

## TAKE TO THE WATER FOR A DIFFERENT SIDE OF LISBON

*Explore the city James Bond-style or go in search of dolphins...*



**18<sup>th</sup> September 2015** – Lisbon is one of Europe’s best capitals to take to the water and explore by boat. Whether you want to take sailing lessons, wake up the James Bond in you on a speed boat or embark on a dolphin spotting safari, the Tagus River offers visitors the opportunity to experience a different side of Lisbon and its surroundings.

### **From land into the water: Tour the river on a hippo!**

Amphibious tours always promise a different and fun experience for visitors, especially when stepping from land into the water – on the same vehicle. The 90-minute tours plunge into the Tagus River for visitors to see monuments such as the Belém Tower (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the Padrão dos Descobrimentos, amongst many others, from the ‘other side’.

[www.hippotrip.com](http://www.hippotrip.com)

### **For wildlife spotting: Dolphin watching safaris**

A colony of bottlenose dolphins made the Sado Estuary Nature Reserve their permanent home a few years ago. Here visitors can spot up to 30 dolphins, which live in the warm waters of the estuary and its adjacent coastline, the coast of Tróia and Arrábida. Dolphin watching tours depart daily from these two locations, which are easily linked to the Portuguese capital via public transport.

[www.vertigemazul.com](http://www.vertigemazul.com) / [www.sadoarrabida.pt](http://www.sadoarrabida.pt)

### **For sailing lovers: Sailing lessons**

Visitors to Lisbon can put their sailing skills to the test by taking a sailing lesson in the calm waters of the Tagus River. No previous experience is needed, as a team of sailors will teach adventurers some essential sailing terms and manoeuvres including hoisting the sails, tacking and docking the boat – all with the stunning views of Lisbon in the background.

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### **For the James Bond in you: High-speed tours**

Adrenaline lovers looking to see Lisbon’s landmarks at full speed should not hesitate and jump aboard one of the speed boats which go across the Lisbon coast on a daily basis. Although a raincoat is highly recommended, adventurous travellers will have the chance to see monuments including the 25<sup>th</sup> April Bridge and St. George Castle from a very close distance.

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### **Celebrate in style: For that oh-so-special occasion**

Birthdays, anniversaries, family reunions, christenings and even weddings can be more memorable if celebrated while sailing along the Tagus River. On board a schooner and with beautiful views of Lisbon and Cascais in the background, visitors can commemorate special occasions with an onboard catering service and a wide range of music and animation options.

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### **For traffic-free sightseeing: Traditional tours and cruises**

A 'traditional' sightseeing tour along the Tagus River is highly recommended to see the very best of Lisbon with no traffic involved, from Praça do Comercio and Cais do Sodré to the famous Christ the King Statue and Parque das Nações, characterised by its futuristic buildings. There are also dinner cruises, day-long as well as longer options for visitors who wish to explore not only the Portuguese capital but also places further afield such as Cascais and Tróia.

[www.transtejo.pt](http://www.transtejo.pt) / [www.lisbonbyboat.com](http://www.lisbonbyboat.com) / [www.dreamboats.com](http://www.dreamboats.com) / [www.taguscruises.com](http://www.taguscruises.com) / [www.sailingwithnigel.com](http://www.sailingwithnigel.com)

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

For more information visiting Lisbon please go to [www.visitlisboa.com](http://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 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.

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### **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 now has 713 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.