



Lisbon stays up late but it also sleeps well. Perhaps it's the way the famous light softens each evening or simply that there's a particular quality to its hotels. From grand palaces to intimate boutiques, the best of them share the city's unhurried approach to life...

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Wilde Aparthotels Liberdade (£)

All 95 of the studios and apartments at this 2026 opening come with fully equipped kitchens. Nevertheless, there's Oscar's here too – a day-to-night restaurant and bar that opens each morning with an à la carte breakfast service. The fitness room is worth knowing about too. Location wise, Avenida da Liberdade is a short walk away, or there's Marquês de Pombal metro station close by to speed you downtown.

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Independente Príncipe Real (£)

Accommodation here runs from shared dormitories to private suites. Spread across two 19th-century palaces, Independente Príncipe Real sits close to the action on the northern edge of Bairro Alto. The on-site Gandaia Club encompasses a candlelit, sharing-plates restaurant and the Hidden Rooftop, where DJs play five nights a week to a backdrop of city views. Sister property Independente Bica is a Japanese-inspired alternative worth checking out too.

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Pátio do Tijolo

Pátio do Tijolo (£)

Close to where Bairro Alto meets Príncipe Real, this modern, 24-room hotel is hidden down a passageway. Light, bright and cleverly designed, Pátio do Tijolo does indeed have a central courtyard, lined with tropical plants. Inside, industrial concrete meets mid-century furniture, azulejo tiles and Alentejo textiles. The Loureiro salon serves a buffet breakfast featuring local specialities and pastries, and most rooms feature balconies or patio access.

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Hotel Hotel (£)

The elephant mural in reception is the giveaway. Animals are the defining feature at this contemporary design hotel that sits just off Avenida da Liberdade. Its compact rooms sit above a green-walled courtyard with a black-tiled pool – book ahead to join one of the poolside yoga classes. The greenery extends indoors to Animal restaurant, where ceviches and tartares can be followed by bacalhau or risotto.

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