

NEIGHBOURHOOD GUIDE

Chiado, Bairro Alto

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Chiado is Lisbon's most elegant neighbourhood — a place where 18th-century architecture meets independent bookshops, design studios, and some of the city's best restaurants. It sits between the Baixa grid below and the bohemian tangle of Bairro Alto above. The streets are steep, the pastries are excellent, and the light in the late afternoon is unlike anywhere else in Europe.

Coffee & Breakfast

A Brasileira

The historic literary café where Fernando Pessoa had his daily bica. Sit at the counter, not outside — it's cheaper and more authentic. Rua Garrett 120.

Landeau Chocolate

One thing only: chocolate cake. The best in Lisbon, possibly in Portugal. Rua das Flores 70.

→ *Chiado has some of the best pastelarias in the city. Look for places with handwritten menus and locals eating standing up.*

Lunch & Dinner

Alma

Chef Henrique Sá Pessoa's flagship. Modern Portuguese cuisine at its best. Book 2-3 weeks ahead for weekends. Rua Anchieta 15.

Tasca do Chico

20 seats, no menu, whatever the cook decides. One of the last real tascas. Rua do Diário de Notícias 39.

Páteo

Hidden courtyard restaurant off Rua Garrett. Quiet lunch spot away from the crowds. Rua Garrett 44.

→ *Bairro Alto (the streets above Chiado) comes alive after 10pm. Walk up Rua do Norte or Rua da Atalaia for natural wine bars and small plates.*

Culture & Shopping

Livraria Bertrand

The world's oldest bookshop (1732). English section upstairs. Rua Garrett 73.

El Corte Inglés rooftop

Technically a department store but the rooftop terrace has one of the best views over the city. Free to access.

MUDE

Museum of Design and Fashion. Recently reopened. Rua Augusta 24.

→ *The Miradouro de São Pedro de Alcântara offers one of the best panoramas over Lisbon — free, always open, benches available.*

Practical

Getting around

Tram 28 stops at Chiado (Calçada do Combro). Metro: Baixa-Chiado, blue/green lines. Walk downhill 10 min to reach Rossio.

Late night

Pharmácia Bar (inside the Pharmacy Museum) is one of Lisbon's most unusual bars. Rua Marechal Saldanha 1.

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