

New Alcohol Regulations in Lisbon

Last week, Lisbon formalized a new set of regulations controlling nighttime activities in the city.

Background

The party culture that's come with Lisbon's tourism boom has long been a controversial issue for the city's permanent residents. Locals in the central *Bairro Alto* and *Cais do Sodre* neighborhoods in particular have long protested the nightly throng of drinkers under their windows keeping them awake.

Timeline

- *January 2019:* The Lisbon Chamber unanimously approved a bill restricting the sale of alcohol for restaurants, bars, nightclubs, convenience stores, etc.
- *Last week:* The regulation went through the Lisbon City Council and was approved for a trial period of 30-days, beginning in April.



What does this mean?

- As of today, persons without permanent residence identification won't be able to buy liquor (> 16% ABV) within the city limits.
- Non-residents will only be able to purchase higher-taxed beer and wine at designated tourist establishments between the hours of **2PM-6PM** and must be **consumed in-house**.

We know this is unfortunate timing, but law enforcement will be cracking down on tourist public drinking and **issuing serious fines**, so please do not openly consume alcoholic beverages in public.