

ALL ABOARD! THE TALL SHIPS RACES DOCK IN LISBON TODAY!

*Europe's largest free festival of its kind – over 50 tall ships to compete
along the Tagus, more than a million visitors expected*



22nd July 2016 – Over 50 tall ships from all over the world are docking in Lisbon today to take part in [The Tall Ships Races Lisboa](#). The annual competition, held since 1956, aims to promote sailing to young people from all nationalities. Over a million visitors are expected to participate in this year's edition, which will be taking place until Monday 25th July 2016 at the new Lisbon Cruise Ship Terminal, close to the city centre.

As the Atlantic gateway to Europe, Lisbon has always played a key role in The Tall Ships Races since its very first edition back in 1956 – which saw a total of 12 vessels sailing from Torbay to the Portuguese capital. Sixty years on, the event has become Europe's largest free festival of its kind, entirely devoted to keeping alive the sailing of tall ships amongst youngsters.

There is more to watching the exciting regatta along the Tagus River: visitors will have the opportunity to get on board the ships, as well as enjoy family-friendly entertainment during the four-day sailing extravaganza. Activities include music concerts, clown acts, DJs and firework displays – all of them free of charge.

The Tall Ships Races Lisboa is organised by non-profit organisation Sail Training International and the Portuguese Sail Training Association (APORVELA). Having started in Antwerp (Belgium) on 10th July, the craft will be sailing to the Spanish cities of Cádiz and La Coruña after their visit to Lisbon.

For more information on The Tall Ships Races Lisboa 2016 please visit www.tallshipslisboa.com.

For more information, ideas and inspiration on visiting Lisbon please go to www.visitlisboa.com.



From the UK, direct flights to Lisbon operate from London, Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Bristol with TAP Portugal, British Airways, easyJet, Ryanair and Monarch. From Ireland, direct flights to Lisbon operate from Dublin with Aer Lingus 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 has over 800 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.