



“From the start, you appear laying on the Tagus, like a sailing city. Even the breeze tastes like salt.”

José Cardoso Pires, in “Lisboa, Livro de Bordo”



- Lisboa is the most Western capital of Europe, located by the river Tagus and the Atlantic Ocean.
- Known by the Romans as *Olisipo*, its foundations go back to Phoenician times.



- It was captured by the Moors in the 8th century.
- In 1147, king D. Afonso Henriques, with the support of the Crusaders, reconquered the city.
- It is a major political, economic and cultural centre of Portugal.



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**“Here and there in Lisboa -
when we are in a rush or
wondering through the
streets**

**Around the corner suddenly
we see the iridescent Tagus:
Then light becomes our body
and our soul gets wings”**

Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen (1994), in
Obra Poética, 2011



Lisboa



**“O blue sky—the same one I knew as a child—
Perfect and empty eternal truth!
O gentle, silent, ancestral Tagus,
Tiny truth in which the sky is mirrored!”**

Álvaro de Campos, in *Lisbon Revisited*, 1923

Hope to see you in Lisboa in IWOTA 2019!

