own pace. For colder days warm blankets are provided and couples can choose a route that is best suited to their interests – from 'shopping' and 'sea & land' to 'old town' and 'river' tours. Prices start from 50 Euros for a 1 hour tour.
- **Ride the 28 Tram at dusk** – to enjoy the magic of the famous vintage tram route, without the crowds, couples should take a ride early evening. Not only will the tram be quieter but it is an ideal way to journey to one of the historical districts for a romantic dinner. Passengers will pass the Graça neighbourhood, São Vicente de Fora Church, the city's cathedral, Se de Lisboa and Santo Antonio's Church and many more famous sights.
- **Get pampered at a luxury day spa** –With so much to see and do, couples can enjoy a few hours of rest and relaxation in one of Lisbon's beautiful day spas. For beauty treatments and a wide range of massages, visitors can head to the upmarket neighbourhood of Rato, to the **Elohim Spa**. Located in Costa da Caparica, **Thalasso Caparica** specialises in the use of sea water and seaweed treatments and has a multi-jet pool, hydromassage bath and jet shower.
- **Be serenaded at a traditional Fado house** - there is nothing more romantic than settling down for a candlelit dinner, with a glass of Portuguese wine, to enjoy the soulful sounds of a Fado performance – as voice and guitar combine to tell poetic



stories of love and life. There are many places across the city to discover Fado, with some of the most famous venues located in Alfama, Bairro Alto, Lapa and Alcantara.

- **Enjoy the king of all views** – The Castle of São Jorge not only boasts one of the most spectacular viewing points, where couples can capture beautiful photographs of Lisbon’s unique hilly landscape, it is also home to a Lisbon Museum, the remains of an Islamic century neighborhood XI and Archaeological Site, Tower of Ulysses, Castle Cafe and manicured gardens.
- **Get a unique 360° view of Lisbon** – To get a real sense of the buzz and life in downtown Baixa and up close to one of the most iconic monuments in Lisbon, couples should head to the top of the Rua Augusta Arch. The arch, which now features a terrace and gazebo for overlooking the landmark Terreiro de Paço public square, gives visitors a unique perspective of the nearby São Jorge Castle and the Tagus River.
- **Drift along on the River Tagus** – On a crisp bright winter’s day there is something truly special about seeing Lisbon’s most famous monuments and dramatic architecture from the water. Couples who want to add a little fun to their cruise experience can take a ride on the ‘Hippotrip’ – an amphibious vehicle which can tour both sea and land or purist seafarers can choose to cruise by sailboat, ferry or even high speed RIB.

Direct flights to Lisbon operate from London, Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Bristol with TAP Portugal, BA, easyJet and Ryanair.

For more information on all these ideas and Lisbon please visit www.visitlisboa.com.

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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.