

Totally Incomplete Guide to Lisbon

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Overview

This country is chill as fuck. No one is in a rush and things don't move fast. Sit in a park and just watch the world go by. Honestly, it's so beautiful. Around every corner is another little magic spot. Also, prepare for a Stair Master-style leg workout.

Note: These recs are from a trip in 2018 so not sure how things have changed following COVID.

See

- **Day trip:** Sintra (take train from central Lisbon station Rossio)
 - **Don't miss:** The Palace of Monteiro. The freemason inspired garden is like a playground for adults. I also cried in one of the grottos. It's so beautiful.
 - **Tip:** Skip the bus and hop on a pedicab between destinations. Don't be afraid to haggle on price or share with other tourists.
- **Beach 19** (take an uber)
 - Nude beach 30 mins outside of town. Cruise the dunes. Have some fresh seafood at a shack on the beach. Keep an eye out for the old train that takes city folk to the beach.
- **Park: Miradouro de São Pedro de Alcântara**
 - Maybe the best view in town. Be sure to be a tourist and take a photo with the yellow trolley car.

Eat

- **Breakfast at Manteigaria**
 - For the famous Pasteis de Nata custard tarts. There is a more well known place farther away but apparently these are better. Top them with cinnamon and eat with coffee.
- **Lunch at Maca Verde**
 - Big seafood lunch spots are the thing in Lisbon. Order tons of fresh anchovies and sardines topped in simple olive oil.

Party

- **Finalmente** is the famous drag bar that is open to 6am every night of the week
- **Construction** and **Trumps** are the gay clubs but basically just The Ritz
- **Friends** in Bairro Alto, the old nightlife district with winding streets a lot like Madrid. Grab a beer and stand outside (like in Madrid.) The bars are too small and hot and smoke-filled anyway.

- **Luxx Fragile** is like the Lisbon Output, famous around the world with big DJs and a great venue. Thu-Sat there may be a gay crowd depending on the DJ. Gays hang to the right of the dancefloor.

Shop

- **A Vida Portuguesa**
 - Killer shop selling lots of local goods and and wares like anchovies