



Eltham Choral Society Concert Tour 2018

Lisbon

Newsletter No.8

We're on our way

Let the fun begin! This final newsletter is intended to provide everything you need to know about our trip to **Lisbon**.

The Itinerary

Day 1 / Tuesday 29 May

08.00hrs Check-in at London City Airport - the airport is just two stops on DLR from Woolwich Arsenal Station – other routes can be found online at <https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>.

10.10 hrs Flight TAP349 departs for **Lisbon**

12.45hrs Arrive at Lisbon Airport to be met by **Christina**, who will take us to **Hotel Roma** and will be with us throughout the tour.

***Hotel Roma** is a 3* hotel situated in the Areeiro district of Lisbon, under 10 minutes by Metro from the main downtown area. The comfortably appointed rooms all have en suite facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone, fridge, in-room safe and free wi-fi. There is a bar, restaurant and breakfast room in the hotel. There are no tea/coffee making facilities in the rooms.*

Other facilities:

Bar: open for drinks and snacks from midday to 01:00 hrs

Restaurant Fiesta Café: À la carte menu from midday to 15:00 hrs and from 19:00 hrs to 22:30 hrs

Breakfast Service in Sala Lisboa: from 7:00 hrs to 10:30 hrs

Breakfast buffet: Pastries, some fresh fruit, yoghurt, cereal, bacon, scrambled egg, fruit juice, cake, bread, jams, hot drinks. Allergies very well catered for.

Room service: from 07:00 hrs to midnight

Afternoon and evening free to dine and explore.

Day 2 / Wednesday 30 May

10.00hrs – After breakfast, those who have indicated will visit the **Unesco World Heritage** sites of the **Belém Tower**, the **Monument to the Discoveries** and the **Jeronimos Monastery**, with Christina our guide. We will be met by coach and returned to the hotel in time for lunch.

NB: Please bring passports for proof of age.

16.30hrs Coach will take us to Sao Vicente de Fora – TRAVEL READY DRESSED FOR CONCERT

17.00hrs Rehearsal

19.00hrs Concert at Sao Vicente de Fora

20.15hrs Coach takes us back to hotel – rest of the evening free.

Day 3 / Thursday 31 May

Morning free to catch up on some sleep or for more exploration.

*Towering dramatically above Lisbon, the hilltop fortifications of **Castelo de São Jorge** appear in almost every snapshot. Roam through its snaking ramparts and pine-shaded courtyards for superlative views over the city's red rooftops to the river. These smooth cobbles have seen it all – Visigoths in the 5th century, Moors in the 9th century, Christians in the 12th century, royals from the 14th to 16th centuries, and convicts in every century. And who knows, members of ECS in the 21st.*

Inside the Ulysses Tower, a camera obscura offers a unique 360-degree angle on Lisbon. There are also galleries displaying relics from past centuries, but the standout attraction is the view – as well as the anachronous feeling of stepping back in time amid fortified courtyards and towering walls.

14.00hrs Coach will take us to Basílica dos Mártires – TRAVEL READY DRESSED FOR CONCERT
14.30hrs Rehearsal
16.00hrs Concert at Basílica dos Mártires
17.15hrs Coach takes us back to hotel.

19.30hrs Walk to **Chimmarão Restaurant** <http://www.chimarrao.pt/> (10 minutes from hotel) for farewell meal.

Day 4 / Friday 1 June

Breakfast as usual at the hotel

12.00hrs Check out of your rooms by midday - you can leave your luggage at the hotel until departure.

Morning and lunchtime free before return home.

16.00hrs Board coach for transfer to Lisbon Airport
17.05hrs Check-in at Lisbon Airport
19.05hrs Flight **TAP358** departs for London Heathrow Airport Terminal 2.
21.45hrs Arrive at Heathrow – return to Eltham by DJ Coaches

What you're going to need

Suggestions of things you need to bring to Lisbon:

- Passport, flight e-tickets, E111 EHIC, plenty of euros
- Concert dress – *all black, long sleeves (no jackets or ties for men)*
- Concert folders and, oh yes, your music (and glasses)
- Comfy shoes for sight-seeing

Luggage allowance on TAP is one hold bag/suitcase (maximum weight 20kg - best option) plus one small cabin bag per person.

Getting around

The Lisbon local public transport system is very efficient.

To downtown Lisbon - Five minutes walk from the hotel (turn left from the front door along Avenida de Roma) is the 'Roma' Metro station which is on the green line (**Linho Verde**).

Take the train bound for Cais do Sodré.

Alight at **Rossio** for the Praca do Pedro IV and Castelo de São Jorge and at **Baixa-Chiado** for Basílica dos Mártires and surrounding area. Shops and eating around both areas.

Return to hotel – Take train bound for Telheiras and alight at **Roma**.

Take platform exit to rear of the train up to Av. de Roma.

Tickets can be obtained at a ticket machine in the Roma station. Tickets are priced at €1.45 for a single trip and €6.30 for 24-hour ticket.

At the machine, select your language (Union Flag)

Select type of ticket required (single/24-hour) and enter no. of tickets required, press OK

If 24-hour tickets, enter no. of days required (1), press OK

Enter cash or credit card to pay.

24-hour tickets valid from when first validated at barrier.

Tickets are valid on Metro, buses and tramcars anywhere around Lisbon.

Check out also official taxis (black with green roof), four hop-on, hop-off city tour routes (see maps available in hotel) and tuc-tucs galore.

Finally

Don't be late and have a wonderful trip to **Lisbon**.

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