

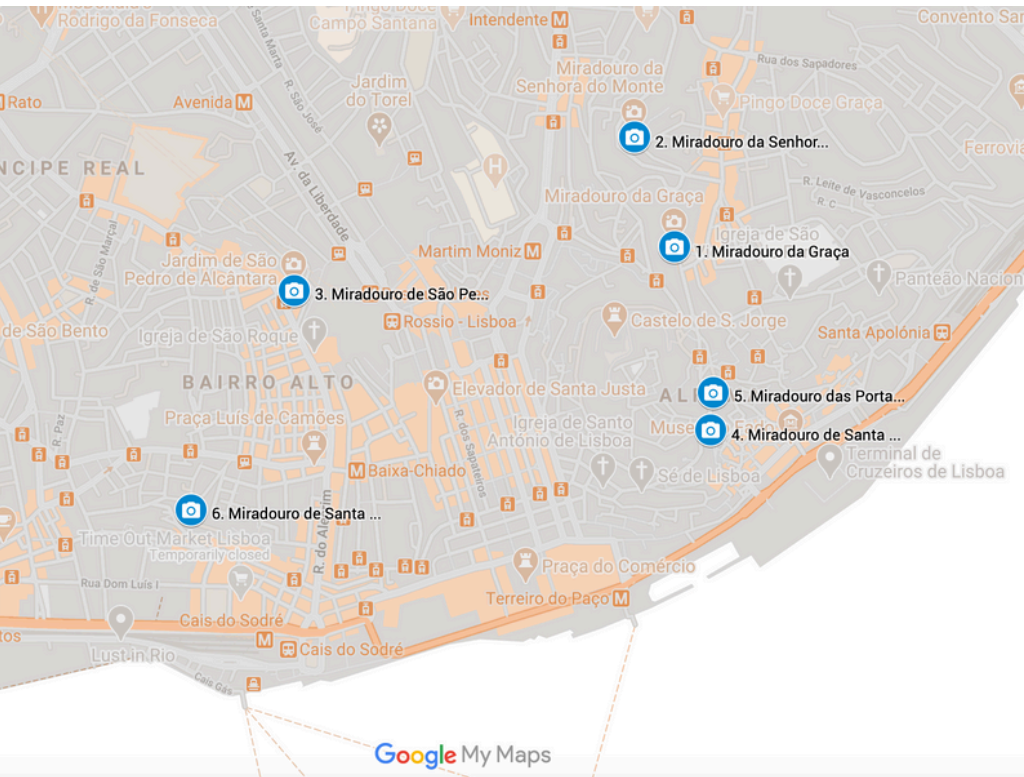
An aerial view of Lisbon, Portugal, at sunset. The city is densely packed with buildings, many with red-tiled roofs. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and a lens flare effect. In the foreground, there are pine tree branches framing the top of the image. The text 'THE BEST Viewpoints IN LISBON' is overlaid on the image.

# THE BEST *Viewpoints* IN LISBON

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Seeing Lisbon from above is unmatched, as its hilly terrain offers many scenic viewpoints popular with both tourists and locals. Everyone has their favourite, and you'll likely discover yours too!

**Have a quick look at the map below to have a better idea of where these viewpoints are located:**



And for the more interactive version, click here:

[Viewpoints in Lisbon Interactive Map](#)

**HERE ARE THE SPOTS YOU CAN'T MISS:**

1. MIRADOURO DA GRAÇA
2. MIRADOURO DA SENHORA DO MONTE
3. MIRADOURO DE SÃO PEDRO DE ALCÂNTARA
4. MIRADOURO DE SANTA LUZIA
5. MIRADOURO DAS PORTAS DO SOL
6. MIRADOURO DE SANTA CATARINA

# 1. MIRADOURO DA GRAÇA



It's a picture-perfect spot for a sunset! Located on the hill above the **Graça district**, it overlooks downtown Lisbon, **the Castle, River Tagus** and even **Ponte 25 de Abril** – a red, grand bridge, that connects two sides of the city.

It's shaded by pine trees and has an **open-air café** located just next to the **Igreja da Graça** (one of Lisbon's oldest churches, by the way).



The climb up to this viewpoint gets rather steep by the end, but when you reach it you can reward yourself with a drink and rest 😊

**HOW TO GET THERE:** Walk **up the hill from Alfama** or take **Tram 28** (get off at Graça stop and walk around the corner, pass the convent building).

## 2. MIRADOURO DA SENHORA DO MONTE



Perched atop **Lisbon's tallest hill**, this miradouro offers breathtaking views! It is arguably **the finest panoramic perspective of the city**. From this vantage point, you can spot nearly all of Lisbon's key landmarks, which are conveniently marked on a tile panel for easy identification.

This viewpoint is just a short **10-minute walk from Miradouro da Graça**, making it simple to visit both in succession.

The name translates to ***Our Lady of the Hill Viewpoint***, and you'll also find a glass-enclosed statue of the Virgin in front of a chapel dedicated to Saint Gens, a bishop who was martyred during Roman times.



The terrace itself is very simple, there's **no café here**, just a few benches. Although you might find some street food vendors around as well.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

- **Stroll up from Miradouro da Graça:**
  - Turn left onto Largo da Graça
  - Take another left onto Rua Damasceno Monteiro
  - Then turn right and ascend Calçada do Monte.
- Alternatively, hop on **Tram 28** and disembark at the Rua da Graça stop, then head towards Rua da Senhora do Monte.

### 3. MIRADOURO DE SÃO PEDRO DE ALCÂNTARA



This perspective is likely the most favored! Its close distance to the city center makes it easily reachable, even by walking—though one must consider Lisbon's hilly terrain, of course! 😊

It offers stunning views of the lower city, along with the **Bairro Alto and Alfama districts**, all framed by the majestic **Castelo de São Jorge** in the background. Additionally, to the right, you can catch a glimpse of the **Tagus River** as well.



This is a beautifully landscaped terrace nestled within a **charming urban park**. With numerous benches, fountains, sculptures, and large trees providing refreshing shade (essential on a hot day!), it serves as an ideal spot for relaxation. You'll find it easy to replenish your energy here, as **several kiosks** nearby offer drinks and snacks. Quite delightful, wouldn't you agree?

#### HOW TO GET THERE (a few options):

- Walk up the hill from Chiado and Bairro Alto
- Take the Glória Funicular from Praça dos Restauradores
- Ride Tram 24, which departs from Praça Luís de Camões
- Catch bus 758 from outside the Cais do Sodré station.

## 4. MIRADOURO DE SANTA LUZIA



This stunning viewpoint encapsulates the essence of the **Alfama district**. You can take in the expansive views of the orange rooftops, a labyrinth of narrow alleyways, and the cruise ships arriving along the Tagus River.

As you look down, you'll notice the prominent white church of **Santo Estêvão (Saint Stephen)**, the dome of the **National Pantheon**, and the elegant spires of the **São Miguel (Saint Michael) church**.



The terrace features traditional Portuguese decor with **azulejos** and a **bougainvillea**-covered pergola. The **tiled panels** include one depicting the "Reconquista" on the Santa Luzia church wall and another showing Praça do Comércio before the 1755 earthquake.

There is a small **café and bathrooms** nearby (bathroom - walk up the hill, around the church, and down the steps).

### HOW TO GET THERE:

- You can walk up from Baixa, which takes about 5-7 minutes along the tram tracks from Sé Cathedral.
- Alternatively, take Tram 28 or 12 and get off at the Miradouro Santa Luzia stop.
- If you're visiting Castelo de São Jorge, a short walk down the hill will take just a couple of minutes.
- Catch bus 737, which departs from Praça da Figueira and stops just a few feet away from the castle gate.

## 5. MIRADOURO DAS PORTAS DO SOL



If you continue a bit further from Miradouro das Portas do Sol, you'll discover this charming viewpoint. It resembles a spacious balcony that overlooks **Alfama**, complemented by a nearby café.

The name, meaning "**Gate of the Sun**", serves as a reminder that this is the perfect location to catch a stunning sunrise! It does appear quite lively, making it an excellent spot to enjoy a drink, have a meal, and unwind.

Adding to the charm is a **statue of St. Vincent**, the city's patron saint, depicted holding a boat with two ravens, which are symbols of Lisbon.

**HOW TO GET THERE:** You can take **Tram 28 or Tram 12** from Praça Martim Moniz, or enjoy a walk up from Baixa or down from St. George's Castle.

## 6. MIRADOURO DE SANTA CATARINA



For a unique view of Lisbon, visit this viewpoint, also known as **Miradouro do Adamastor** in **western Chiado** (though construction may obstruct some sights). This viewpoint offers beautiful views of **Cais do Sodré**, the **Tagus River**, the **25 de Abril Bridge**, and the **Christ the King** statue.

Named after the giant from "*The Lusíads*" by *Luís de Camões*, the area has a cozy café and marble benches. It's popular among locals, especially in the evenings with **live music** and sunsets behind the bridge.



**Fun fact:** Between the 16th and 18th centuries, people came to Miradouro de Santa Catarina to admire the ships that departed the harbour for their voyages of discovery.

### HOW TO GET THERE:

You can walk from the Baixa-Chiado metro station in about 8 minutes. Head towards Praça Luís de Camões, then continue to Rua do Loreto. As you pass the Bica Funicular on your right, turn right onto Rua Marechal Saldanha.

If you're by the waterfront at Cais do Sodré, you can take the Bica Funicular up the hill. Alternatively, you can hop on Tram 28 and disembark at either the Praça Luís de Camões or Calhariz/Bica stop.