



WELCOME TO **PORTUGAL**

Portugal was, with the exceptions of the popular coastal beach area Algarve and the picturesque metropolis Lisbon, basically uncharted territory for the international gay community for many years. However, with its lush green landscapes, dramatically fissured coastlines, endless beaches and charming cities, Portugal most definitely warrants a visit. Portugal is a member of the European union since 2001.

Despite the influence of the Catholic church in Portugal, gays and lesbians are tolerated

and accepted to by most citizens. In Portugal there are numerous gay and lesbian associations, which self confidently present their demands for even further acceptance and integration to the public at large. Large events include the Gay Pride Festivals in the cities of Porto and Lisbon, the latter of which also hosts an annual gay and lesbian film festival, which is considered to be one of the best in all of Europe.

More information, including a travel guide for the Gay Community is available for example at www.portugalgay.pt.



WELCOME TO **LISBON**

As the Gay Community searched for alternative travel destinations in Europe, Lisbon quickly became one of the most popular. The carefully renovated and restored historical city center offers stunning architecture situated on hilly cobblestone streets, an exciting night life which extends into the wee hours of the morning, a constant fresh sea breeze caressing the city, and much more.

Such attributes make Lisbon a marvelous metropolis, one which is perfect for relaxing, partying and/or exploring arts, history and culture.

The gay community in Lisbon has become substantially more self-confident. In particular, the popular old town quarter *Bairro Alto* has a very open gay scene. One further highlight of Lisbon is that one can very quickly get to the endless and beautiful beaches. The further south one drives, the more trendy the beach bars become... and the more scarce the clothing. The Community congregates regularly at the beaches No. 17 and No. 19. Further information is available for example at www.golisbon.com or on www.portugalgay.pt.

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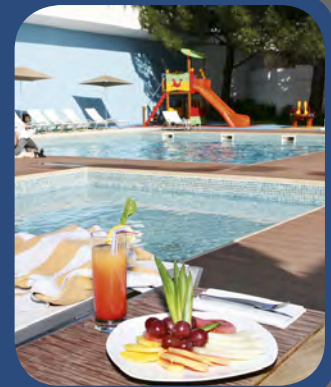
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MERCURE LISBOA JOSÉ MALHOA

Mercure Lisboa Jose Malhoa is a 3 star hotel in the centre of Lisbon, 500 m from the Zoo, the Praca de Espanha, the Gulbenkian Foundation and only 4 km from the old town. The hotel offers 104 rooms, a bar, restaurant and pay car park. Relax in the swimming pool, open all year round. The hotel is decorated with an understated artistic theme. Our location makes visiting Lisbon easy with access to various forms of public transport.

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