

WHAT'S YOUR BUDGET ♦ LISBON

# EURO CHARM FOR FEWER EUROS

If you don't fall in love with the bright yellow trams, the azulejo-embellished buildings and the nightlife of the Bairro Alto, then the pastéis de nata (Portuguese custard tarts) will surely send you straight into a committed relationship with Lisbon.

Peregrine Adventures Europe product manager Steph Millington says Portugal's capital is a more affordable option for travellers wanting to experience Europe's charm. "Aussies love the value for money," she says. "We're seeing a boost in interest in tours to Portugal and much of Lisbon's character lies in its beautiful renovated buildings, grand boulevards and the food scene is incredible, especially the egg tarts. "Plus, it has an eclectic bohemian scene filled with talented poets and musicians. Our Peregrine Adventures Portugal tour (peregrineadventures.com) includes a visit the medieval citadel of Sao Jorge Castle, which dates back to Moorish times and sits on the highest point of the Old Town, so there are great views.

"Another must is a visit to Belem Tower – a wonderful UNESCO World Heritage Site which, incredibly, was only designed as a lighthouse."

CELESTE MITCHELL



AFFORDABLE

**LX BOUTIQUE HOTEL  
OVERNIGHT RATE  
\$110 (CLASSIC ROOM)**

From the sky-blue exterior to the themed fado (folk music) and literary floors, and with vistas across terracotta rooftops to the River Tagus, this cosy boutique hotel is the perfect Lisbon base. Positioned in the red-light-turned-hip Cais do Sodre district, there's a lot of charm for your dollar here with the average stay costing just over \$100 a night. Guests can also enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and Japanese taster dish every evening. Decorated in tones of soft blue and grey, the compact but comfortable rooms are equipped with air conditioning, mini bar, LCD TV and free Wi-Fi. Downstairs, Confraria LX serves up sashimi and maki rolls to a young creative crowd and the Time Out street food market is a few blocks away.

LXBOUTIQUEHOTEL.COM



MID-RANGE

**ALMALUSA BAIXA-CHIADO  
OVERNIGHT RATE  
\$214 (STANDARD ROOM)**

Rising from the ashes of the amageddon-like triple threat of earthquake, tsunami and fire that swept through Lisbon in 1755, this 18th-century building on the Praca do Municipio has been born again, as Almalusa Baixa-Chiado. This lovely 28-room and suite hotel in the historical heart of the city partners with exclusive Portuguese brands from beds to towels, right down to the wine being sipped in the on-site Delfina restaurant. While each room has its own style – in muted latte and grey with myriad textures – all come with free Wi-Fi, LED smart TVs, coffee machine and power showers. Start your day with a stroll along the River Tagus and fuel up with an included breakfast of fresh pastries, orange juice and eggs to order.

ALMALUSAHOTELS.COM



TOP-END

**SANTA CLARA 1728  
OVERNIGHT RATE  
\$413 (SUITE TEJO)**

The dust has barely settled on this renovated 18th-century palace and is now a gorgeous six-suite hotel by Joao and Andrea Rodrigues. The Santa Clara 1728 is a labour of love for the couple, who have made a home for themselves on the top floor and a beautiful space for guests below. Perched on the crest of one of Lisbon's seven hills, among the legendary Feira da Lada flea market – and overlooking the River Tagus and the Pantheon – the interior is simplistic yet warm with limestone stairs, wide wooden floorboards and a neutral palette of furnishings. At night, the large dining room becomes the beating heart of Santa Clara 1728 as travellers cradle glasses of Portuguese wine and share home-cooked meals.

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