



The Club President's Party Lisbon, Portugal, 9-12 April 2019

Our Club President, Luis Hui, will be holding his Presidents party in Lisbon, Portugal from 9 – 12 April 2019 and hopes very much that you can join him for this trip to one of the most exciting cities in Europe. Partners, friends and families are all welcome!



Several items in the provisional programme have capacity limitations and may therefore change depending on final numbers. An outline programme is as follows:

Tuesday 9 April:

- fly into Lisbon and check into the Santa Justa Hotel, a four-star hotel in Lisbon's City Centre;
- Presidents dinner held at a small local restaurant serving innovative Portuguese/French fusion cuisine, located in the famous Alfama District;

Wednesday 10 April:

- a ride on Lisbon's vintage historic tram with an audio guide, taking us around the narrow winding streets of the Old Town passing both the Cathedral and Castle;
- see the City from the Rua Augusta Arch, including an interactive City history;
- a river boat trip along the Dourno River to Belem, with a stop at Belem for lunch and a visit to Pasteis de Belem (the oldest and most famous bakery in Portugal);
- A free afternoon to explore the Monastery at Belem at leisure (or some of the other sights there) and then/or return to Lisbon by boat;
- An *optional* meal at O'Poleiro restaurant, a small local restaurant (away from the main tourist areas) serving Portuguese cuisine.

Thursday 11 April

- An *optional* day trip to see some of the amazing and best sights around Lisbon including Pena Castle, Sintra, Cabo da Roca and Cascais;
- An *optional* meal at Rio Maravilha rooftop restaurant in the LX Factory at Belem; a trendy/contemporary area containing several bars/restaurants.

Friday 12 April

- A free day to explore the city at leisure, catching an afternoon/evening flight back home to Lisbon. Those who wish can of course stay over for the weekend, and those who play golf will be welcome to play on the Friday pm, Saturday and Sunday am, returning to the UK on the Sunday evening. Full details available on request.

What are the costs and how do I book?

There are three elements to the cost of this trip as follows:

- **Registration:**
A £100 registration fee payable to RCL. This should be enough to cover the historic tram ride, entrance to the Rua Augusta Arch viewing platform and interactive museum, the return boat trip to Belem, an amazing custard tart at the Pasteis de Belem and an amazing meal on the Tuesday evening (including wines). A small balancing figure may be required dependent upon final costs.

Not included are any lunches, taxis to/from Alfama District on the Tuesday evening, the optional evening meals on the Wednesday or Thursday or the Thursday day trip.

- **Hotel**
The hotel is the Santa Justa Hotel. It is a 4* central hotel very close to an area with bars and restaurants, and close to the famous Santa Justa Lift.
The package price for 3 nights starts at 158€ per room per night on a non-refundable basis (or 175€ if you want a cancellation clause in for up to 30 days before arrival). Breakfast is the 15€ per person per day and there is a small city tax to pay on site. **These prices are only held to 31 December on a negotiated group basis for the Club.**



- **Flights**

Many companies fly to Lisbon from London. Some of you will prefer Heathrow and some of you Stansted, Luton or Gatwick. Some of you will prefer business class and some of you will have air miles to use. Some of you will bring big bags and some of you small bags. So, you will need therefore to make your own flight bookings. What is important is that you are at the hotel by the early evening on the Tuesday to go out for the meal, so you need aim to have landed in Lisbon by mid-afternoon.

A few *sample flights* are as follows, but there are many to choose from:

Heathrow TAP Airlines Out: 11.20 – 14.05
 In: 16.10 – 18.50
 Basic cost: 82 + 72 + £154

Luton, EasyJet Out: 12.30 – 15.15
 In: 15.45 – 18.30
 Basic cost: 69 + 44 = £113

Gatwick, EasyJet Out: 10.10 – 12.50
 In: 20.35 – 23.10
 Basic cost: 91 + 46 = £137

Hotel and Flight combined packages

Companies such as lastminute.com do offer combined flight/hotel packages (to the Santa Justa Hotel) on a very limited number of rooms basis, so it is worth checking to see what is available there before completing your booking.



HOW TO BOOK

1. To register please send an email to tim@datgroup.pro confirming that you wish to attend and that you have transferred the £100 per person to the Club account: Rotary Club of London; Account no: 00152687, Sort Code: 60-01-73 (with your name as the reference).

2. Book your flights asap! Please aim to land in Lisbon by mid-afternoon on the Tuesday.

In terms of your luggage booking, dress throughout will be casual/smart casual, so you do not need to take either a suit or DJ.

3. Contact Sandrina at the Santa Justa Hotel bookings@hotelsantajustalisboa.com and book your rooms. Please make sure that you tell her that you are with the Rotary Club of London group to get the rates quoted above.

Nearer the trip date I will come back to you with fuller details of timings and options. I will at that point need to know exactly who is doing what by way of the optional activities as space is limited on several them.

This will be a great three-day trip encompassing a beautiful city, good food and wine and the opportunity of fellowship with your fellow Rotarians. I hope that you can support it and our President by attending.

If you are receiving this flyer electronically, here is a link to some more photos taken by Hiko during the Lisbon recce in October:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/pEgtPCd12U4hDhbW9>

Please come back to me if you have any questions.

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