

S o m e t h i n g s I l i k e d i n

Lisboa

Sites:

My favorite site in Lisboa is the **Convento do Carmo**. It's a beautiful ruin of a medieval church. On the back side of the ruin, there is a grass area with lounge chairs and a little further, there is an outdoor bar. I highly recommend exploring this area. As you leave, you will be near the next spot...

I enjoyed the view from **Elevador de Santa Justa**, however, do not go in from the line at the bottom. You can avoid lines and pay less if you go to the back entrance by putting this into your phone: Bellalisa Elevador - Restaurante Panorâmico em Lisboa. Go up the stairs to the restaurant. Confidently walk through the restaurant and you will be to the back entrance. Hopefully there will be almost no line!

LX Factory is a fun, hipster shopping/eating area that is on the way to the **Tower of Belem**, which is a nice place to have a glass of wine and watch the sunset. They often have carts selling wine and you can just relax and put your feet up for bit.

Alfama is a great place to wander and to visit the flea huge flea market, the **Feira de Ladra**, which is open Tuesday and Saturday. I highly recommend this flea market!

If you decide to ride the **tram**, there is a tourist tram and local tram. The local tram is much less crowded.

If you put this street into your phone, you will end up in the very coolest area in my opinion... **R. De Sao Cristovao n18, 1100-515**, Lisboa, Portugal. Take some time to try some coffee and cafes as wander these winding streets.

If you take a day trip out to Sintra, the **Convent of the Capuchos** is really interesting and not crowded. Also, if you want to see the palaces of Sintra, get to the palaces about an hour before closing, the crowds are infinitely smaller! It's touristy, but fun... if you miss the crowds by going late in the day. We rented e-bikes to visit the area. Not for the faint of heart, but very fun!

If you want a day trip in the other direction, **Comporta** is a beautiful little town with amazing restaurants. The horseback riding along the beach is a once in a lifetime opportunity at the ranch called **Cavalos na Areia**. Madonna has her horse housed here... I rode on Madonna's horse, haha!!! You definitely need to book this ahead of time and pay for a private tour, not the group tour.

Restaurants:

You'll probably need to take an Uber, but a drink at **Gin Lovers and Less** is not to be missed! Afterward, head next-door to...

Atalho Real for a great steak! The service is amazing and food is hearty and tasty.

I loved Gin Lovers and Atalho Real, but I loved **Atira-te ao rio** even more! I had some a m a z i n g fish here. You have to drive across the bridge, but if you are able, it's fun and definitely worth it. Very low-key. The view of Lisbon is beautiful, too.

Hotels:

Lisbon: We stayed at **The Lisboans Apartments** on Almada Street. Very clean, nice looking and great location. If I went again and were to splurge, I would definitely book **Santa Clara 1728 - Silent Living**.

Comporta: I have not stayed in Comporta, but if I did, I would go with Silent Living here as well... **Casas Na Area - Silent Living**.