



GO Lisbon Activity Guide







Welcome Weekend

The first weekend of the program is designed to help students connect with each other, the program city and our staff. Students will participate in orientation, a guided city tour, welcome party and a group activity. This gives students the chance to enjoy highlights of their new home while settling in before classes begin. The next three weekends allow students free time to further explore the program city or travel to other cities.





City Tour + Orientation

The day after arrival, students will have an orientation, which will cover safety tips, cultural norms, and program expectations, ensuring students feel prepared to explore their new home. Next, all students will go on a guided tour of the historic city. Our staff will also point out essential spots like markets and cafes to get you comfortable with our neighborhood in your first few days.

Day Trip to Sintra

Embarking on a day trip to Sintra, the places to see are Quinta da Regaleira and Pena Palace. At Quinta da Regaleira, students are immersed in a mystical wonderland of lush gardens, intricate tunnels, and enigmatic structures, including free time to explore and have lunch. Following this, a visit to Pena Palace transports students to a fairy-tale realm, with its vibrant colors, whimsical architecture, and commanding hilltop location providing breathtaking panoramic views of Sintra and beyond. Together, exploring Quinta da Regaleira and Pena Palace promises a day filled with enchantment, discovery, and awe-inspiring beauty.









Program Activities

Explore your program city and connect with other students through our weekly optional activities. These included activities are students' favorites every year. We recommend not missing a single one!

- 1. You must pre-register for your preferred activities (you may sign up for just 1 or all).
- 2. They are typically held on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings to avoid weekend + class conflicts.
- 3. Keep in mind that a cancellation fee may apply if you register but choose not to participate, deducted from your Accommodations/Vendor Accountability fund.

Tuk Tuk Tour

Tuk Tuk tours offer insights into Lisbon's rich history, vibrant culture, and iconic landmarks, such as the colorful Alfama district and the historic Belém Tower. These compact, open-air vehicles provide a personalized experience, allowing students to navigate through narrow alleys and discover hidden gems. Whether winding through cobblestone streets or along the scenic waterfront, a Tuk Tuk tour in Lisbon promises an unforgettable journey through the heart of this enchanting city.







Cooking Class

In this cooking class, you'll work as a group with your peers to dive into the food culture of Lisbon. This is a hands-on workshop, so that everyone can really feel the whole process, taking part in the preparation, cutting skills, cooking methods and plating. Students will make Pasties de Nata, the most famous dessert in Lisbon.





Sunset Picnic

Our staff will have a massive charcuterie and snacks set up in Parque Eduardo VII for our students to hang out soak up amazing views of the city.





Evening in Cascais

Cascais is a picturesque coastal town near Lisbon and boasts golden beaches, charming cobblestone streets, and elegant 19th-century architecture. Known for its vibrant marina, fresh seafood, and cultural attractions, it's a perfect place to relax on the beach or grab an amazing dinner. Students will have several hours to explore this amazing town.





All of these activities are planned and provided to you already, all YOU have to do is say YES! Please claim your spot by opting into these activities on the forms in your student portal.