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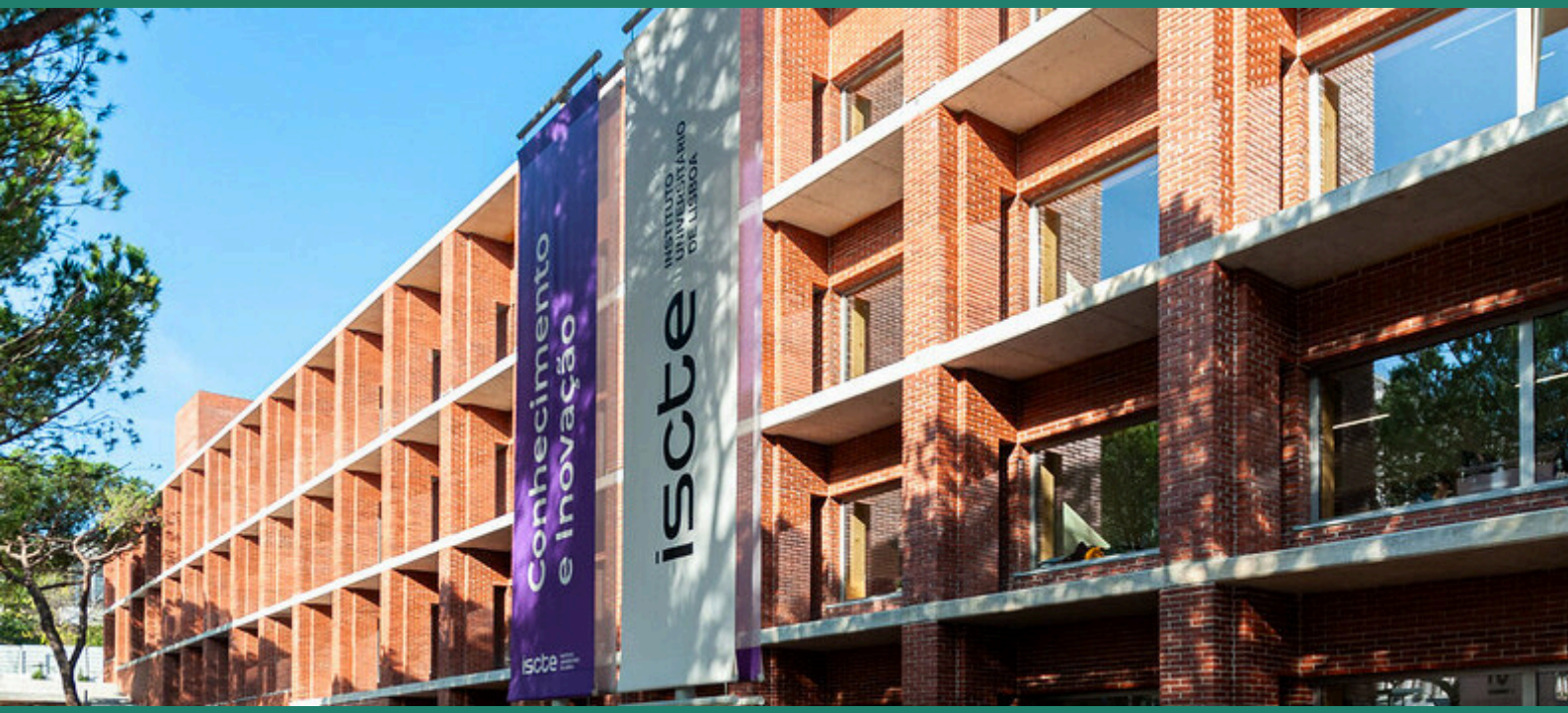
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SSEC community and contributors,

We are very glad to host you in Lisbon and Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon for the 6th Social Solidarity and the Commons International Conference, *Hacking Our Common Future: Transnational cooperation between community-led initiatives in a fragmented world*, 4th-6th November 2026.

In this Info Pack you will find information on the logistic aspects and the city that will make your stay in Lisbon enjoyable as soon as you arrive!

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ABOUT ISCTE

The Iscte - University Institute of Lisbon was founded in 1972 as one of Portugal's first modern universities, with the central aim of studying labour and social dynamics in a rapidly changing world. Since its establishment, the university has expanded its disciplinary reach into four schools: Iscte Business School, the School of Sociology and Public Policy, the School of Technology and Architecture and the School of Social Sciences and Humanities.

The university is actively engaged in collaborative projects, networks and partnerships around the world, including a range of educational, training and research programs supported by the European Union. Through its commitment to internationalization, innovative research and education aligned with professional standards, Iscte prepares its students for competitive careers and thoughtful lives in the 21st century.



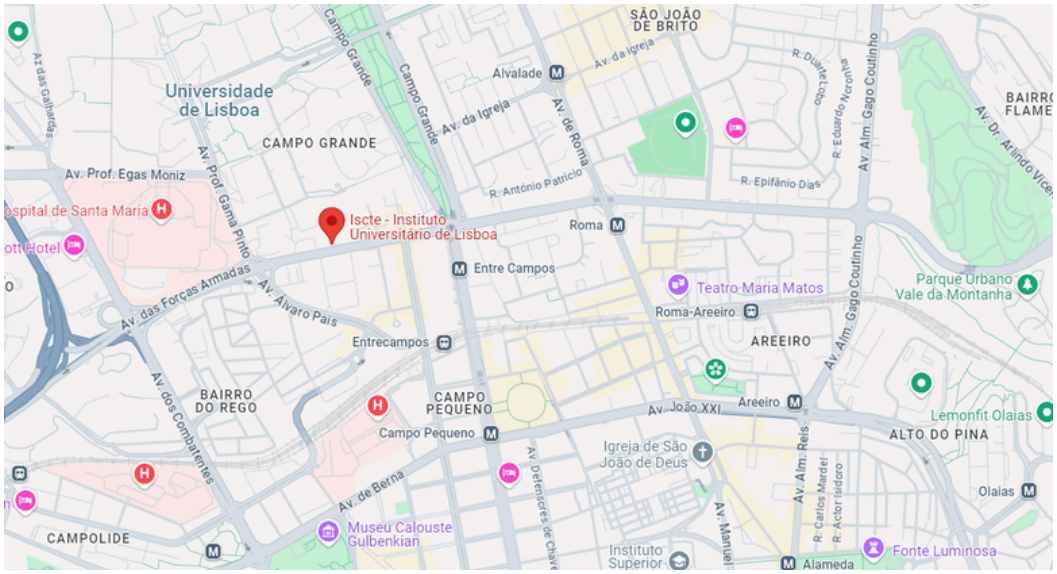




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HOW TO GET TO ISCTE



Campus Acesses & Location Link

Google Map Link

ISCTE Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (University Institute of Lisbon)

Av. das Forças Armadas, 1649-026 Lisboa

Subway (Metro)

- Get out in the Entrecampos station
- Walk about 150m in the direction of the Entrecampos roundabout
- Turn left at the Entrecampos roundabout to the Forças Armadas avenue and walk some 150m more, Iscte will be on your right on the top of the avenue

Carris (buses)

- Get on one of the 701 or 754 buses
- Get out on Forças Armadas avenue stop on the top of the avenue
- The Iscte entrance will be 50m down on your right



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Train

- Get out on the Entrecampos station on República avenue
- Walk about 250m in the direction of the Entrecampos roundabout
- Turn left at the Entrecampos roundabout to the Forças Armadas avenue and walk some 150m more, Iscte will be on your right on the top of the avenue

Bike

- Although Lisbon is known as the city of 7 hills, 73% of its streets are flat or have slopes of less than 5%, meaning they are accessible to the majority of users. In the last years the municipality of Lisbon built hundreds of cycle paths.
- You can use the local bike sharing service or other bike rentals shops, more info.

Car/Taxi/Uber/Bold Services

- **Own Car/Rental Car:** Go up the Forças Armadas avenue in the Entrecampos-Sete Rios direction, then enter the parking which is 100m on your right
- Uber and Taxi services: provide the driver with the address Av. das Forças Armadas, 1649-026 Lisboa



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Every year, #SSE&Commons seeks to offer the scientific public, members of organizations and institutions, and the general public a **central and impactful theme focusing on social transformation, justice, solidarity, grassroots activism, and the commons. Researchers, practitioners, social movements' activists, members of civil society organizations, policymakers and keynote speakers** are invited to share their knowledge and research on different aspects and perspectives related to the core topic, through subthemes.

For example, the 2023 edition focused on the theme 'Decolonising the Solidarity Economy and Commons: Enacting the "Pluriverse"' and featured keynote speakers such as indigenous rights activist Gladys TzulTzul (Guatemala), Jeffrey Kripal (USA), Vanessa de Oliveira Andreotti (Brazil), Fred Turner (USA) and David Chandler (UK).

In 2024 the conference focused on sympoetic relations (based on Donna Haraway's legacy) with the theme 'Decarbonization Consensus: The Ethics and Practices of Sympoiesis' and where we managed to bring in speakers such as Lara Monticelli (UK), Jonas Egmose, Rune Hjarnø Rasmussen (Denmark), Chiara Baldini (Italy), among others. The 5th edition, held in 2025, focused on *collapse and regeneration*. It included regenerative somatic, more.-than-human and feminist approaches, with outstanding contributions from Silvia Federici (USA), Rae Johnson (Canada), Guilherme Castagna (Brasil/Portugal), and Iryna Kazakova (Ukraine), among others.

1 - Edition 2018
Social Solidarity Economy and the Commons: Envisioning Sustainable and Post-capitalist Futures

2 - Edition 2019
Contributions to the Deepening of Democracy

3 - Edition 2023
Decolonizing the Solidarity Economy and Commons: Enacting the "Pluriverse"

4 - Edition 2024
Decarbonization Consensus: The Ethics and Practices of Sympoiesis

5 - Edition 2025
Collapse and Regeneration: Community-led initiatives prefiguring liveable futures

6 - Edition 2026
Hacking Our Common Future: Transnational cooperation between community-led initiatives in a fragmented world



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE - 2026 PROPOSAL

"*Hacking Our Common Future: Transnational cooperation between community-led initiatives in a fragmented world*" invites collective reflection on the unfinished work of recomposing economies, institutions, and ways of life across borders and differences. Building on the previous edition's focus on Collapse and Regeneration, the conference turns towards the active, experimental, and situated shaping of common futures under conditions of uncertainty, ecological disruption, geopolitical fragmentation, and renewed forms of colonization driven by competing claims over territories and natural resources. *Hacking* here involves experimentation, conflict, care, and coordination, and responds to the limitations of conventional sustainability and regeneration paradigms under conditions of uncertainty, institutional fatigue, asymmetrical power relations, and fragmented global cooperation.

The conference therefore foregrounds *TRANSNATIONAL COMMONING* as a means of connecting diverse community-led initiatives responses without reducing plurality to uniformity. Such cooperation may take the form of federated networks, platform cooperativism, solidarity-based digital infrastructures, and translocal alliances. These practices bring together commons-based economic models, critical approaches to digital infrastructures and data governance - including generative artificial intelligence - more-than-human perspectives on territories and livelihoods, cultural and artistic experimentation, intercultural exchange, and renewed attention to lived experience, autonomy, care, and collective joy.

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE - 2026 PROPOSAL

Against a backdrop of ecological and social disruption, digital colonization, widening inequalities, political polarization, armed conflicts, and weakened frameworks of global cooperation, the conference explores how diverse initiatives can develop shared narratives for learning, translation, coordination, and collective action while preserving difference. *Hacking Our Common Future* recognizes multiple, situated, and unfinished trajectories through which communities experiment with alternative ways of organizing social, economic, ecological, technological, and political life.

In this year's edition, contributions are divided by 9 THEMATIC FIELDS:

1. Transnational cooperation and federated commons
2. Hacking digital infrastructures for the commons
3. New political Economies
4. Culture, play, and everyday life as sites of transformation
5. More-than-human commons and relational worldviews
6. Conflict, antagonism, and cooperation within CLIs
7. Knowledge, memory, and transmission
8. Beyond corporate approaches to post-carbon transition
9. Emerging action-research methods and methodologies applied to the above sub-fields.

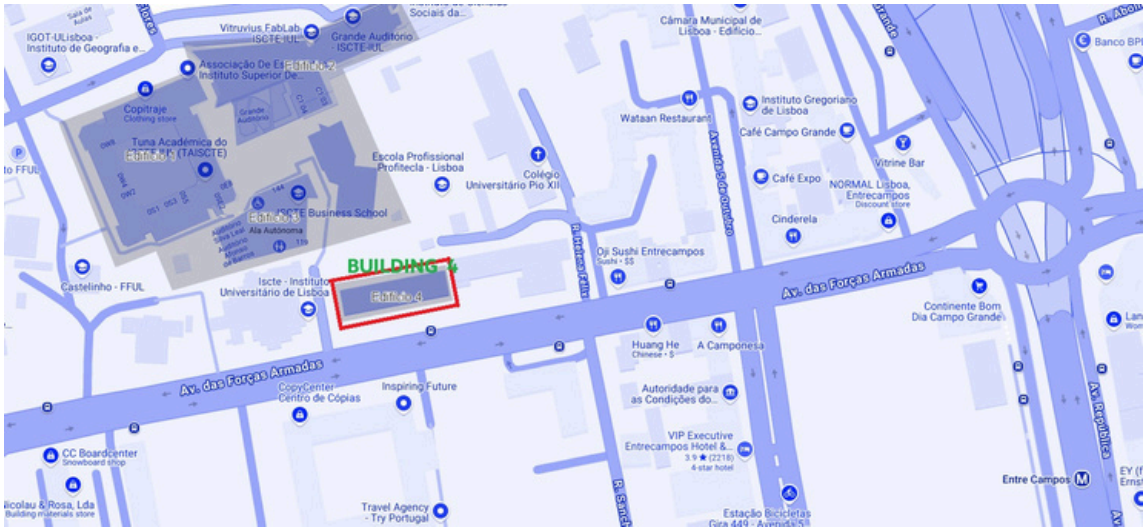
See complete descriptions at:
https://ssecommons.cei.iscte-iul.pt/call-for-contributions/



THE VENUE

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Venue at Iscte

Building 4
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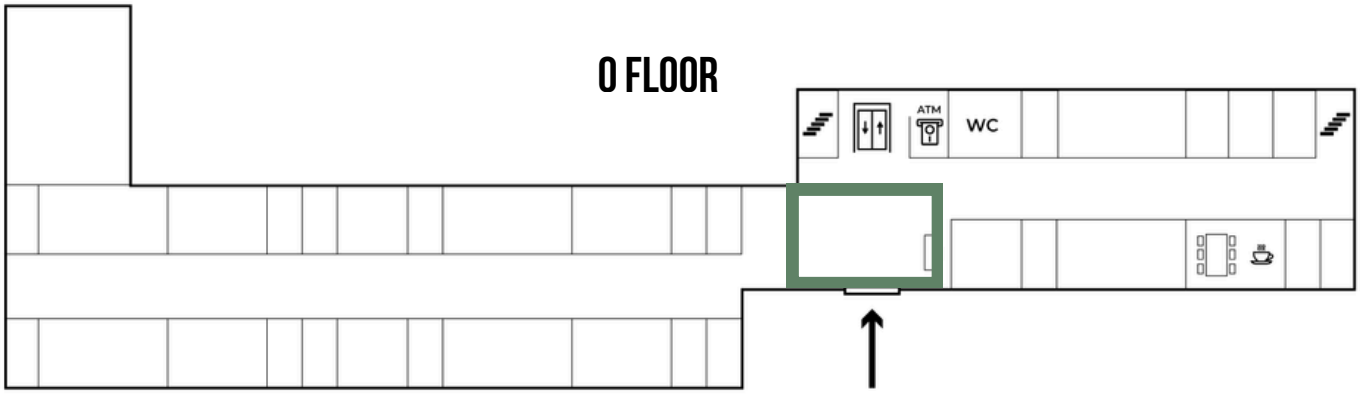
SSE&COMMONS Conference is organized by CEI - Centre for International Studies at Iscte, and will take place on Building 4 of Iscte
Location: Building 4 - Knowledge and Innovation, 3rd Floor

CEI-Iscte is dedicated to producing top-tier knowledge and conducting research of excellence, addressing global challenges. Our approach is based on local and sectorial analyses that can be adapted and applied globally, contributing to tackling these challenges effectively. From sustainability and climate change to transnational organized crime, threats to democracy, global security, and peace, CEI's research provides insights and potential solutions to these critical issues. In the coming years, CEI aims to reaffirm its position as a leading reference in international studies, not only in Portugal but also globally.

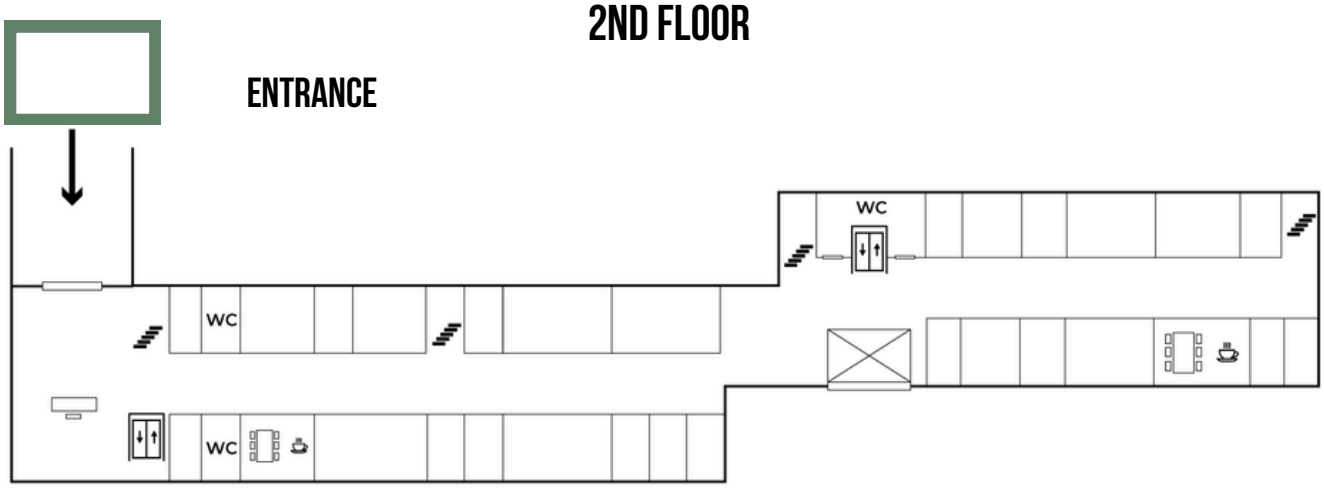
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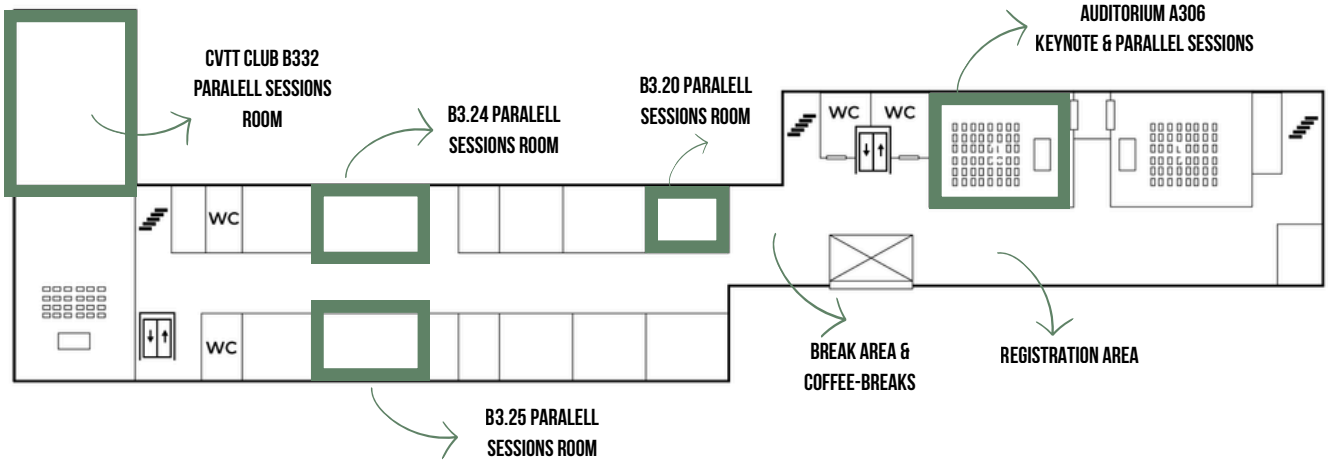


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CENTER FACILITIES & GUIDELINES

Internet Access and Tech/AV

- If you have a mac laptop, bring an adapter.
- There will be laptops available at the rooms. To connect your own computer to other devices (e.g. a projector) the connection is USB-C and HDMI.
- At ISCTE, Eduroam is available, as is the wireless network ISCTE Guest. Connect and go to your browser, a page will open where you will have to agree with the ISCTE Terms. Then you'll be connected.

Luggage storage

- We will not have luggage storage available on campus
- We are not responsible for objects lost or left in the rooms and auditoriums.

Lunches

- We will be offering coffee-breaks at the three days of the Conference.
- ISCTE University has bars and cafes for snacks with accessible prices in the different department buildings, and a cantine.
- Outside of the campus, you can also easily explore the beautiful Portuguese food nearby or downtown (explore TripAdvisor, The Fork or Dig In to find nearby restaurants)



ACCOMMODATION

As Lisbon experiences a huge flux of tourism make sure you book your flight and stay in advance. There are many options of accommodation (hotels, hostels and Airbnb) depending on your budget and preferences.

Find below a list of hotels and hostels in the surroundings of Iscte.
Please contact directly the hotels and hostels following the links.

Hotel NH Campo Grande 4*
119€/night: Single or double bedroom with breakfast

- Campo Grande,71700-087Lisbon- Portugal

Hotel VIP Entrecampos 4*
78€/night: Single bedroom with breakfast

- Av.5 de Outubro Nr.295, 1600-035Lisboa

Hotel VIP Zurique 3*
71€/night: Single bedroom with breakfast

- Rua Ivone Silva, 18, 1050-124 Lisboa

Hotel VIP Inn Berna Hotel 3*
60€/night: Single bedroom with breakfast

- Av. António Serpa 13, 1069-199 Lisboa

The ICONS Hotel 3*

- 74€/night: Single bedroom with breakfast
- R. Filipe da Mata 66, 1600-072 Lisboa

Hostels and Guesthouses

This is Lisbon Hostel
LISB'ON Hostel
4U Lisbon IV Guesthouse
Majesticlara Lisbon Guest House

Lisbon is well known for its high quality hostels, which have been awarded several international prizes. Before you book your bed/room, please note that guests usually have to share bedrooms (dorms) and bathrooms. And pay attention, Lisbon is very touristic so hotels can be busy soon.

Check hostels in Lisbon exploring Booking or Airbnb. The neighborhoods that are close to ISCTE: Campo Grande, Campo Pequeno, Entrecampos, Alvalade and Praça de Espanha.



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At Campus

- Canteen (Building 2)
- Bar AE Cafeteria (Building 2)
- HomeRest Cafeteria (Building 3)
- Club i Restaurant (INDEG Building)

Nearby Iscte

- *Oji Sushi* Entrecampos (2min. walking)
- Sam's Croissants (4 min. walking)
- *Cinderela* Restaurant (4 min. walking)
- *A Camponesa* Restaurant (4 min. walking)
- *Delícia Al dente* Cateen/Cafeteria (4 min. walking)
- *Dacquoise Avenida* Cafeteria (5 min. walking)
- *Taberna Londrina* Restaurant (7 min. walking)
- *Estádio Universitário* Cafeteria/Restaurant (11 min wlaking)
- *Tatu Restaurant* - Campo Grande (11 min. walking)



MORE ABOUT LISBON

- Lisbon is a very tourist-friendly city, safe and beautiful. It has a strong cultural value, an interesting historic scene and a stunning natural landscape in and around the city (beaches and countryside less than 1 hour from the center).
- All tap water is drinkable
- In November the city's climate can be cooler (around 12° C during the day) and rain is quite possible. So bring your rain gear just in case!
- The city center is full of excellent restaurants, cafes and also the famous nightlife of Bairro Alto, Alfama and Bica, and interesting cultural events both indoor and outdoor.
- **If you are Interested in cultural events in Lisbon, please explore *Agenda Viral* and Lisbon Cultural Agenda**



10 Major Atrtactions to Visit in Lisbon and 50 Things to do - Visit Link

27 Top Tourist Attractions in Lisbon - Visit Link

TripAdvisor - Top Things to Do in Lisbon - Visit Link

Lisbon Travel Tourism Tips Here



OTHER USEFULL INFORMATION

National Emergency Number

+112

112 is available 24 hours a day, every single day, and calls are free of charge

Security as a Lisbon visitor/"tourist"

- Portugal is one of the safest countries in Europe (source of the info and related world data)
- Lisbon is becoming one of Europe's tourist centres, especially when the weather starts to get nice, and March is no exception. As a result, the influx of people increases and pickpockets are also popular.
- Therefore, as a general recommendation and as in any other "big" European city, you need to be cautious and take the necessary measures to ensure that you don't become an easy target for pickpockets. Also take care of your personal belongings, especially expensive cameras and devices, and take appropriate precautions when walking alone through dark and narrow streets at late night.

All thefts and major losses should be reported to your nearest police station immediately.

If you prefer to report the crime you may visit the

Tourist Police Station
(ESQUADRA DE TURISMO)
Praça dos Restauradores (link map),
Palácio Foz in Lisbon
Tel: +351-218-804-030
and 352-21-342-162
OR
Cais Tourist Police Station
Jardim do Tabaco,
Terminal dos Cruzeiros (link map)
Tel: +351-218-804-030

The station are open 24 hours a day.

Phone calls

- National Country code is +351 or 00351 (...)
- National City code for Lisbon (landline phone) is +21. If you call from abroad dial +351 21 (...)

Weather forecast and clothes

At the middle of March, usually the average temperature is 12.5˚, with minimum of 9° and maximum of 16°. Pre-spring sunny days start to arrive, but still with chill-cold weather and sometimes light rain (see metrics here or here). We recommend to bring along a jacket or sweater for the evening hours. Before coming please check the temperature and weather.

Banks, money exchange and ATMs

- Currency is Euro. ATMs are easily available.
- Banks understandably offer the best exchange rates. The highest density of banks can be spotted in the Baixa (downtown) district (Monday to Friday, 8.30am- 3pm).
- 24-hour a day money exchange solutions are offered by the exchange desks located at the airport and the Santa Apolonia (train) station.



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