

Five Reasons To Visit Lisbon Now



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Cabo da Roca, near Lisbon, the most western point of Europe

5. Sintra, a Unesco World Heritage site is an easy daytrip at only an hour or so from Lisbon but we opted to stay overnight at the glorious [Palacio de Seteais](#), a palace built in 1787 and also a Unesco World Heritage site. Perched on the mountainside of Sintra, the hotel enjoys stunning views of the Moorish Castle and famous Pena Palace. The palace was originally built for the Dutch consul Daniel Gildemeester, on lands granted by the Marquis of Pombal. After the consul's death the palace was owned by several Portuguese noble families before it became a Tivoli hotel in 1955. The 30 rooms, suites and public areas are packed with 18th-century treasures: stunning tapestries, frescos, handmade carpets and a rare Rococo Grand piano with a hand painted top, one of only five in the world. Dining in the Seteais restaurant that specialises in fine Portuguese cuisine is made more special with a harpist at breakfast and pianist at dinner.



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A pool with a view at the Tivoli Palácio de Seteais

In addition to a beautiful outdoor pool with lovely views and two tennis courts, a new petite [spa](#) with three lovely treatment rooms in former servants quarters had just opened when we stayed there. Offering a wide range of treatments, from body wraps and massages and facials using all-natural Biologique Recherche products. And for activities outside of the palace, the hotel offers a number of experiences such as a horse drawn carriage to Monserrate palace and to Sintra village and a private evening tour of the Pena Palace.