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FROM BELÉM TO THE OPEN COAST

This route leaves the city behind. It starts at Belém, where the Tagus finally meets the sea, then follows the Atlantic coastline west through Cascais, a former royal resort town with a marina, cobbled streets and some of the best seafood on the coast. From there, the road opens up entirely: wild dunes, crashing waves and the rocky headland of Cabo Raso, where the wind comes straight off the ocean and the horizon is all yours.

ESTIMATED TIME: 4–5 hours (depending on how long you linger)

DISTANCE: Approx. 50–60 km

STARTING POINT: The Lumiares (Bairro Alto) or The Vintage (Príncipe Real) - head west through the city to Belém, approximately 20 minutes from either hotel.

→ *STOP 1 – Belém*

Wide riverside gardens, monumental architecture and the constant presence of the Tagus make Belém feel different from the rest of the city: more open, more ceremonial, and with a sense of history that's hard to ignore. The ships that left for Brazil, India and the coast of Africa in the Age of Discovery departed from here.

WORTH A STOP: Pastéis de Belém (Rua de Belém 84) is the original custard tart, made to a secret recipe since 1837. Order two, eat them warm, then get back on the road.

→ *STOP 2 – Cascais Town*

Once a quiet fishing village, then a royal retreat, now one of the most charming towns on the Portuguese coast.

The historic centre of Cascais is compact and best explored on foot: cobbled streets lined with tiled houses, a harbour where fishing boats still dock alongside pleasure craft, and a marina that gives the whole place a relaxed, unhurried energy. The viewpoint above the town offers one of the best perspectives on the bay and the Atlantic beyond.

WORTH A LOOK: The marina area is good for a coffee or a light lunch before heading out to the coast. The streets around Rua Frederico Arouca are where most of the independent restaurants and cafés are concentrated.




→  *STOP 3 – Guincho*

The road from Cascais to Guincho is one of the best stretches of driving near Lisbon.

It hugs the coastline as the landscape shifts from town to dunes, the Atlantic opening up on your left and the Serra de Sintra rising on the right. Guincho beach itself is wide, wild and exposed, a proper Atlantic surf beach with a completely different character from the sheltered coves closer to Cascais.

For lunch or a long afternoon stop, Monte Mar is the right choice: a well-regarded seafood restaurant right on the Guincho road with a terrace that looks directly out to sea. Fish landed that morning, served simply and well.

→  *STOP 4 – Cabo Raso*

The road narrows and the coast gets wilder as you head north from Guincho.

Cabo Raso is a rocky Atlantic headland with a small lighthouse, crashing surf and views that stretch in every direction. There's nothing between you and the open ocean here. It's one of those places that's difficult to leave: wide, quiet and genuinely remote-feeling despite being less than an hour from Lisbon.

Take your time. The return drive is worth it.

→ *RETURN*

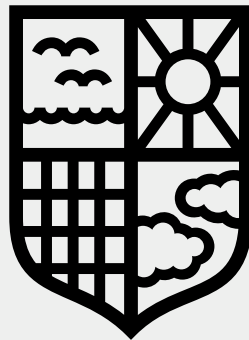
Head back south to Cascais, then follow the Marginal road east along the coast back towards Lisbon.

The Marginal is one of the most scenic urban approaches in Europe, the Atlantic on one side, the city gradually reassembling on the other, all the way back through Estoril and along the shore to Belém. It's a strong finish to a long afternoon on the road.



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