

WHERE HISTORY MEETS THE PRESENT

In the heart of Lisbon, AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado is a historic building once part of the **Lisbon Arsenal**, embodying the city's rich history. It has witnessed centuries of change, from royal reigns to explorers' voyages, blending the past and present to offer a unique glimpse into Lisbon's soul.



Lisbon's (**Olissipo**) story begins by the **Tagus River**, where its ancient roots grew into a key port connecting Europe to the world. During the Portuguese Discoveries, the city was central to Portugal's maritime dominance, with figures like Vasco da Gama and Pedro Álvares Cabral setting sail from these shores.

The **area around AlmaLusa** has been key to Lisbon's growth. Praça do Município and Terreiro do Paço were once the heart of royal power and commerce, while the Lisbon Arsenal drove Portugal's naval dominance. Today, AlmaLusa stands on these historic grounds, where kings and explorers once walked. Though the Arsenal faded, its spirit lives on in the building, which later became a bank and now thrives as part of Lisbon's modern landscape.



Lisbon's history is marked by the transformative **1755 earthquake**, which struck on All Saints' Day, causing widespread devastation. More than a disaster, it reshaped the city and sparked debates among thinkers like Voltaire, influencing architecture, science, and philosophy for years to come.

From the ruins, Lisbon was reborn — resilient and dynamic, blending the old with the new in perfect harmony. As **Fernando Pessoa** once said, 'Tudo vale a pena, se a Alma não é pequena' — 'Everything is worth it, if the Soul is not small.' Lisbon, like fado, is an eternal dance of pain and glory, where every destiny is intertwined.

At AlmaLusa, the past is not merely remembered, but experienced. The hotel's walls carry the memories of Lisbon, inviting you to immerse yourself in the city's rich history.

