

BELÉM

Situated on the western part of central Lisbon, Belém is one of the most historically relevant districts of the city. With a vast cultural heritage, given the great Portuguese marine discoveries of the 15th and 16th centuries, it is home to the city's most quintessential tourist attractions:



The **Belém Tower** (*Torre de Belém*) stands tall on the northern bank of the Tagus river. This 16th century architectural piece was initially built as a part of the river's defense system. Today, it is one of the most visited monuments in Lisbon.

The **Jerónimos Monastery** (*Mosteiro dos Jerónimos*) is possibly the most notorious example of the Portuguese Late Gothic Manueline architecture style, inspired by the maritime voyages of explorers such as Vasco da Gama.

The **Navy Museum** (*Museu de Marinha*), incorporated in the Monastery, is a maritime museum dedicated to the history of navigation in Portugal.

The **Monument to the Discoveries** (*Padrão dos Descobrimentos*), with a total height of 56m, immortalizes the Infante Henry the Navigator, one of the most important figures in the history of the overseas explorations.

The **Gardens of Belém** (*Jardins de Belém*) are the perfect place to enjoy a *Pastel de Belém*. The recipe for this famous wonder of Portuguese gastronomy has been around since the 19th century and has been kept a secret ever since. Selling around 20 thousand *pastéis* every day, they are a crucial part of any trip to Lisbon.

The **Cultural Center of Belém** (*CCB- Centro Cultural de Belém*) is the largest cultural infrastructure in Portugal. Aiming to promote culture in all its embodiments, the CCB has held the **Berardo Collection Museum** (*Museu Coleção Berardo*) since 2007.

The **MAAT – Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology** is the latest artistic center in town. This 3,000m² avant-garde building hosts exhibitions by contemporary artist from all over the world.



The *Cordoaria Nacional*. The factory-turned-museum stages exhibitions throughout the year, from furniture to paintings.

The **Nation Coach Museum** (*Museu Nacional dos Coches*) showcases an impressive collection of historical carriages. This institution promotes the understanding of the evolution of this vehicle from a technical and an artistic point of view.

How to get there:

Train: Belém Station

<https://www.cp.pt/passageiros/en>

Tram: 15

<http://www.carris.pt/en/tram/>

Buses: 714, 727, 728

<http://www.carris.pt/en/buslines/>