



ALL YOU NEED FOR THE PERFECT BREAK

Shopping

LISBON

FOR VISITORS



The best souvenir shops

Want to be sure of taking home an original souvenir of your holiday? These five Lisbon shops are among the best places to find them.

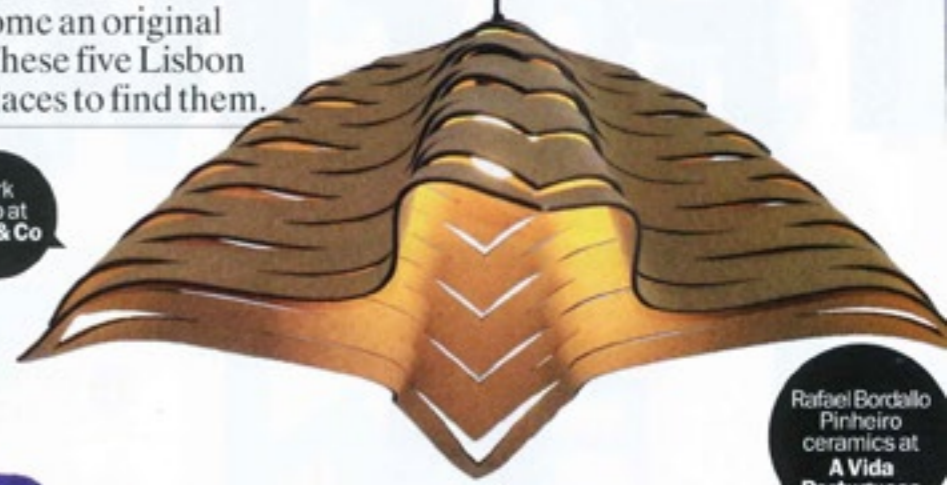
If there's one company that stands head and shoulders above the rest in terms of marketing Portuguese products it is **A Vida Portuguesa** (*Rua Anchieta 11, www.avidaportuguesa.com, closed Sun*) in Chiado. This much copied concept remains one of the city's most original shopping spots. Every year they revamp the stock with quirky products, many of them evocative for locals of childhood memories. Top sellers include the ceramic swallows of 19th-century artist-industrialist Rafael Bordallo Pinheiro, Regina chocolates with their vintage packaging, and Ach Brito scented soaps.

If you would prefer something a little more modern but still with a traditional Portuguese touch, head round the corner to **Cork & Co** (*Rua das Salgadeiras 10, www.corkandcompany.pt, closed Sun*) in the Bairro Alto. It is a veritable paradise for fans of cork, and certainly proves that the stuff is good for a lot more than bottle-stoppers. There are cork handbags, bracelets, rings, umbrellas and even items of clothing, all in sophisticated designs.

Cork lamp at Cork & Co

Themed bag at Lisbon Lovers

Rafael Bordallo Pinheiro ceramics at A Vida Portuguesa



Tinned sardines at Conserveira de Lisboa

Foodies should consider taking home some of the fish Portugal is justly renowned for. Given the impossibility of travelling with fresh fish, the solution is to go for the traditional tinned stuff. At the **Conserveira de Lisboa** (*Rua dos Bacalhoeiros 34, www.conserveiradelisboa.pt, closed Sun*) in the Baixa, which dates back more than 80 years, the range satisfies even the most refined tastes. They have cans of tuna belly (the best bit), cans of sardines with curry, cloves or in spicy olive oil, cans of *bacalhau* with garlic, roasted or as mousse, cans of mussels in sauce, cans of squid, cans of mackerel, of anchovies... in short, there is a world of gourmet fish to

discover inside tins that are to Portuguese visual culture what soup was to Andy Warhol's art. Finally, a couple of reliable options for all-round shopping. **Amar Lisboa** (*Campo das Cebolas 44, 91 188 6138*) in Alfama, despite the name, has much more than symbols of the city, including a range of traditional Barcelos cockerels, figurines of the city's favourite son, Santo António (traditional and in shocking colours) and ultra-warm Terruggem slippers. **Lisbon Lovers** (*Praça do Príncipe Real 28, <http://lisbonlovers.com>, closed Sun*) also stands out for original gift ideas: from cookies to posters, badges and mugs, all featuring great design and memorable slogans.

Barcelos cockerels at Amar Lisboa

