

## LISBON SHOPPING GUIDE: WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO BUY

*Weave through the city's districts to buy the perfect gifts this festive season*



**7<sup>th</sup> December 2015** – Looking for a shopping spree with a difference this season? Searching for that special present? The Portuguese capital is home to a vast range of quirky designer shops, exclusive boutique stores and modern shopping centres which, illuminated with Christmas lights and decorations, make the shopping experience even more memorable.

### BAIXA AND CHIADO

The cobbled streets of Baixa and the chic Chiado district have traditionally been Lisbon's main shopping areas, where local shops, coffee houses and ancient book stores – including the world's oldest operating bookshop, Livraria Bertrand – can be found next to contemporary high street fashion stores.

- [A Vida Portuguesa](#): A must-visit retro shop selling original presents such as soaps, books and kitchen and gardening accessories that have been given a new lease of life.
- Loja Portugueza da Baixa: Ideal for gifts with a Portuguese touch, it offers a wide variety of canned fish such as sardines, anchovies and tuna with original packaging.
- [A Outra Face da Lua](#): A much-loved vintage shop to buy second-hand clothes, bags and accessories – tea and coffee is on the house.
- [Garrafeira Nacional](#): This family-run rustic shop has more than eight decades of trade history and sells over 4,000 spirits including Ports, whiskeys, cognacs and champagnes.
- [Chiado Factory](#): This modern retail space sells vintage clothing, footwear, watches and art and lifestyle products, which are ideal for visitors looking for originality.
- [Lisbon Shop](#): This is an ideal place to buy that quirky souvenir and take with you a little part of Lisbon – from colourful tiles to urban design, all 100% Portuguese.

### BAIRRO ALTO AND PRINCIPE REAL

Lisbon's hip Bairro Alto and its extension, Principe Real, are home to an array of alternative shops, including second-hand clothes stores and design and music shops, as well as many old *tascas* and *fado* houses, where one can have a break between the shops.



- [Jans Concept](#): Using only natural products but with a twist, this original shop sells homemade clothes, ceramic vases and home accessories made of cork.
- [Sapataria do Carmo](#): This is one of Lisbon's oldest shoe shops, selling handcrafted footwear made of leather produced in the store's factory.
- [Mercearia do Vinho](#): A wine lovers' paradise, this store sells all types of national wines, from red and white to liquors and spirits – 100% Made in Portugal.

### **ALFAMA**

Moorish Alfama, where iconic São Jorge Castle is perched, is home to a labyrinth of alleys and small squares with shops selling more traditional souvenirs and gifts.

- [Loja dos Descobrimentos](#): This handicraft shop sells a wide range of hand-painted pottery and *azulejos* (tiles), while commissions are accepted for personalised gifts.
- [A Arte da Terra](#): Tradition and modernity are present in all items sold in this shop, from handbags made of cork to creative paintings with Lisbon's iconic monuments.

### **SHOPPING CENTRES**

As well as local stores, large shopping centres are also part of the shopping landscape in Lisbon, combining supermarkets, international chain stores and small specialist shops with a multitude of dining options and multi-screen cinemas. Some of the most popular include:

- [Amoreiras Shopping Centre](#): Located in the city centre, close to Marqués de Pombal, the city's first shopping centre features over 250 shops and 65 restaurants.
- [Centro Colombo](#): The city's biggest shopping centre and one of Europe's largest (located next to Benfica's *Estádio da Luz*) is home to 340 stores and 60 restaurants.
- [Centro Vasco de Gama](#): Perched on the waterfront of Parque das Nações, it features over 140 stores and 30 restaurants, with balconies offering views to the Tagus River.

### **AVENIDA DA LIBERDADE**

Those looking for the major luxury brands should look no further than the central Avenida da Liberdade. This long tree-filled boulevard, in the style of Paris' Champs-Élysées, is known nationally for being home to top international brands. From Prada, Armani, Louis Vuitton, Givenchy, Donna Karan and Gucci to Christian Dior, Chanel, Versace, Yves Saint Laurent, Stella McCartney and Christian Louboutin, it is no wonder that it is typically ranked among the most exclusive avenues in the world.

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

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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.