

Lisbon House- '4 Star': Lisbon Centre

Summary

This fashionable boutique hotel is situated in Lapa, the wealthy heartland of Lisbon famous for its artists and galleries. Hidden at the top of a sweep of vine-clad steps, Lisbon House is built around a leafy restaurant courtyard where one can while away an afternoon or enjoy an excellent meal under the stars in the evening. The comfortable guest rooms are decorated in either contemporary chic or classic styles. This boutique hotel in Lisbon makes an inexpensive and pretty oasis from which to explore Portugal's bustling capital.

Details

From the moment you touch down in Portugal, Cognoscenti guests at Lisbon House will feel special. You'll be whisked off the plane and treated to a VIP service at the airport with your luggage being brought to you whilst you enjoy the comforts of the VIP lounge. The perfect start to a special holiday.

Once at the hotel, wind your way up the colourful steps in amongst the trailing vines to reach the central courtyard, a secret city oasis. The hotel was once a Carmelite convent and has preserved much of the old character of the building. In its reincarnation as a guest house, Lisbon House has played host to many Portuguese dignitaries over the years, as well as authors and poets. Graham Green and John Le Carré number among its devotees.

The guest rooms are off the shady corridors surrounding the courtyard. The contemporary style rooms have cool, clean lines with crisp white linen. The odd splash of colour from a vintage palette is a nod to the nostalgia of the place. In contrast, the period style rooms offer a cosier feel with patterned fabrics and antique furnishings. For the ultimate in pampering, ask for a room with a vintage roll-top bathtub, perfect for a long, old-fashioned bubble bath.

The hotel is walking distance to all Lisbon's sights. Lapa has colourful streets, palatial buildings with Arabic tiles and ornate balconies and, of course, many art galleries. The bohemian Bairro Alto quarter and designer Chiado areas are just beyond, whilst the delightfully rambling Arabic Alfama district (topped by the medieval Castelo Sao Jorge) rises above. Given that Lisbon is built over seven hills, though, you may prefer to take the tram to get around, or one of the city's elevators which trundle to the viewpoints on the hilltops.

At night, there is wide choice of eateries near the hotel, not least being its own restaurant. Traditional Portuguese "Fado" houses also abound, where you can enjoy inexpensive regional food whilst listening to the melancholy Fado singers, whose mournful voices fill the evening streets.

Lisbon has the added attraction of being close to some stunning beaches. So why not escape the heat of the city one day? Along with well-heeled Lisboaetas, head for the seaside resorts of Estoril and Cascais which are just 20 minutes away by train. Alternatively, Sintra, just to the north of Lisbon, is a fairytale town of castles and palaces set among botanic gardens and redwood forests, and is not to be missed on a day trip out of the City.

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Facts & Figures

32 Guest Rooms in a mix of contemporary and period styles:

- Standard Double
- Deluxe Double – larger rooms with seating area

All rooms have: Ensuite bathrooms – Cable TV – Minibar – Telephone – Air-Con/Heating – Safe – Hairdryers

Hotel facilities: Courtyard Terrace, Bar & Restaurant - Drinks Service – Internet Access – VIP Airport Welcome (please provide the hotel with your flight details in advance)

Also at and around hotel (extra cost): Golf – Wine-tasting – City Tours – Baby-Sitting – Beaches
Public car parking nearby

Regional Highlights

- Lisbon's many colourful districts, museums, art galleries and historic sights within walking distance
- Tram rides and city viewpoints
- Designer shopping
- Nightlife with Fado Houses, Clubs, Restaurants and Bars
- Day trips to Cascais and Estoril Beaches with many watersports and boat trips
- Estoril Casino (Ian Fleming's original inspiration for the James Bond book, "Casino Royale")
- Day trip to Sintra, the town of fairytale castles and palaces set amid protected redwood forests
- To the south, the natural beauty of the Alentejo Nature Reserve and to the north, the long sandy beaches of the Silver Coast
- Championship golf courses

Location

Nearest airports:
Nearest railway station:
Nearest shops and restaurants:
Nearest Beach

Lisbon (30 mins drive)
Lisbon (5 mins walk)
Doorstep
20 mins by train

