

35 ... THE CITY KEEPS WINNING PRIZES FROM TRAVEL SITES AND GUIDES

The latest distinction comes from US guide-book publisher Fodor's, which ranked the Portuguese capital as one of its top 10 European cities for a spring break. In the website's words, "a trip to Lisbon is a fairy-tale fling in a global city that's undergoing something of a renaissance." A few weeks earlier, the Spanish site of Condé Nast Traveller listed Lisbon one of the world's best 22 cities for coffee – advising you to take it at A Brasileira (in Chiado) or on the Miradouro de São Pedro de Alcântara. And early this year CNN journalist Fiona Dunlop cited seven reasons why Lisbon is a cool city, including its vibrant nightlife, its experimental cuisine and the quality of the art to be found here.

36 ... YOU CAN SEE MANY OF LISBON'S TOP HISTORICAL SIGHTS IN 40 MINUTES

How? On the No. 28 tram, a fully-functioning relic that runs between Largo Martim Moniz and the Prazeres cemetery in Campo de Ourique. Grab a window seat if you can (in the high season you might have to stand but do hang on tight), get your camera ready, and soak in the view. You will pass the Basilica de Estrela on your way through Chiado and the Baixa, past the Sé Cathedral and Miradouro de Santa Luzia, up to Graça and back down to Martim Moniz. Just keep an eye on your wallet as pickpockets are often active on board.

37 ... YOU CAN SPOT THOUSANDS OF BIRDS IN THE TAGUS ESTUARY

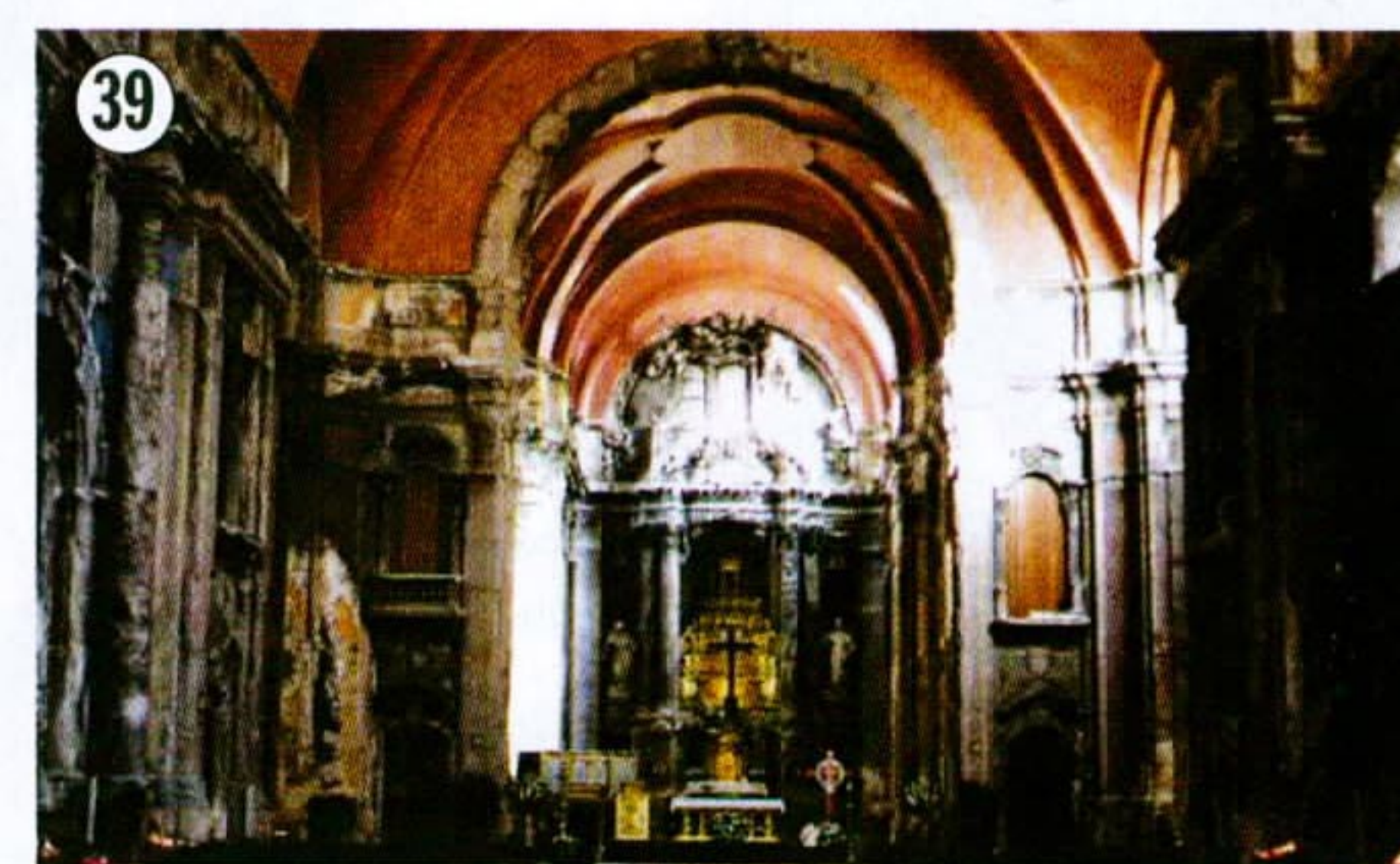
You may not be aware of this, but Lisbon is the only European capital sited right next to a major protected area. In the Reserva Natural do Estuário do Tejo – the largest wetland in Portugal and among the largest in Europe – above all during the annual migration, as many as 120,000 birds gather of myriad

species that include the pink flamingo, osprey, cormorant, heron, swallow and Cetti's warbler. The estuary is also an important habitat for fish, crustaceans and molluscs.

38 ... YOU CAN GET A CRASH COURSE IN PORTUGUESE HABITS BY VISITING ONE SHOP

Actually, there are now two A Vida Portuguesa shops: one in Chiado (Rua Anchieta 11) and the other in Intendente (Largo do Intendente Pina Manique 23). Both represent a kind of misty-eyed time travel: a return to a past when just about everyone in Portugal brushed their teeth with Couto toothpaste, sucked Dr. Bayard pastilles, and dabbed themselves with lavender water. The store sells these vintage items and many more.

39 ... ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST IMPORTANT CHURCHES WAS RAVAGED BY FIRE AND HAS NEVER BEEN FULLY RESTORED, BUT REMAINS BEAUTIFUL



The Igreja de São Domingos, just off Rossio, has statues of saints, relics from the three little shepherds who sighted the Virgin at Fátima, and a gilded altar; it also has a unique story. A mysterious fire broke out here in 1959 and afterwards the church was only partly restored. The ceiling and altars are as good as new, but the walls, columns, floor and some of the statues still look as they did immediately after the fire. What happened was that, in the middle of the restoration work, the church was classed as a national monument and no one was allowed to do any more work on it. *Largo de São Domingos 25, Baixa*

40 ... WE HAVE GREAT WINE

And that is no hollow boast. As well as the well-known port and table wines from the Douro Valley, other wine-making regions such as Alentejo, Dão or Tejo are nowadays the source of some quite delectable whites and reds. You will find many fine examples in local restaurants, often at very reasonable prices, both by the bottle and the glass.

41 ... YOU CAN WALK ALONG THE 18TH-CENTURY AQUEDUCT THAT CARRIED WATER INTO THE CITY UNTIL AS RECENTLY AS 1967

The portion that spans the Alcântara valley contains the world's tallest ogival (pointed) arch – at 65.29 metres high and 28.86 metres wide – but that is not the only amazing thing about it. The Aqueduto das Águas Livres was built in the 18th century to supply the city with water at a time when it was growing fast, and survived the 1755 Earthquake. Of the 58,135 metres that comprise its length, 941 may be visited between March and November, from an entrance in Campolide, a short walk from the Amoreiras mall. The tour offers a unique perspective over the city and a series of curiosities, such as the story of 19th-century murderer Diogo Alves, who used to jump out



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