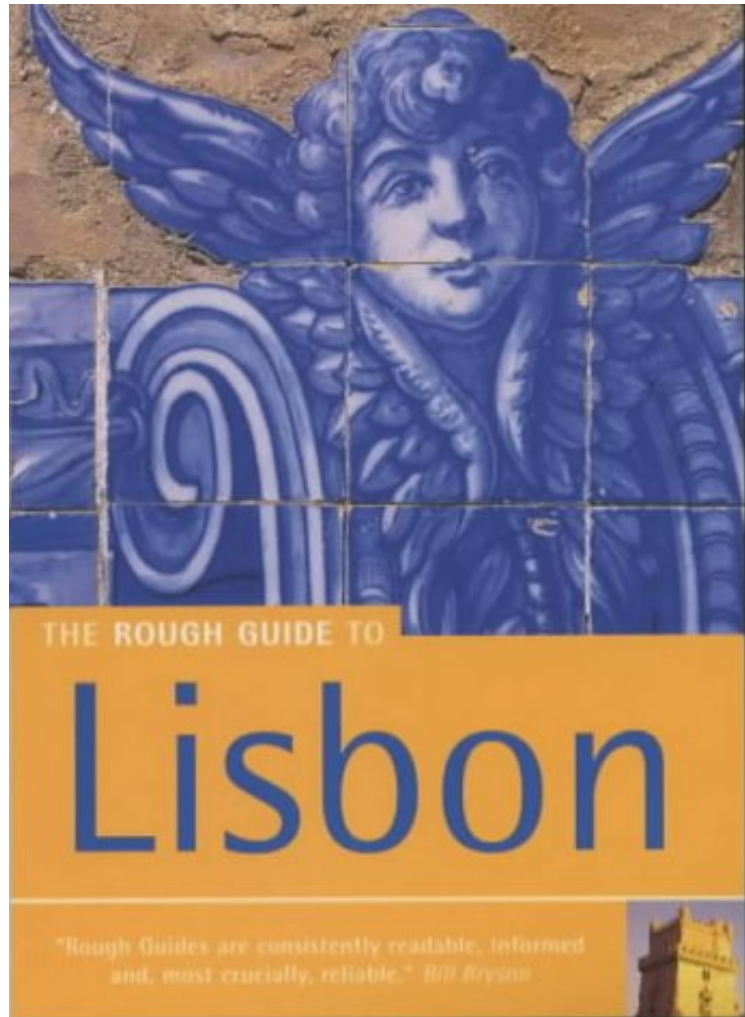


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Lisbon's gentle pace and almost provincial feeling belie its position as one of Europe's most Cosmopolitan cities. This guide begins by showing the reader the traditional life of the city's historic neighbourhoods, then goes on to review the most contemporary bars and nightspots. Containing similar information to the larger "Rough Guides", such as reviews and details of beaches, bargain markets, accommodation, and eating out, the book is written in the irreverent style which should prove familiar to readers of the series.

About the Author Matthew Hancock is a journalist and editor. His work has been published in national dailies in England and Portugal. He is co-author of *The Rough Guide to Portugal* and author of *Rough Guides to the Algarve and Madeira*. Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. WHEN TO VISIT Lisbon is comfortably warm from April to October. The cooling Atlantic breezes mean it is less hot than Mediterranean cities on the same latitude, especially after sundown, though in terms of hours of sunshine it is one of Europe's brightest capitals. Most Lisbon residents take their holidays in July and August, which means that some shops, bars and restaurants close for the period, while the local beaches are heaving. September and October are good times to go, as is June, when the city enjoys its main saints' festivals. Lisbon's westerly position means that it gets its fair share of rainfall, most of which falls in the winter months (November to March), when the whole city seems to become saturated. However, when the sun does appear, it can be gloriously warm, even in mid-winter. It is also worth noting that weather conditions can be extremely localized – it can be pouring in Sintra but clear in Lisbon, or cloudy in Lisbon and sunny south of the Tejo.