

# International Choir Festival of Almada From February 22 to 26, 2024



Lisboa

A magnificent bay, the Tagus estuary, spanned by an endless bridge, the Vasco da Gama bridge, sloping streets climbed by the tram, a visit to Lisbon looks like European San Francisco if not the other way around, elders oblige.

During your stay in the capital of Portugal, the most western in Europe, you will take advantage of your vacation to discover a rich heritage that dates back to Roman times and which then crossed centuries and influences, especially Muslims, until today.

From the Tower of Belém, the old port from which Vasco da Gama set out in 1497 to conquer the world to the futuristic Park of Nations, built for the Universal Exhibition of 1998, to the grandiose Trade Square (Praça do comercio), where the historic heart of the city beats, with the Saint-Georges Castle and its magnificent panorama ideal for taking pictures of Lisbon or in its other districts, there are many things to see absolutely.

The Portuguese capital is also suitable for walks through time in the cobbled streets of the old quarters of Alfama and in the Bairro alto, or to laze in summer on the many sandy beaches in the area accessible by public transport such as than Cascais or Estoril, a lukewarm pastel de nata in mouth.

# Almada

Located on the south bank of the Tagus River, Almada is arguably the best viewpoint over the city of Lisbon, with among other observation points the castle, the panoramic lift of the Boca do Vento, and mainly the statue of Christ the King erected in 1959.

In the past centuries, Almada was a popular vacation spot for the court, which built there some noble buildings and houses preserved by the city.

Today, Almada is a city that maintains its growth, the pace of which increased with the inauguration of the bridge over the Tagus in 1966, which facilitated access between the two banks of the river. However, Almada does not only live by the capital where a large part of its inhabitants work, it is a city with a life of its own and its popular events like the Theater Festival.

The municipality of Almada also includes the Costa da Caparica, much sought after in summer by the inhabitants of Lisbon and its suburbs, seduced by its vast sandy beaches. The local gastronomy deserves special attention, in particular the tasty bouillabaisses of fresh fish, typical of places such as Cacilhas, Porto Brandão, Ginjal or Costa da Caparica.

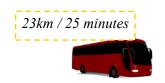


The following program is offered on a provisional basis and subject to change depending on the expectations of the choirs, the concert venues and the various requirements of the tour.

Changes will always be made in consultation and with the agreement of the group.

#### Thursday February 22, 2024: ARRIVAL

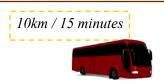
Arrival in Lisboa Airport
Transfer from Airport to Lisboa in private bus
Free time in Almada depending on arrival time
Dinner and night at the hotel



Friday February 23, 2024: LISBOA

# Breakfast Transfer for Lisbon by private coach Free time and lunch on own Transfer back to Lisboa Dinner and night at the hotel





#### **Suggested Visits:**









The Alfama district reminiscent of the Moorish heritage with its winding and steep streets:

<u>São Jorge Castle:</u> Open to the public 7 days a week, the Castelo de S. Jorge offers you to enjoy a historical site, where you can learn a little more about the history of Lisbon at the Permanent Exhibition, explore the remains of the Islamic quarter from the 11th century on the Archaeological Site, admire absolutely incredible panoramas of the city thanks to the Dark Room, stroll through the gardens and the belvedere, take a break at the Café do Castelo, or quite simply, let yourself be charmed by the music, the theater, dance and heritage conversation circles that animate the days of this remarkable Lisbon monument.

**Price: 8,5€** 

Then, take advantage of the many lookouts that this district has to offer, such as the Santa Luzia lookout point or the Miradouro das Portas do Sol.

Then discover the Cathedral of Santa Maria Maior in Lisbon (or Sé Patriarchal Cathedral of Lisboa - Free entry -)

Visit to the cloister: € 2.50 / person - Visit to the treasure: € 2.50 / person

The Panteão Nacional (which is the old church of Santa Engrácia) and the Monastery of Sao Vicente de Fora.

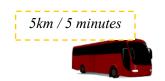
Don't hesitate to check out the **Feira da Ladra** (literally "thief's fair"), which is the best-known and most famous flea market in the capital. The market takes place every Tuesday and Saturday, in the Campo de Santa Clara, between the São Vicente monastery and the Praça Doutor Bernardino Antonio Gomes.

The Fado Museum. *Price:* 5 €/pers (full price). Fado is a traditional Portuguese song. It is a lament that questions fate against which we can do nothing. Indeed, it comes from the Latin word "fatum" which means "destiny". It is the musical symbol of Portugal.

Saturday February 24, 2024: ALMADA

#### **Breakfast**

Transfer by private coach to the place of concert



# International Choir Festival of Almada



Repertoire 25 minutes max All repertoires allowed

10.00 am-12.00 pm : Concert in Almada with 3 other choirs (outside if the wheather is fine, inside if not)

12.00 pm-16.00 pm: Lunch on own and free time

16.00 pm -18.00 pm : Concert in Almada in another place with the same 3 choirs

20.00 pm: Gala Dinner with all the choirs

Back to the hotel



Sunday February 25, 2022: ALMADA

Breakfast at the hotel

# Festival International Choral d'Almada



Repertoire 25 minutes max All repertoires allowed

7km / 5 minutes

09:30 am-12.00 pm: Free time in Almada

12.00 pm-14.30 pm : Lunch on own



20.00 pm: Transfer back to the hotel, dinner & night







Monday February 26, 2024: Departure

**Breakfast** 

Free time depending on return flight Transfer to Lisboa Airport by private coach Return flight

**End of the adventure with Choral Events** 

End of the Tour



Program offered as an example, and subject to modification (duration, hotel, activities), according to the possibilities and expectations of the group.













#### THE HOTEL:

#### **ALMADA:**







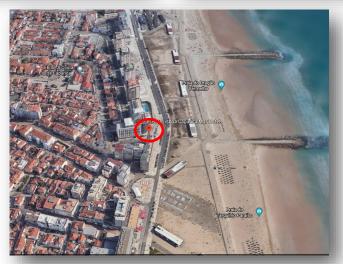
The Tryp Lisboa Caparica Mar Hotel 4\* has a relaxing and carefree atmosphere and is located very close to the sea, on the largest and most popular beach in the Greater Lisbon region, the Costa da Caparica. This is the ideal hotel for a dream vacation.

Inspired by its proximity to the ocean, the Tryp Lisboa Caparica Mar is decorated entirely with the same atmosphere, the sea. The hotel is ideal for couples and families who wish to have a moment of relaxation and fun. At your disposal you will find modern and comfortable rooms equipped with air conditioning and private TV. The Tryp Lisboa Caparica Mar Hotel also has a spa, an outdoor swimming pool, two restaurants, a gymnasium, a Kid's Club for the youngest, 7 conference rooms equipped with the latest technology in sound and image.

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DATES	Nb of people	Price per person in Double or Twins rooms	Price per person in single room
February 2024	40 people*	390 €	550€

<sup>\*</sup>For smaller numbers, quotation on request

### Our prices includes:

- Accommodation for 4 nights in a 4 \* hotel
- Half-board formula: 4 breakfasts and the 4 dinners
- Airport transfer (A / R) by private bus
- Private bus trips according to theprogram
- Organization of 2 concerts
- Technical sheet of concerts
- 1 Tour Manager english speaker throughout the stay
- Medical repatriation insurance for participants.
- 1 stay offered in half / twin for 40 paying people

## **Individual optional insurance:**

- <u>Insurance package</u>: cancellation / baggage / illness or injury / early return / death / return / interruption of stay / accident
- + Health Protection: cancellation if positive epidemic or pandemic up to 30 days before departure / medical costs and isolation costs if positive for Covid ...
- Insurance price: 6% of the amount of the trip (individual)

## Our prices does not includes :

- Round trip flight to Lisboa
- Lunches
- Visits and tickets not included in the program
- Drinks at dinners and personal expenses





## **CHORAL EVENTS**

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