



## HOST CITY



Lisbon is the capital of Portugal and lies on the north bank of the Tagus Estuary, on the European Atlantic coast.

It is the most western city in continental Europe. Greater Lisbon has an area of approximately 1,000 sq.km. The city lies more or less in the centre of the country, about 300 km from the Algarve in the south and 400 km from the northern border with Spain.

Lisbon offers a wide variety of options to the visitor, including beaches, countryside, mountains and areas of historical interest only a few kilometers away from the city centre.

We could say much about beautiful Lisbon and its surroundings, about the exquisite Portuguese cuisine, or even about the warm hospitality of the Portuguese people and its cheerfulness, well known among those who have already visited us, but nothing is better than to come over and see it for yourself.

Greek and Roman empires in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, Lisbon witnessed the departure of the caravels, which “gave new worlds to the world”.

The earthquake of 1755 nearly destroyed Lisbon, exception made to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century breathtaking monuments of the Discoveries Period. Many other monuments and museums are further reasons why tourism gets on so well with Lisbon.

Lisbon’s location, spread over seven low hills, overlooking the river Tagus, which once lured traders and settlers, continues to be a stunning site. Add to that the cultural diversity, a pleasantly mild climate all year-round and a people that by longstanding tradition offer visitors a warm welcome. Medieval Alfama is the charming and oldest part of the city with its maze-like streets, crowned by the impressive Castelo de São Jorge. The Downtown commercial avenues lie just below. The elegant Chiado shopping area is spread on another hill, next to Bairro Alto, home of much of the Lisbon nightlife.

The sunniest capital city of Europe also offers you wonderful golf courses (23 of them within less than a 30 minute drive) and clean white, sandy beaches.

Approximately 600,000 people live in Lisbon. However, if one includes the various satellite towns, the population of Greater Lisbon rises to approximately 1.9 million people.

Nowadays, Lisbon is a pleasant mix of ancient history and the vibrancy of a modern European capital.