Lonely Planet Experiences: Historic & Trendy Lisbon Walking Tour

Lisbon

Ready to embrace your bohemian side? Lisbon is a fascinating city with something for everyone, but if you’re after an experience that’s a little more off-beat, this is the tour for you. Explore four unique Lisbon neighbourhoods, each with their own quirky charm and personality. History, architecture, epic views, and a few local snacks combine for a relaxed, fun-filled afternoon exploring the city through the eyes of a local.

Experience the best travel stories for yourself. Join a local expert and uncover hidden gems on this city adventure hand-picked by the world’s leading travel publisher. Lonely Planet Experiences powered by Urban Adventures bring stories to life in the best-loved cities around the globe.

Highlights

- Learn all about the bohemian side of Lisbon with an expert local guide by your side
- Explore four unique Lisbon neighbourhoods and discover their fascinating histories
- Snap photos of the eclectic architecture and colourful facades you’ll pass
- Enjoy a traditional custard tart, Lisbon's best-loved pastry
- Stroll down one of Lisbon's most photographed streets
- Each Lonely Planet Experience comes with six-months free access to Lonely Planet's Guides App which includes over 8,000 destinations guides and unbeatable discounts to Lonely Planet Guidebooks

Inclusions: Local, English-speaking guide, pre-evening snack, cold drink with a view and a custard tart.

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide

**Schedule details**

- Duration: 2.5 hours
- Meeting point:
  - Embaixada Concept Store, at Principe Real Square
  - View on [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps)
- Starting time: 3.30 PM
- Ending point:
  - Cais do Sodré

**Full Itinerary**

We'll start our bohemian adventure in the colourful Principe Real area, a purpose-built neighbourhood developed to host the wealthy bourgeoisie of the nineteenth century, where your expert local guide will be waiting.

As we explore, let yourself be amazed by the eclectic architecture and colourful facades of the area’s buildings, with restaurants, cafes, tiny antique shops, and relaxed squares tucked around every corner. You’ll have the chance to visit unique concept stores, local taverns, and indulge in the pre-evening snack locals love in an art nouveau bakery.
From there, we'll continue to the viewpoint of San Pedro de Alcantara and enjoy the fantastic view over Baixa Pombalina, Castelo de São Jorge, and the Tagus River. Have your cameras ready to fill your Instagram feeds!

Next up is Bairro Alto, the heart of Lisbon's bohemian scene where you'll learn how journalists, intellectuals, prostitutes, and sailors gathered in the dark streets in the 19th century for nights of fado and vice, creating the free-spirited vibe the area is still known for today. See where old seamlessly blends with new as we walk by traditional grocery stores, drugstores, butchers, and carpenters that now sit alongside new stores selling art, exotic furniture, hats and vintage clothes, and where fado is still sung in fashionable bars.

From here, we'll make our way to the Bica district and explore what is possibly the most photographed street in Lisbon, thanks in part to the iconic yellow funicular traversing the steep, narrow street.

This area offers a beautiful view of the river, and maintains its colourful 17th- and 18th-century buildings, many of which have open doors, flower-filled balconies, and laundry hanging out to dry. We'll take a break amidst sightseeing to enjoy the habit that Lisbon locals love: soaking up the district’s postcard-like views with a cold drink in hand.

Our last stop will be in an area that was formerly rundown, but has now became a mandatory stop for enjoying some of Lisbon’s best nightclubs. This is also where a custard tart (Lisbon's most beloved pastry) awaits (since we assume you’re in need of a snack by now). Here, your local guide will be happy to give you directions back to your accommodation, or recommend other places to continue your bohemian journey on your own.

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Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select ‘child’ above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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