

## Lisbon Sites – Popular Places

**What are the most popular attractions for our free time? Do they have entrance fees? What are their hours?** Please note that hours may change during WYD.

### **Castelo de São Jorge**

Every day: 9:00am-9:00pm

Adults: €10.00

13-25 years: €5.00

*The most recognized of Lisbon's major attractions, St. George's Castle commands a glorious position near Alfama on the crown of a hill overlooking the Portuguese capital. This is one of Lisbon's most popular tourist destinations. Its impressive battlements, engaging museum, and fascinating archaeological site combine to make the castle a rewarding experience for the whole family, and kids especially will love clambering over the sturdy walls and towers that encircle the grounds.*

### **Mosteiro dos Jerónimos**

Every day: 10:00am-6:30pm (last admission at 5:00pm)

Adults: €10.00

65 and older (proof of age must be shown): 50% discount

Family ticket: 1 adult + a minimum of 2 children under 18 years old: 50% discount

"Youth Card": 50% discount

Student Card: 50% discount

*A highlight of any Lisbon sightseeing tour, the 16th-century Jerónimos monastery is one of the great landmarks of Portugal, a stunning monument of immense historic and cultural significance deserving of its UNESCO World Heritage Site accolade. Near the*

*riverfront in Lisbon's attractive Belém neighborhood, the monastery, also known as the Hieronymite convent, was commissioned by King Manuel I in 1501. Built to honor Vasco da Gama's epic 1498 voyage to India, Jerónimos is as much a symbol of the wealth of the Age of Discovery as it is a house of worship (construction was mostly funded by trade in the spices brought back by da Gama). Star features include the fantastically elaborate south portal and the beautiful and serene Manueline cloister. Vasco da Gama's tomb lies just inside the entrance to Santa Maria church.*

### **Torre de Belém**

Every day: 10:00am-6:30pm (last admission at 5:00pm)

Adults: €6.00

65 and older (proof of age must be shown): 50% discount

Family ticket: 1 adult + a minimum of 2 children under 18 years old: 50% discount

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*The Belém Tower sits in the shallows near the mouth of the River Tagus as a symbol of Portugal's extraordinary Age of Discovery during the 16th century. Built in 1515-21 as a fortress and originally sited in the middle of the river (the watercourse has shifted over the years), the tower represents the highpoint of*

*decorative Manueline architecture. Its ornate façade is adorned with fanciful maritime motifs - all twisted rope and armillary spheres carved out of stone. Indeed, so valuable and iconic is this monument that it's protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Set over various levels, the most interesting interior feature is the second-floor King's Chamber where the room opens onto a Renaissance loggia. The royal coat of arms of Manuel I is placed above the elegant arcades. Climb the impossibly steep spiral staircase to the top-floor tower terrace, and you're rewarded with a fine panorama of the waterfront esplanade and the river.*

### **Sé: Lisbon's Cathedral**

Every day: 7:00am-7:00pm

There is no admission fee to the main cathedral but all visitors must be suitable and respectfully dressed.

The cloisters are open every day from 10:00 to 17:00 and there is an admission fee of €2.50/€1.00 (adult/child).

*In the city's Castelo district near the ancient Alfama neighborhood, Lisbon's fortified Romanesque cathedral - the Sé - has undergone several design makeovers since the original structure was consecrated in 1150. A series of earthquakes culminating in the devastating 1755 tremor completely destroyed that which stood in the 12th century. What you see today is a blend of architectural styles, the standout features being the twin castellated bell towers that embellish the downtown skyline - particularly evocative late afternoon when a setting sun burnishes the brickwork*

*with a golden veneer. Inside, a resplendent rose window helps illuminate a rather gloomy interior, and you're likely to head straight for the treasury where the cathedral's most valuable artifacts are on display, items that include silverware made up of chalices and reliquaries, intricately embroidered vestments, statuary, and a number of rare illustrated manuscripts. It's also worth lingering in the Gothic cloister, not so much for its series of chapels (including one that retains its 13th-century wrought-iron gate), but for the fact that on-site excavations have revealed the foundations of Roman and Moorish dwellings (the cathedral was built over the ruins of a mosque) and the archaeological dig is a worthwhile visitor attraction in its own right.*