

Make a Travel Brochure for Lisbon!



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The History of Lisbon

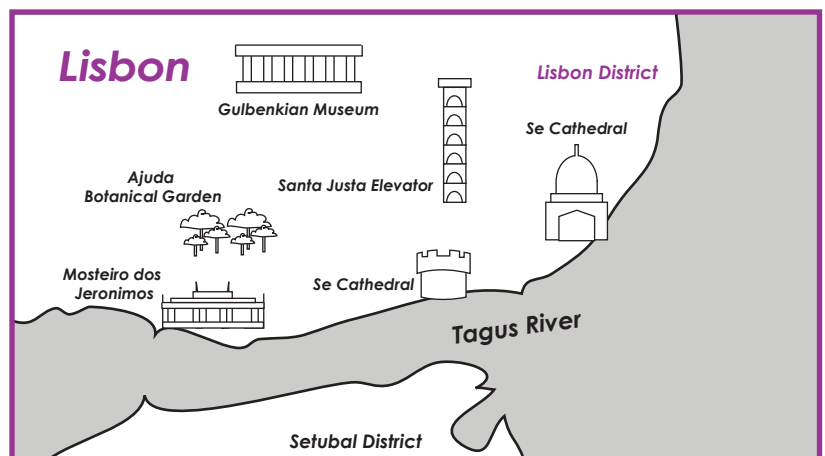
The area that would become Lisbon was first occupied as early as 1200 BCE. The beginning of its history saw Lisbon invaded by Celtic, Roman, barbarian, Carthaginian, and other armies. During Roman times, Christianity was on the rise, and it became the main religion of the region. In 711, Lisbon was conquered by Muslim tribes from North Africa and the Middle East. Some of the mosques built by these peoples still stand, and some Arabic place names remain from that time. In 1108, the city was conquered by Norwegians. Only three years later, another North African force, the Almoravids, conquered the city. In 1147, Lisbon was conquered by Portugal, and Christianity once again became the state religion. Many mosques were either destroyed or turned into churches. In 1255, Lisbon was made the capital of Portugal. The 15th century began Portugal's Age of Discovery. The period was a great one for Portugal as it began to trade with more and more countries, but a difficult one for the peoples it conquered as it expanded its territory. Rule of Portugal was taken over by the king of Spain in 1580, but in 1688, Portugal regained its independence. In 1755, Lisbon was devastated by an earthquake. It destroyed much of the city, and tens of thousands of its citizens lost their lives. The city rebuilt, only to be invaded by the French emperor Napoleon in 1807. Portugal's last dictatorship was overthrown in 1974. In 1999, Portugal relinquished control over Macau, its last overseas colony.

Tourist Attractions and Famous Locations

The Sé Cathedral was built during the 12th century and is one of Lisbon's best-known landmarks. The Gulbenkian Museum features art from as far back as 2000 BCE. The Santa Justa Elevator was built in the 19th century to save residents from climbing Lisbon's steep hills. The Mosteiro dos Jeronimos monastery, constructed in the early 16th century, is one of Lisbon's most impressive structures. The Sao Jorge Castle was built in the 11th century as a residence for the rulers of Lisbon, and overlooks Alfama, the oldest neighborhood in Lisbon. The Ajuda Botanical Garden is the oldest botanical garden in Portugal.

Famous Residents

Famous past and present residents of Lisbon include poet, writer, literary critic, and translator Fernando Pessoa; neuroscientist Antonio Damasio; soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo; Baroque-era painter Josefa de Obidos; and English novelist Henry Fielding.



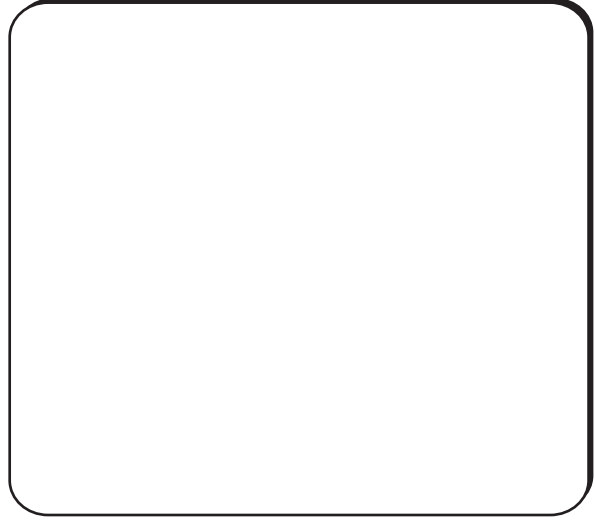
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List the main historic events in order of when they happened:

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