

Christ the King and the Two Bridges



The **Sanctuary of Christ the King** (*Cristo Rei*) is a shrine dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ overlooking from Almada the city of Lisbon. It was inspired by Christ the Redeemer statue of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, and was inaugurated on 17 May 1959, by Salazar. The giant cement statue was erected to express gratitude because the Portuguese were spared the effects of World War II. It's one of the most outstanding views one may have from the Tagus and Lisbon city.

The 25 de Abril Bridge formerly Salazar Bridge, has a total length of 2,277 m was inaugurated on August 6, 1966, 6 months in advance of scheduled. Holds 6 traffic lanes and a train platform added in 1999. Because it is a suspension bridge and has similar coloring, it is often compared to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, although it was built by United States Steel Consortium which constructed the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge, but not the Golden Gate. Entering Lisbon through this bridge especially at night, it is an unforgettable experience

Vasco da Gama Bridge is the longest bridge in Europe (including viaducts), with a total length of 12.3 kilometers (7.6 mi). Its construction began on February 1995 and it was opened to traffic on 29 March 1998, just in time for Expo 98, the World's Fair celebrating the 500th anniversary of the discovery by Vasco da Gama of the sea route from Europe to India. From there we may have astonishing and amazing views of Lisbon.