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### 1. Geographical location

Lagos (pronounced as Lagoosh) is a beautiful city lying in the western Algarve, in the south of Portugal along the bank of the Rio Bensafirim. The city is spread across an area of 212.99 km<sup>2</sup> and has many fine beaches nearby, such as Meia Praia (Half Beach), Praia Solaria (Sunny Beach), Praia da Dona Ana etc.



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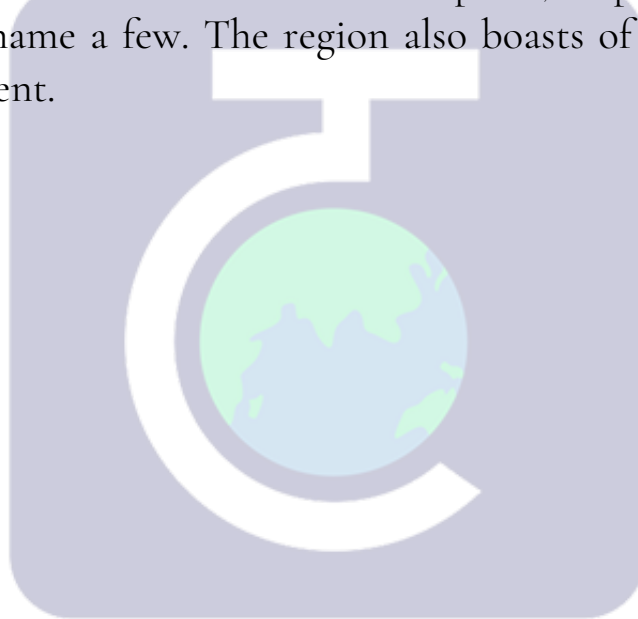
### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Cities/ Towns Lying Closest To Lagos Are Portimão (32 Kms), Sagres (33 Kms), Silves (41 Kms), Praia Da Luz, Faro (91 Kms) And Tavira (116 Kms) To Name A Few.



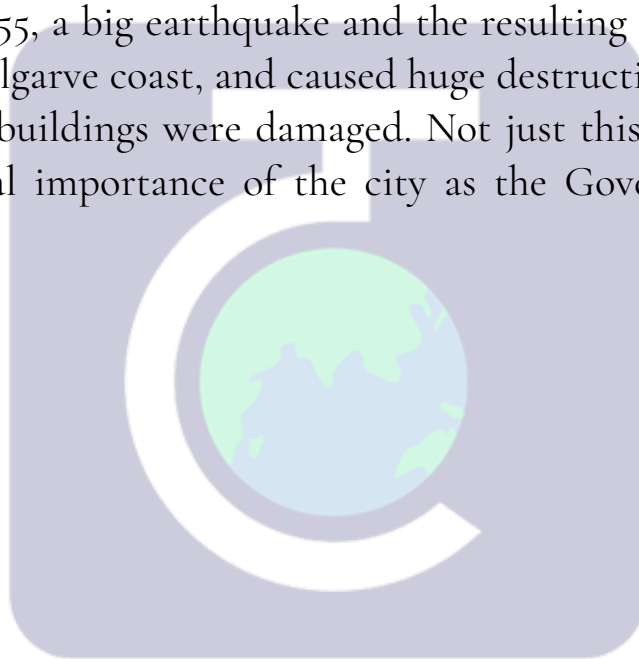
### 3. Significance

Lagos is a fantastic historical town and one of the most favorite holiday destinations across the entire Europe. The city has a scenery very different from the rest of Portugal and is specifically known worldwide for its wonderful geography which includes beautiful coastline, hills and various beautiful orchards. Other than the magnificent landscape, the city is also known for providing an immense variety of outdoor activities like watersports, dolphin watching and off-road jeep safaris to name a few. The region also boasts of some of the top golf courses in the continent.



## 4. History

Lagos boasts of a rich history that goes back to as many as 2000 years. It used to be an important harbour, colonized by the Romans and integrated into the Roman province of Lusitania. With the fall of Rome, the city was occupied by the Visigoths the Byzantines during the 6th century and later in the 8th century by the Moors. This is when Lagos was fortified and also became a part of the greater Algarve region. In 1755, a big earthquake and the resulting tsunami swept across and devastated the Algarve coast, and caused huge destruction in Lagos. Many of the city's important buildings were damaged. Not just this, the earthquake also removed the political importance of the city as the Governor of the Algarve moved to Tavira.



## 5. Cultural identity

Beach life is an inherent part of life in Lagos and the Algarve's Western Atlantic coast is a favourite with the people of Lagos. Local traditions range from gastronomy to traditional handicrafts. One can see that cafés and pastelarias are an important part of the day-to-day culture of the locals. The city's calendar is laced with various festivals and carnivals. It is said that the Algarvios really know how to party and they invest a good deal of time and effort on planning the events. The local culture and many of its representing works are preserved in the city's museums.



**Index****6. Natural resources**

Portugal may not be very well endowed with agricultural resources but it is rich in mineral resources including but not limited to gold, tin, copper, iron ore, marble, rock salt, uranium, and wolframite.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Lagos Zoo

Although not very big in size, Lagos Zoo houses as many as 120 animal species and 200 botanical species from 5 continents. You can embark upon a journey which will take you through 350 species from all over the world with different shapes, sizes and sounds, mixed with the cultures of the 5 continents. Conservation and preservation of both animals and plants are taken very seriously at the zoo, captivating visitors and instilling a sense of respect for the environment. Head here for a perfect outing with family and kids.

Address : 8600-013 Barão de São João, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-013

Location : 37.145191, -8.766514000000003

Contact : +351 282 680 100

Website : <https://www.zoolagos.com>

Entry Fee : Adults: €16 Children (4-11 years old): €12 Over 65: €14

Open & Close Timing : 1st April to 30th September: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs 1st October to 31st March: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Museu de Cera dos Descobrimentos

The Wax Museum of the Portuguese Discoveries (Museu de Cera dos Descobrimentos) sheds light on how Lagos has consistently been a prominent maritime gateway from Portugal to the world. It uses 22 wax figures in various different scenes to depict significant events including the Battle of Aljubarrota. A visit to the museum makes for a truly entertaining and educational experience for all age groups.

Address : 8600-302 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-302

Location : 37.111729, -8.675210999999999

Contact : +351 282 039 650

Website : <http://www.museuceradescobrimientos.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €5 Seniors (65+ years): €4 Children (4-11 years): €3

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Museu Municipal Dr José Formosinho

Founded in 1934, this museum houses interesting artefacts by Portuguese artists, including but not limited to weapons, coins, African objects and paintings. Also housing the information about the history of the town of Lagos, the major highlight of this museum is that it is connected to Igreja de Santo Antonio, a famous Roman Catholic church.

Address : R. Gen. Alberto da Silveira s/n, 8600-594 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-594

Location : 37.0994059, -8.67121510000004

Contact : +351 282 762 301

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €3 Concession: €1.50

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-12.30hrs and 14:00hrs-17.30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. Igreja de Santo António

The Church of St. Anthony is one of the major highlights in the religious canvas of Algarve and frequented by a large number of religious tourists. Known for its extravagant Baroque decoration and 18th-century blue and white azulejo panels, the church also houses a rare statue of S. Elói - the patron saint of goldsmiths.

Address : R General Alberto da Silveira, 8600-594 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-594

Location : 37.0996114, -8.671253699999966

Contact : +351 282 762 301

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €3 Children: €1.50 (including museum)

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-12.30hrs and 14:00hrs-17.30hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Lagos Ciência Viva Science Centre

Centro Ciência Viva de Lagos is a small friendly museum with interactive displays. It is a major attraction in Lagos and hosts a wide range of exhibits for children and adults alike.

Address : R. Dr. Faria e Silva 34, 8600-100 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-100

Location : 37.10388069999999, -8.6732758000000056

Contact : +351 282 770 000

Website : <https://lagos.cienciaviva.pt>

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €2 Children (6-15 years): €1.50 Youth, students, school groups, seniors: €1.50 Children under 6 years: Free admission Family ticket: €5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Algarve Shopping

Located just a few minutes away from Casa Romantica, Algarve Shopping is a popular two-storey shopping center. It offers a myriad of things ranging from a huge collection of well-known fashion and lifestyle brand names to cinemas and a food court. Head here to fill your bags and make the most of your leisure time.

Address : Shopping Lanka Parque Comercial e Industrial do Algarve, Lote R, Fracção 3, 8200-417 Guia, Portugal

Zipcode : 8200-417

Location : 37.127505, -8.280544999999961

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Centro Comercial Aqua Portimão

Known to provide the best shopping experience in Algarve, Centro Commercial Aqua Portimao is set over 2 shopping floors and frequented by a large number of tourists and locals. You will find an amazing range of retail outlets and a bustling food court here.

Address : R. de São Pedro 72, 8500-448 Portimão, Portugal

Zipcode : 8500-448

Location : 37.1472748, -8.543879400000037

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.3. Rua Cândido dos Reis

If you are looking to shop for some clothes without burning a hole in your pocket, then Rua Candido dos Reis is where you should go. Known as the hot favorite street filled with apparel shops, you will find everything ranging from retail outlets to famous brands on this street.

Address : R. Cândido dos Reis, 8600-315 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-315

Location : 37.1010048, -8.673188999999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. Intermarché

An international supermarket tucked in the city of Lagos, you will find all the products that you need at Intermarche. This is a one-stop shop with branches all across Algarve. Overall, it is a great place to pick up supplies if you are in town and don't want to eat out every night. Also, it houses a great Portuguese rotisserie chicken counter for takeaway.

Address : Lugar da Pedra Alçada - Ameijeira Verde, 8600-546 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-546

Location : 37.099813, -8.682951000000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Mercado Municipal de Lagos

Set on the main Avenida, opposite the marina is the famous Fish Market of Lagos. Spanning across 3 floors, it hosts splendid fresh produce ranging from fruits and vegetables to fish and herbs.

Address : Av. dos Descobrimentos, 8600-668 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-668

Location : 37.10420969999999, -8.673103299999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.6. Meia Praia

Tagged as one of Algarve's longest beaches, Meia Praia is a hot favorite among the tourists. Loaded with many frills, you can choose this spot for sunbathing or participating in watersports. An ideal place for walking along the shores, you can even satisfy your hunger pangs, thanks to numerous cafés, bars, and restaurants located here.

Address : Meia Praia, 8600-315 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-315

Location : 37.1190339, -8.647680900000069

Nearest Public Transport : Meia Praia Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Pinhao Beach

Surrounded by red and orange cliffs, clear waters representing Caribbean white sands, Praia do Pinhao is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful beaches of the Algarve coastline. Tucked between Praia don Ana and Praia da Batata, it is not a very big beach but definitely a small paradise in the city of Lagos. The cozy atmosphere and the magnificent views attract a large number of visitors. Avoid going in the dark due to the steepness of the cliff and lack of light.

Address : R. José Formosinho, 8600-315 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-315

Location : 37.0944488, -8.6679517999999969

Website : <https://www.playocean.net/portugal/lagos/praias/prai-do-pinhao>

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Praia Dona Ana

Surrounded by steep flamboyant strata cliffs, Praia da Dona Ana is a postcard perfect beach and is often tagged as the best beach on Algarve. Having bagged the tag of 'Best Beach in the World, it stands at a walking distance from the city center and stays crowded even on summer weekends. This popular beach cove known for its imposing cliffs and crystal clear water is a major attraction in this city. Note: The only way to reach the beach is by taking a long flight of steps which is why it is unsuitable for disabled and older visitors.

Address : Dona Ana, 8600-315 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-315

Location : 37.0916278, -8.6692551999999952

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Castelo de Lagos

A historic monument in the city of Lagos, Castelo de Lagos (Governor's Castle) and the adjoining city walls that were renovated by the Arabs, are known to have an origin back in the Roman period. The surprising part about this beautiful castle is that it retains its initial construction even after undergoing numerous changes over a period of time.

Address : R. Bombeiros Voluntários de Lagos 18, 8600-315 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-315

Location : 37.0972102, -8.671662500000025

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos train station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Igreja de Santa Maria

Originally constructed in 1498 and rebuilt at the end of the 19th century, the Church of Santa Maria has a simple exterior but marvelous interiors. Turned into the parish church of Lagos in the mid-18th century, it is a tranquil place with the most beautiful altar backdrop. A spectacle of their own are the paintings and carvings on the walls. No wonder, it attracts a constant flow of visitor throughout the year.

Address : Praça Infante D. Henrique, Lagos, Algarve, 8600-315 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-315

Location : 37.1001721, -8.670716699999957

Contact : +351 282 762 723

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Ponta da Piedade

For an unforgettable scenic walk and beautiful views of the caves and cliffs, take a



walk up to the lighthouse. Unfortunately, entry to the lighthouse is not open to the public, but with the backdrop of the ocean and neighboring palm trees, it makes for a wonderful sight. Just behind the lighthouse lies the crowd-pulling Ponta da Piedade and you may take a kayak or boat trip to reach there and explore the grottos that lie on the way.

Address : Ponta da Piedade, 8600 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600

Location : 37.0795728, -8.66860680000002

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Infante Dom Henrique

A monument dedicated to Henry, the navigator, Infante Dom Henrique is a statue right in the center of the square established in 1960 which was the 500th anniversary of his death. Get clicked near this statue and stroll around the street named after him.

Address : Praca do Infante Dom Henrique, Lagos 8600-525, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600-525

Location : 37.1110739, -8.679868100000022

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : \*

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Centro Cultural de Lagos

Centro Cultural is a lovely cultural center in the city of Lagos and hosts many music concerts, exhibitions, and cultural events. Discover the visual art and performance programs at this center which always has something to offer to its spectators. You may be lucky enough to witness a free show on its Patio (inner square) which can be very interesting. To add to the experience, there is also a café in the inner courtyard.

Address : R. Lançarote de Freitas 7, 8600-605 Lagos, Portugal



Zipcode : 8600-605

Location : 37.099807, -8.671865700000012

Contact : + 351 282 770 450

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos train station (Not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs-19:00hrs Night opening hours: 03:00hrs-00:00hrs (depending on the event schedule)

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Farol da Ponta da Piedade/Lagos

Located just to the west of the town, just a half an hour walk from the center of Lagos, Ponta da Piedade is a marvelous section of coastline, made up of caves, grottos and sea arches that nature has shaped over thousands of years. It is undoubtedly the most spectacular natural feature of the Algarve coastline and the number one tourist attraction in the city. Boat rides, kayaking trips, and hang gliding are very popular here. Note: There is no public transport and the only way to reach the site is by car or on foot.

Address : Farol da Ponta da Piedade, 8600 Lagos, Portugal

Zipcode : 8600

Location : 37.0806349, -8.669427100000007

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

## 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Lagos is a lively town which offers many adventurous activities to tourists such as sailing, snorkelling, dolphin-watching, boat trips and relaxing days at one of the many sandy beaches. Listed below are some sites to satiate your sporty spirit:

- **Dolphin Watching -**

Address : Marina de Lagos 5, Lagos 8600-780, Portugal

Location : 37.115522,-8.67056

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Entry Fees : Adults €40, Children (2-10 years old) €30

Open / Close Time : 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 20 mins

- **Scuba Diving and Snorkeling -**

Address : armazem 14/15, doca pesa, 8600-000 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.107717,-8.671987

Nearest Public Transport : Lagos Train Station

Entry Fees : Diving, 2 dives with rented tanks and weights: €70, 2 dives with full equipment rental: €85; Snorkelling: 2 Hour trip, all equipment included: €30

Open / Close Time : 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 4.00

Wait Time : 20 mins

- **Hot Air Ballooning -**

Address : En 125 Rua Nossa Senhora dos Aflitos | Aeródromo Municipal

de Lagos, Lagos 8600-335, Portugal

Location : 37.12267,-8.680004

Entry Fees : Starting €195 per person

Open / Close Time : 09:00hrs-19:00hrs (The most stable conditions are at sunrise)

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 20 mins

- **Kayaking -**

Address : Av. dos Descobrimentos, Cais da Solaria, Clube de Vela de Lagos, Loja 1, 8600 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.098527,-8.668542

Entry Fees : Starting €25 for 3 hours

Open / Close Time : 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 10 mins

- **Mountain Biking -**

Address : Rua Dr. Francisco Vito M. Corte-Real 2, 8600-642 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.096265,-8.67243

Entry Fees : All day trips (25– 50 kms) €50, Monchique day / downhill shuttles €65

Open / Close Time : Starts at 10:00hrs

Time Required : 3.00

Wait Time : 20 mins

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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football takes the Number One spot on the list of the most popular sports in Lagos, Portugal. If you are a golf enthusiast, you will absolutely love the Algarve, and the town of Lagos because of its proximity to a multitude of great golf courses. Penina Golf Course and Boavista are among the best golf courses in the region.



## 10. Spas and relaxation

After a long day of sightseeing and beaching in Lagos, you might want to relax and rejuvenate for the next day. The city offers a wide range of wellness and health treatments that can be availed at discounted prices if booked in advance. Given below are some of the best and most popular relaxation opportunities in Lagos:

- **Belmar Spa and Resort:**

Address : Estr. de Porto de Mós, 8600-513 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.087248,-8.686208

Contact No : +351 282 771 800

Website : <https://www.belmarresort.com/>

- **Boutique Hotel Vivenda Miranda:**

Address : Rua das Violetas - Porto de Mós - 8600-282 Lagos

Location : 37.085142,-8.682364

Contact No : (+351) 282 763 222

Website : <http://www.vivendamiranda.com/>

- **Eli Thai Massage:**

Address : Rua Lima Leitao N 5, 1 st floor, Lagos main square, Lagos

Location : 37.102378,-8.672938

Contact No : +351 (915) 429 355

Website : <https://elithaimassage.wordpress.com/>

- **Luz Bodywork Studio:**

Address : Rua 1 de Maio, N2, 8600-172 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.087667,-8.731095

Contact No : +351 913 577 847

Website : <https://luz-bodywork-studio.com/>

- **Spa Satsanga Lagos:**

Address : 8600-295 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.112635,-8.661972

Contact No : +351 282 771 400

Website : <http://viverspa.com/spas/portugal/satsanga-spas-1>



## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Festa do Banho 29

Every year on the 29th August, the villagers came down from the hills to celebrate summer. They spend the night on the beach, enjoy picnics and take a dip in the sea!

#### Fishermen's Festival – Praia dos Pescadores

A colorful local festival with fantastic seafood, drinks, music and entertainment.

#### FIESA - International Sand Sculpture Festival

FIESA is a mega international sand sculpture festival held annually since 2003. It is a platform for brilliant sculptors from various countries to exhibit works of art in the sand.

#### New Years Eve

There is an excellent fireworks display along the riverfront near the marina at midnight.

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

Lagos has many layers of history and its charms are abundant. Having a friendly guide by your side just helps to make the most of your stay in the city. Some of the most popular private guided tours in the city are listed below: i) Rosemary S. Rosa is a certified guide and has been living and working in Algarve region for 29 years. She prefers to guide private tours over big groups. She is fluent in English, French and Italian. She is willing to devise and schedule tours according to your specific interests and needs.



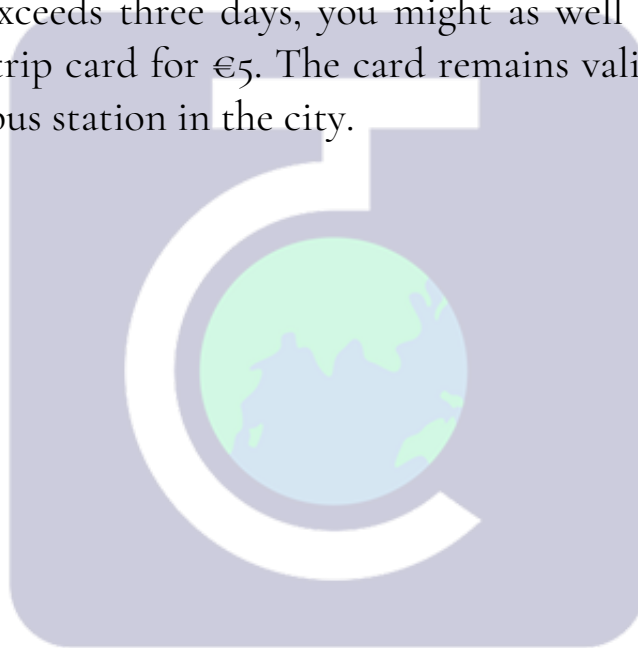


### 13. Transportation hubs

**Airport** The nearest international airport to Lagos is Faro Airport (37.017604, -7.969720) and it is 90 kms to the East of Lagos. The fastest route from Faro airport to Lagos is using the A22 toll expressway. The A22 route takes approximately one hour whereas the non-express route (following the N125) is not very predictable owing to heavy traffic and poor roads. You can also opt for shared transfer in an 8 seater minibus or a larger coach. Fares start at €20-30 per person depending on the season. Train journey from Faro Airport to Lagos takes 1 hour 40 minutes and a single ticket only costs €7.30. The last train departure from Faro to Lagos is at 20:00hrs. For evening or late flight arrivals, it is advised that you always pre-book a transfer. The bus journey is slightly cheaper than the train and a single ticket costs €5.90. A private shuttle costs around €70-72 for 1-4 people ( more at night and on public holidays) and takes approximately 1 hour. Taxi charge around €90 and take around 50 minutes to reach. **Bus Station** (37.107159, -8.676236) The bus station in the city is located right next to the bridge that connects the center of town with the Marina. There is a Goodtimes map in the waiting room to help orientate yourself with the city when you arrive. **Railway Station** (37.108239, -8.671211) The train station in Lagos stands just behind the marina and it is a very short walk across the marina bridge to the Avenida dos Descobrimentos to catch any of the buses for onward travel.

## 14. Transportation cost

Lagos is a compact city and you can pretty much cover all of it by walking. If you are not a big fan of walking however, the city has an efficient system of buses called the 'Onda' network of local buses to help you get around easily and at a reasonable cost. The bus service has 8 routes and operates between 7 am and 8 pm every day. Services are restricted at night and on weekends/ public holidays. If your stay in Lagos exceeds three days, you might as well like purchasing a rechargeable multiple trip card for €5. The card remains valid for 5 years and can be bought from any bus station in the city.



## **15. Baggage allowance**

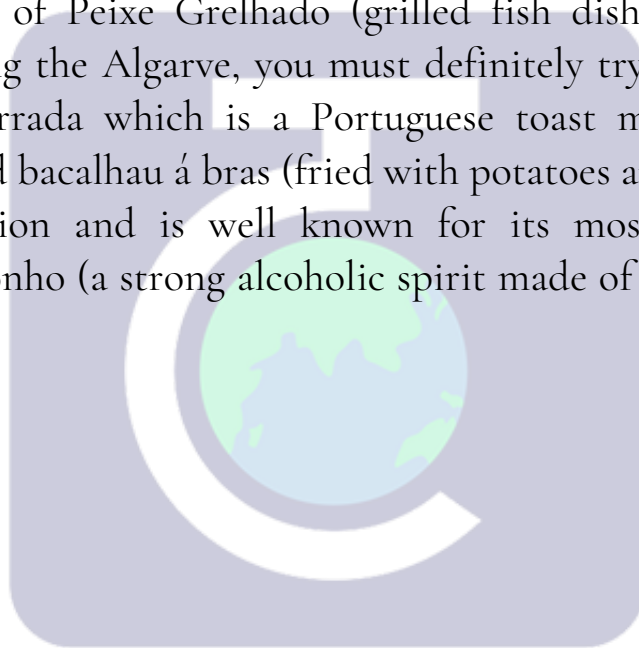
Free baggage limit for most buses/ trains in Lagos is one item of hand luggage and two items of baggage. Backpacks, however, are easy and most comfortable to carry around the city.



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### 16. Must try food and local savouries

Among the most common Portuguese dishes are Alheira de Mirandela (a type of fowl sausage), salted codfish (Bacalhau à Lagareiro, Bacalhau à Gomes de Sá and Bacalhau à Brás being most popular), bifanas (juicy pork steak sandwiches), francesinha (contains two slices of bread interspersed by steak, ham, sausage and chorizo), Sardinhas (sardines), Kyodai Sushi, Caldo Verde (green soup). Main course is comprised of Peixe Grelhado (grilled fish dishes) and carne (meat dishes). When visiting the Algarve, you must definitely try fresh fish. Also, not worth a miss is Torrada which is a Portuguese toast made from a specific Portuguese bread and bacalhau á bras (fried with potatoes and onions). Lagos is a wine producing region and is well known for its moscatel wine, and the aguardente de medronho (a strong alcoholic spirit made of berries of strawberry tree).



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### 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Eating out is one of the greatest pleasures of visiting Lagos. The city is home to some of the best dining spots in Europe. Praia beach has many good restaurants and bars (some of which are open all year round). On the right hand side, just over the marina bridge, is the dock area for the fishing boats and several places selling fresh fish (must try for fish lovers). Given below are some of the most popular restaurants in the city:

#### Food -

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- **Osaka Sushi:**

Address : Rua 1º De Maio 20, Lagos, Faro, 8600, Portugal

Location : 37.101762,-8.674100

Contact No : +351 282 792 715

Open / Close Time : 12:00hrs-15:00hrs, 18:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Rockefellas:**

Address : Rua 25 de Abril, Lagos 8600, Portugal

Location : 37.101425,-8.671932

Contact No : +351 282 798 634

Website : <https://www.rockefellaslagos.com>

Open / Close Time : Open Midday till 00:00hrs

- **Don Toro Angus Steak House:**

Address : R. Lançarote de Freitas 12, 8600-605 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.099891,-8.672032

Contact No : +351 915 757 570

Website : <https://www.dontoro.com/>

Open / Close Time : 12.00hrs-15.00hrs, 18.00hrs-23.00hrs

- **Nah Nah Bah:**

Address : 11 Travessa do Forno, 8600 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.098613,-8.672682

Contact No : +351 966 207 702

Website : <https://www.nahnahbah.com>

Open / Close Time : 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Restaurante Paraíso:**

Address : Rua Dr. Alberto Iria nº12 s/ cave Direito, 8600-580 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.092783,-8.673122

Contact No : +351 282 761 762

Website : <https://www.paraísodoslagos.com.br>

Open / Close Time : 18:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **No Patio:**

Address : R. Lançarote de Freitas 46, 8600-605 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.099242,-8.672751

Contact No : +351 282 763 777  
Open / Close Time : 07:00hrs-11.30hrs

- **Cafe Odeon:**

Address : R. do Castelo dos Governadores 10, Lagos, Portugal  
Location : 37.099817,-8.670775  
Contact No : +351 282 082 160  
Website : <https://www.thecafeodeon.com>  
Open / Close Time : Wednesday to Sunday 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

- **The Wolf Bar and Grill:**

Address : Estr. do Farol 78, 8400-505 Carvoeiro, Portugal  
Location : 37.095777,-8.466540  
Contact No : +351 282 354 022  
Website : <https://www.thewolfbarandgrill.com>  
Open / Close Time : 12:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **The Tavern:**

Address : R. Lançarote de Freitas 34, 8600-605 Lagos, Portugal  
Location : 37.099438,-8.672627  
Contact No : +351 282 792 918  
Website : <http://www.tavernlagos.com/>  
Open / Close Time : 18:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Three Monkeys Bar:**

Address : R. Lançarote de Freitas 28, 8600-605 Lagos, Portugal

Location : 37.099486,-8.672563  
Contact No : +351 282 762 995  
Website : <https://www.3monkeys.me.uk/>  
Open / Close Time : 13:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Whytes Bar:**

Address : 715, R. do Ferrador 7, 8600 Lagos, Portugal  
Location : 37.100937,-8.673699  
Contact No : +351 915 309 023  
Website : <https://www.whytesbar.com/>  
Open / Close Time : 19:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Red Eye Bar:**

Address : R. Cândido dos Reis 63, 8600-315 Lagos, Portugal  
Location : 37.101260,-8.673234  
Website : <https://www.redeyebarlago.com/>  
Open / Close Time : 20:00hrs-02:00hrs



**Index****18. Average meal cost**

● 3-course meal at an inexpensive Restaurant: €5-7.00 ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for 2 people): €20-25.00 ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: €4 ● 0.5 liter draught beer: €2

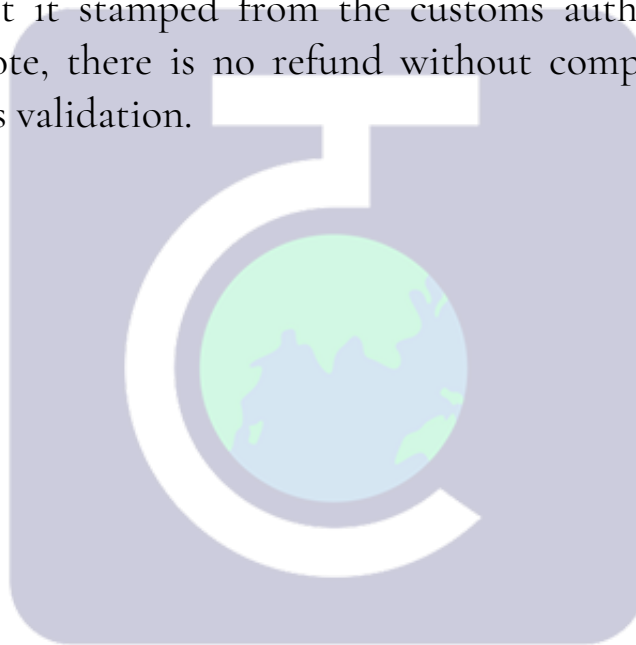


## 19. Shopping

If you like shopping you are sure to love Lagos. The city is world famous for its lovely cork products, ceramic dishes and tiles and many other local crafts. i) AlgarveShopping Mall Located just a few minutes drive from Casa Romantica, AlgarveShopping is a popular two storey shopping center. It offers everything from a huge range of well-known fashion and lifestyle brand names to cinemas and food-court. ii) Centro Comercial Aqua Portimão Aqua Portimão is known to provide the best Shopping experience in Algarve. It is set over two shopping floors and has a food court and 3 levels of parking. You will find a good range of retail outlets and food outlets there. iii) Candido dos Reis This is a hot favourite street for clothing shops in Lagos. iv) Intermarche Supermarket Intermarche is an international supermarket with branches across Algarve. Overall it is a great place to pick up supplies if you are in town and don't want to eat out every night. Also in the back-right is a great Portuguese rotisserie chicken counter for take-out. v) Fish Market Lagos Set on the main Avenida, opposite the marina is the famous Fish Market of Lagos. It hosts three floors of magnificently fresh produce including fruits, fish, herbs etc.

## 20. Tourist benefits

In Portugal, the VAT rate ranges between 6% to 23%. If you are a non EU citizen, you are eligible for a VAT refund provided you spend a minimum of €50 on goods that you export within 90 days of your purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT reimbursement receipt from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



## **21. Essential local apps**

Portugal off.Guide is a useful mobile app for tourists in Lagos. It helps users with offline city and road maps. It also has a great currency and language converter. Visit Algarve is another useful app for tourists. It is the official mobile app for Algarve region and provides information on local places and events.



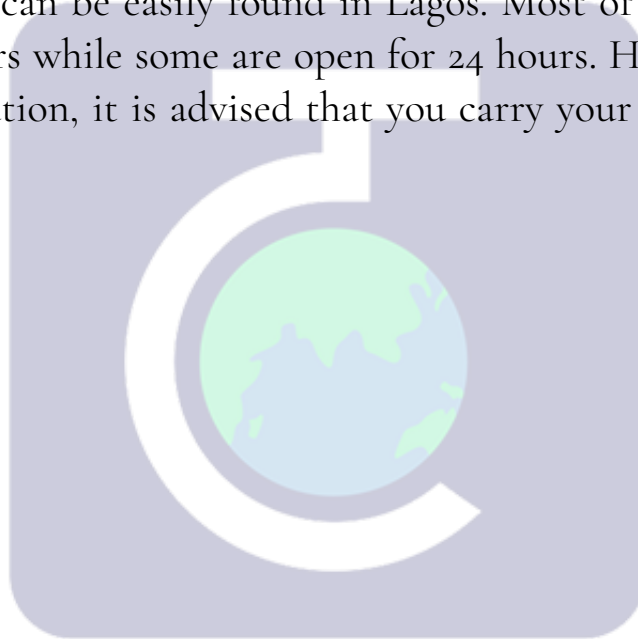
## 22. Driving

Lagos is a beach town and driving opportunities are rather limited in the city. Roads in Lagos are hilly, narrow and the signage is rather weak. However for those who still wish to drive, the legal driving age in the city is 18. The driver must hold a full license for minimum 2 years with no major endorsements as well as an International Driving Permit (IDP). While driving in the city, make sure you do not cross the cobblestone bike path. The locals take biking very seriously and it may cause a quarrel on the street.



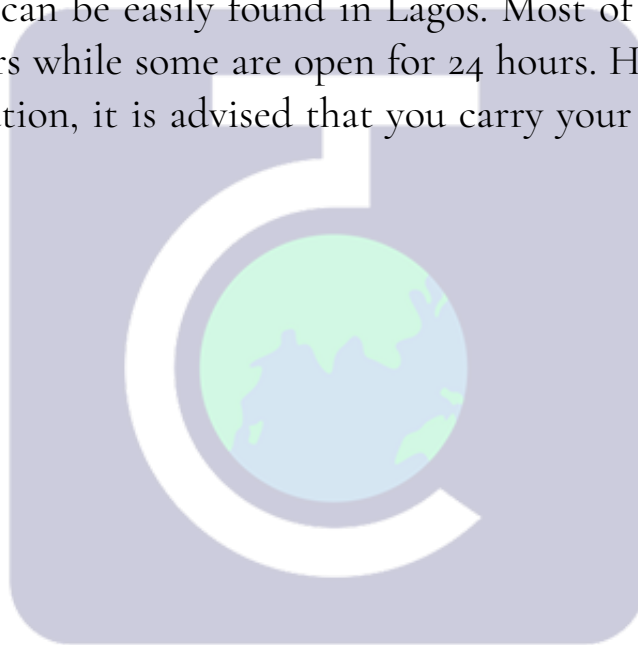
## 23. Travel essentials

Like most of continental Europe, Portugal is on the 230-250 Volts. The standard electrical socket (outlet) in the country is of "Type C" with two round pins. If the plug of your appliances does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter during your stay in Lagos. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you might need one if coming from a non-European country. Pharmacies can be easily found in Lagos. Most of them operate during normal working hours while some are open for 24 hours. However, if you are on some specific medication, it is advised that you carry your medicines from your home country.



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## **25. Local currency**

The official currency of Portugal is Euro (€). One Euro equals to 1.13 USD. Major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted in the city but not everywhere. It is advised that you must always carry some cash handy for small purchases.





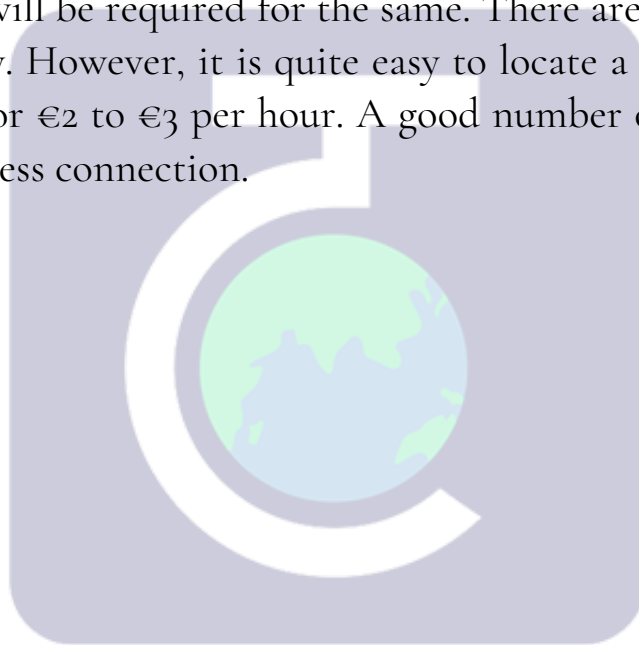
**Index****26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

For international money transfers and currency exchange, you must check out exchange bureaux located in the various banks. ATM machines are scattered all around the city and it is not difficult to find one for cash withdrawals. ATM withdrawals and credit card charges are likely to incur a typical surcharge of \$1 to \$5 per withdrawal. Kindly connect with your bank for more information on international withdrawal fees.



## 27. Staying connected

There are 3 major mobile network providers in Lagos: ● Vodafone ● Optimus, and ● TMN There is a standard mobile network (GSM 900/ 1800/ GPRS) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you're coming from the US. If you plan to stay in the city for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a Portugal SIM card. A photocopy your passport or ID card will be required for the same. There are no major public Wi-Fi services in the city. However, it is quite easy to locate a cyber cafe where you can access internet for €2 to €3 per hour. A good number of cafés and fast food joints also offer wireless connection.



## 28. Time Zone

Lagos falls under WET (Western European Time): No UTC/ GMT offset.  
Daylight Saving Time +1 hour from March to October.



## 29. Languages

The official and the largest spoken language in Lagos is Portuguese. A large percentage of population also understands and speaks basic English. Most traffic signs and hotel menus have an English translation. Hence there should be no language problems for tourists who are visiting Lagos or the surrounding coastline.



### **30. Political Scenario**

The Prime Minister of Portugal is the head of Government while the President of Portugal is the executive head of state. Executive power is exercised by the President and the Council of Ministers. There is no formal city government in Lagos.



### 31. Economic Scenario

Fishing has been important to Lagos since very ancient times and just like other coastal towns in Portugal, the city's economy is closely linked to the sea. A good percentage of population of Lagos is also associated with agriculture and forestry. Chies produce includes citrus fruits, figs, almonds, carob beans, strawberry trees and cork oaks. The city also relies heavily on the tourism industry.



**Index****32. Religious belief**

Portugal has no official religion. The most predominant religion in Portugal is Roman Catholicism and approximately 81% of the population of the country is Catholic.



### 33. Visa requirements

If you have a Schengen visa, you can stay (but not work) in Lagos for approximately three months. EU nationals with residence permit may stay for as long as they like and can enter with a valid EU identity card too. However, registration at Bürgeramt office is mandatory for stays exceeding a few months. Nationals of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and a few others can visit Lagos with a valid passport for a period of three months. Nationals of the rest of the world need to apply for a visa to visit the city.





## 34. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to Lagos, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B. The World Health Organization recommends that you visit a physician at least six weeks before your departure.



## 35. Theft and Safety

Lagos is pretty safe for a European city and apart from existence of petty crimes such as pickpocketing and snatching, there is no major crime heard of in the city as such. The city is never really abandoned (even at night) but it makes sense to be careful especially if you are traveling alone. If you keep tabs on your possessions and apply common sense you should not face any problems. It is also advised you do not keep too much cash with you. Also try to avoid using ATMs at night.



## 36. Embassy/Consulate

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their embassies in Lagos. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in the city at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/portugal>



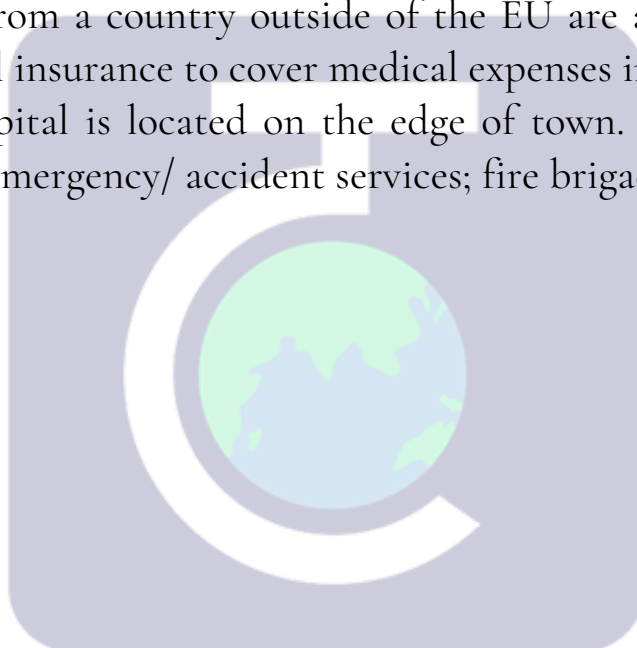
## **37. Accessibility**

Most of the beaches in Lagos are wheelchair & mobility scooter accessible. Most of the buses and metro (trams) in the city also have good accessibility. You can also easily find wheelchair accessible hotels in the city.



## 38. Emergencies

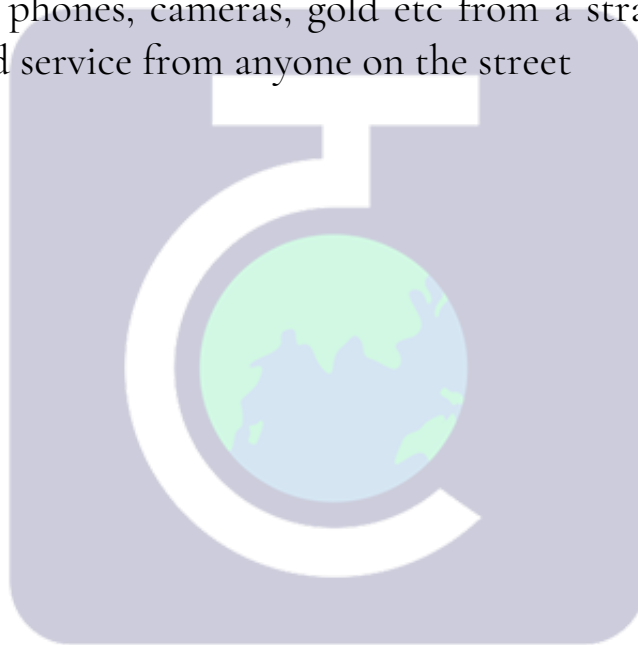
Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to Lagos's public healthcare system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you sign up for an adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Lagos. Hospital São Gonçalo Private hospital is located on the edge of town. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112



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### 39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's ● Take the Boat Tour ● Ask for the prices or menu before ordering ● Carry your passport and ID card at all times ● Lock your bike properly ● Carry some cash. A lot of restaurants and shops do not accept credit cards ● Be wary of your surroundings at night, especially in the dark alleys. Do not's ● Leave your valuables unattended ● Walk in bicycle lane ● Spit on the road ● Leave tip on the table ● Buy cell phones, cameras, gold etc from a stranger in the street ● Accept any unwanted service from anyone on the street



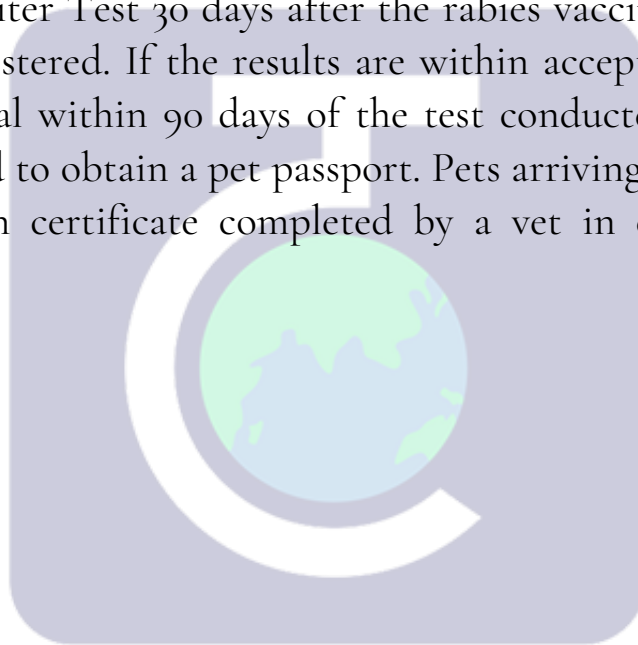
## 40.Tipping basics

Tipping is customary in Lagos. Depending on how happy you were with the service, you could tip 5-10% or round off the bill to the nearest Euro. A 10% tip generally means exemplary service. It is advised that you do not leave the tip on the table and rather hand it over to the waiter directly. Porters who take your bags in hotels usually expect a tip of €1.



**Index****41.Pet info**

Lagos is a pet friendly city. There are, however, certain rules and regulations that you must adhere to before bringing pets into the country. i) Pet Microchip Your pet should be microchipped with an ISO 11784/ 11785 pet microchip ii) Proper Vaccination After the microchip, your pet will need a rabies vaccination, especially if you're traveling with them from a rabies-free or rabies-controlled country. iii) Blood Titer Test 30 days after the rabies vaccination, a Blood Titer Test must be administered. If the results are within acceptable limits, your pet can travel to Portugal within 90 days of the test conducted. Note: Pet owners from EU are required to obtain a pet passport. Pets arriving from outside the EU will require a health certificate completed by a vet in either Portuguese or English.





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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Lagos is a lovely little jewel in the Algarve. This beautiful, historic city has become a popular holiday destination as it offers visitors a splendid coastline, glorious beaches, buzzing nightlife, various adventurous sports and a charming historic centre. If idyllic beaches are your thing and also you are someone who likes golf, watersports, dolphin watching and off-road jeep safaris, you will definitely love Lagos!*



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