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SOME OF THE HOTELS WE REALLY LIKE

Lisbon is full of charming hotels but of course not all are worth stopping by. Here's our pick.

> **Palácio Príncipe Real**

Housed in a palace built in 1877, Palácio Príncipe Real hotel is perfectly sited, as its name suggests, just a few steps from Príncipe Real and a minute's walk from the charming Praça das Flores (see p. 93).

Lovely azulejos in one of the lounges, large bedrooms, a magnificent swimming pool and an internal garden (rare in central Lisbon), a perfect welcome from English owners Miles and Gail ... All in all, a quality location.

 **PALÁCIO PRÍNCIPE REAL**
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> Tarabel Lisbon

In the charming residential district of Lapa, but just minutes from some of the best restaurants in Lisbon, the Tarabel is one of the most beautiful hotels in the city (maybe even the most beautiful?), just like its big brother in Marrakesh. Wildly refined decoration, a charming welcome, a great swimming pool at the end of the terraced garden and quality cuisine reserved for guests ... A tremendous success.



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SINK YOUR TEETH INTO A *BIFANA*

A *bifana* is to the Portuguese what a ham-and-cheese sandwich is to the British: a simple, quick and inexpensive solution that rarely disappoints. It consists of a very finely sliced pork cutlet, marinated in dry white wine, lemon juice, bay leaves, paprika and garlic, and gently basted in its own juices, nestling between two slices of *papo seco* (Portuguese bread). To spice things up, spread on some mustard right before you sink your teeth into it and then wash it down with a few glasses of wine. For an even more decadent experience, bite into a *leitão*, a typical Portuguese sandwich made with suckling pig.



NOVA POMBALINA



For *bifanas*:

📍 **AS BIFANAS DO AFONSO**
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For *leitãos*:

📍 **NOVA POMBALINA**
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RUNNING LAPS ON A ROOFTOP

Enter the hotel, walk confidently towards the elevator, get in and push the '-1' button. When you reach the spa, buy a day pass. Get changed and take the elevator to the 11th floor. A vision overlooking the Tagus: a running track on the roof. So you can race against the sun and challenge the clouds, legs in the air, eyes taking in a 360°-view of Lisbon. Pure magic.*

*Since this magic is on the pricey side, this 5-star running experience is a good gift idea. A day pass includes admission to the fitness room and spa. We guarantee that you (or the recipient of your gift) won't regret it.



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AN APERITIF UNDER THE STARS ON LISBON STEPS

When you've had enough of cod, head to this little restaurant in an alleyway of the old Mouraria district. Opened in 2012, this is the city's first fully vegan restaurant. In this unique venue you can simultaneously meet regulars, local residents and passing travellers seated directly on the steps transformed into terraces. On sunny days, musicians play at the foot of the steps, as in an open-air amphitheatre – perfect for a drink at the end of the day. The menu, creative and seasonal, changes regularly. Remember to book, especially in summer.



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A HISTORIC VENUE, FAR FROM THE IN-CROWDS OF TOURISTS

SNOB, not far from Príncipe Real, is a historic venue that has kept the old-fashioned charm of its early days in the 1960s. We love the hushed and confidential atmosphere, the chic and timeless decor, the cocktails, the attentive and thoughtful service, and the fact that you have to ring the doorbell to get in ...

If some people simply come for a drink, others come to savour the famous bife à Snob (steak with an egg on top), a house special that's been on the menu for five decades.

The bar-restaurant provided a secret refuge for politicians, journalists, revolutionaries and intellectuals during the dictatorship. Among the regulars was writer José Saramago. SNOB was taken over in 1975 by Albino Oliveira, shortly after the 'Carnation Revolution'.



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JUST OUR KIND OF BAR

Behind its Art Nouveau façade, Foxtrot is a historic bar established by Luís Pinto Coelho (who's also behind the magnificent but over-touristic Pavilhão Chinês bar).

We love its welcoming vibe, crystal globe-lamps, cosy boudoirs and velvety benches, evoking the snug atmosphere of an old English pub.

Between two (good) cocktails, you can also play pool or order food, notably the prego no pão (meat sandwich), a Lisbon classic.



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A MASTERPIECE OF A JAPANESE RESTAURANT

With only ten seats around a 'U' counter, Omakase Ri is an exceptional Japanese restaurant where you feel almost privileged to have found a place.

No menu is available (you just tell the very friendly team serving you of any food intolerances). After that, for the next two hours (which pass quickly) you're treated to a parade of dishes whose finesse, refinement and precision are spectacular. As Japanese tradition demands, everything is also beautifully presented and the products used are the freshest they could be. For example, wasabi comes not in a tube but fresh, as in the best restaurants in Japan. Not to be missed.



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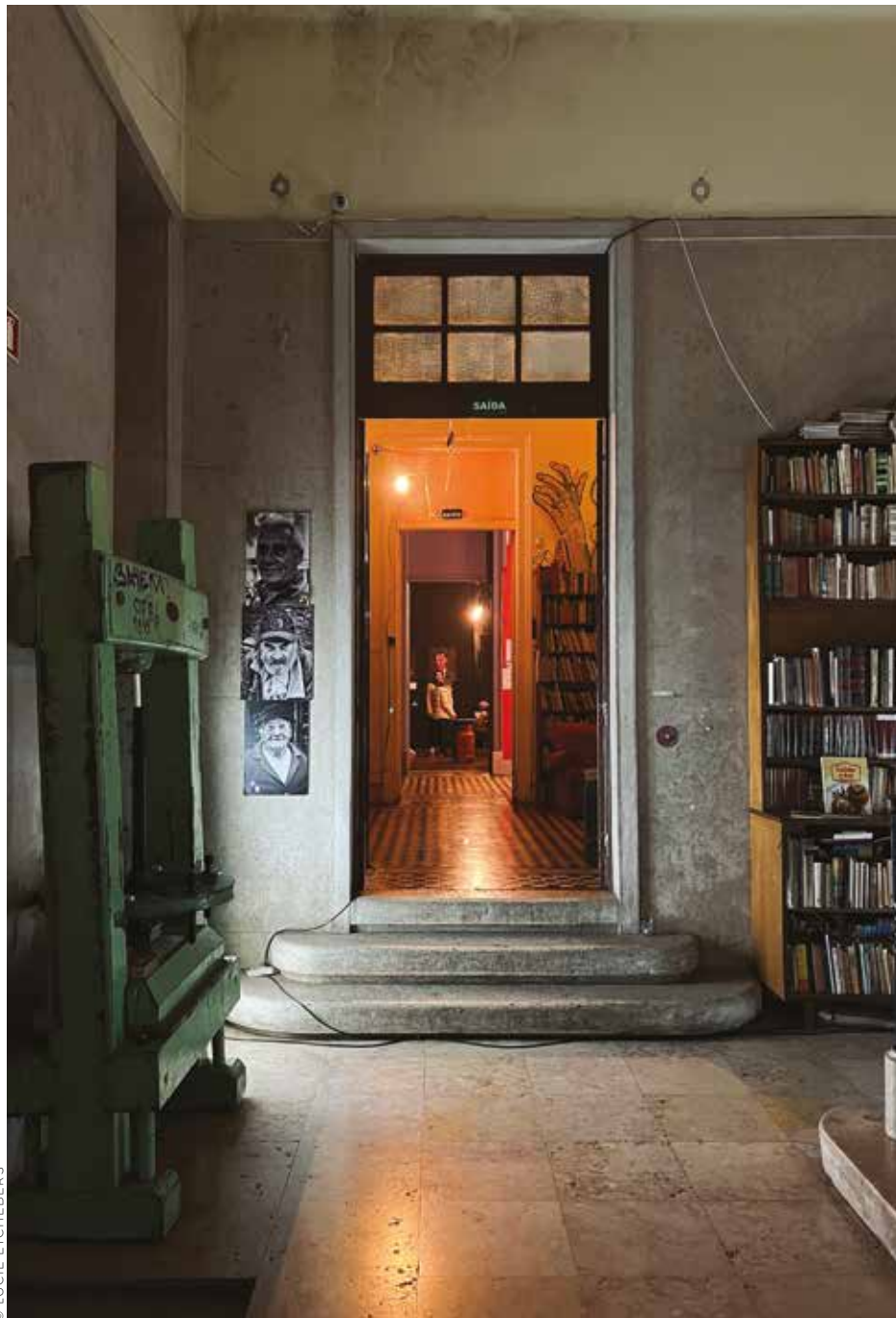


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Strongly advised to book well in advance or count on a bit of luck for last-minute places



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AN ALTERNATIVE NIGHT OUT IN MARVILA

Nights out in the east of Lisbon, between Marvila's industrial relics and the cultural revival, have never been so lively.

Housed in a long-abandoned former ammunitions factory, hence its name ('Silver Arms Factory'), the Fábrica Braço de Prata has been the city's most interesting alternative location since 2007.

This immense space (twelve rooms) where restaurant, concerts, exhibitions, literary meetings, plays, dance classes and raves are interwoven, is constantly reinventing itself. Explore and be inspired.



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WE TESTED 1,000 PLACES, AND CHOSE ONLY THE BEST

Sleeping in Lisbon's most beautiful boutique hotels, running on a track among the clouds, getting lost in a tropical canopy, toasting with a seasoned local, discovering the secret hideout of fado singers, exploring the best spots in Marvila, spending a surreal evening in an 18th-century palace, diving into Lisbon's hidden underground scene...

Hidden hotels, outstanding restaurants, secret bars, off-the-radar strolls ... In this guide you'll find a carefully curated, eclectic selection for every budget. Designed for both travellers and locals, it reveals handpicked addresses chosen by local writers – each place a gateway to discovery, far from the crowds and off the beaten path. A fresh take on the art of travel.

'An essential guide' (*New York Times*)

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