

A RELAXED LONG WEEKEND FOR TWO

Lisbon, one hill at a time.

DATES

09–13 Oct
2026

BASE

Baixa /
Chiado

STYLE

Food · architecture ·
slow

THE SHAPE OF THE TRIP

One anchor each day. Space around it.

A first trip designed around **energy, not checklists.**

Stay inside one geographic cluster, leave margin for hills and queues, and treat the best view as a pause.

Saturday

Alfama → river → sunset

Sunday

Belém → LX Factory

Monday

Sintra: one palace, one town

Tuesday

Chiado → airport with margin

ARRIVE → ALFAMA → BELÉM → SINTRA → RIVER

Alfama without the rush.

Ride uphill. Walk down. Save the final climb for golden hour.

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OCTOBER

Old city
east to west

09:30	Ride to Graça	Start above the lanes instead of spending the morning climbing.
10:15	Descend through Alfama	Follow viewpoints and church squares. Let the route bend.
15:00	River reset	Sit, rehydrate, then choose one interior or more walking.
18:45	Sunset viewpoint	Pick the closest comfortable miradouro and arrive early enough to sit.

Flex at 15:00: tired feet earn a 90-minute hotel reset. Do not force Belém into this day.

Stone, river, then reinvention.

The cloister is the timed anchor. The afternoon stays loose.

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OCTOBER

Belém +
Alcântara

08:45

Travel west

Leave buffer for Sunday transit and the walk from the stop.

09:30

Jerónimos cloister

Book first entry if available; verify official hours before travel.

11:15

Belém river walk

Tower interior is optional. The river edge is the main event.

14:30

LX Factory

Browse books and makers without turning the market into a checklist.

Keep the evening near home. A west-side day does not need a cross-city dinner.

One palace. One town. Enough.

Sintra rewards margin. Weather, tickets, and hills punish overfilling.

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OCTOBER

Sintra
day trip

08:15	Train toward Sintra	Eat before the station and keep the first hour protected.
10:15	One major palace	Prebook one anchor with generous transfer time.
13:15	Old town lunch	Eat before deciding whether the day needs a second act.
17:15	Return before the squeeze	Protect the final Lisbon dinner and absorb delayed transfers.

Weather rule: keep the town; switch the paid anchor if visibility or wind undermines the hilltop experience.

Leave the city without losing the day.

The morning branches only after the real flight time and baggage plan are known.

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OCTOBER

Final morning

08:30	Store luggage	Confirm with the hotel the night before.
09:00	Chiado coffee	One close-to-base street, bookshop, pastry, and photograph.
10:30	Optional ferry	Cacilhas only if an evening flight leaves generous margin.
T-3h	Begin airport transfer	Set the exact departure after terminal and baggage are confirmed.

Hard rule: delete the ferry the moment it creates pressure. The final memory should not be a sprint.

BUDGET · TWO TRAVELERS

Spend on the stay. Protect a real buffer.

Working ranges exclude flights. Lodging is the largest variable until booked.

€1,160—
€1,870

on the ground · four nights · scenario, not quote

Lodging	€600–1,000
Central mid-range room	
Food	€280–420
One considered dinner daily	
Transport	€70–120
Metro, rail, optional taxi	
Admissions	€80–120
Two anchors + one optional	
Buffer	€130–210
Weather and spontaneous choices	

EXECUTE THE TRIP

Lock the anchors. Leave the air between them.

01	Book refundable central lodging	NOW
02	Book one Sintra timed entry	NEXT
03	Book Jerónimos first entry	NEXT
04	Select two dinner anchors	2–3 WEEKS
05	Confirm airport transfer	72 HOURS

Pack for the hills

- Shoes with grip
- Light rain layer
- Water bottle
- Portable battery
- Small secure day bag
- Medication + offline tickets
- Light layer for Sintra