

## WHAT'S ON IN LISBON: PLAN THE PERFECT CITY BREAK

*Arts and food festivals, traditional New Year's Eve celebrations, Carnival parades and the iconic Half Marathon all feature in the city's event-packed winter and spring calendar*



**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015** – Follow in the steps of Mo Farah on the iconic Half Marathon, eat some 'lucky raisins' during the New Year's Eve parties, listen to the best electro beats in town or celebrate 'all things animation' – Lisbon is particularly atmospheric in the winter and early spring months but if you are looking for an extra reason to visit, the city's event-packed calendar provides several ideas...

### **São Silvestre de Lisboa Race**

**26<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

São Silvestre de Lisboa is the city's most popular race, which will see around 12,000 runners saying goodbye to 2015 by competing in a 10k race across Lisbon. Starting and ending in famous Avenida da Liberdade, the race aims to promote the benefits of doing sports. Everybody is welcome to join, with different races for children also available.

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

### **New Year's Eve Party**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

The most entertaining option to welcome the New Year in Lisbon: on the evening of 31<sup>st</sup> December, Praça do Comércio hosts street entertainment, music performances and a colourful fireworks display for everybody to enjoy free of charge. Visitors should not forget to eat 12 raisins, one for each month of the year, as the clock strikes midnight... a Portuguese tradition!

### **Lisbon Carnival**

**February 2016 (exact dates tbc)**

If you are in Lisbon for the Carnival season, you will find the streets crowded with excited partygoers. Celebrated every year with a number of street parties and free events across the city, the highlight is the Carnival Parade, which takes place on Shrove Tuesday, which in 2016 falls on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Expect dazzling costumes, bright masks and of course lots of confetti.

### **Monstra (Lisbon Animated Film Festival)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Monstra is a festival to promote the world's best animated films, including documentaries, cartoons, short films and the latest 3D and computer productions. Aimed at both adults and



young people with its “Monstrinha” version, the 2016 edition of Monstra will screen up to 500 films in its ten-day programme, which will also include workshops and master classes.

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

### **Lisboa Dance Festival**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Lisbon’s trendy LX Factory will be the centre stage of this electronic music festival which will welcome the best house, techno and afro beats. Sven Väth, Prosumer and Move D are some of the renowned artists and DJs confirmed to perform at the former industrial estate turned into a Lisbon meeting point. Tickets are now on sale.

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

### **Lisbon Half Marathon EDP**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Keep the New Year’s resolution in check by running the iconic Lisbon Half Marathon. The race traverses some of Lisbon’s most famous landmarks but its pinnacle is crossing the 25<sup>th</sup> April Bridge free of vehicles – which was the main idea behind the very first half marathon back in 1990. British athlete and Olympic champion Mo Farah was the winner of the 2015 edition.

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

### **Peixe em Lisboa**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

‘Lisbon Fish and Flavours’ festival is the country’s biggest food event offering some of the finest fish and seafood delicacies that the destination has to offer, including of course the famous *bacalhau* (cod). Visitors can improve their cooking skills by taking part of a live cooking class given by a variety of top Portuguese chefs and restaurants – an event highlight!

[www.peixelisboa.com](http://www.peixelisboa.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.

[www.visitlisboa.com](http://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 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.