

27 TOP EXPERIENCES



The Alfama

Lisbon's Alfama district (p57), with its labyrinthine alleyways, hidden courtyards and curving shadow-filled lanes, is a magical place to lose all sense of direction and delve into the soul of the city. You'll pass breadbox-sized grocers, brilliantly tiled buildings and cosy taverns filled with easygoing chatter, with the scent of chargrilled sardines and the mournful rhythms of fado drifting in the breeze. Round a bend and catch sight of steeply pitched rooftops leading down to the glittering Tejo, and you know you're hooked...

Nightlife in the Bairro Alto

2 It's midnight in the Bairro Alto (p92) and electricity crackles over the narrow cobblestone streets. As the moon rises over Lisbon's hillsides, eye-catching urban art and graffiti-stained buildings guide revellers to the heart of this night-loving neighbourhood. The chatter of drink-toting celebrators blends with the urban rhythms of brassy local bands and House-spinning DJs. Traditional taverns and glossy dining rooms lure late-night diners, while others opt for mojitos and sangria sipped on sidewalks – front-row seating to one of Europe's finest evening shows.

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