



IS IT SAFE?

Lisbon

SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY GUIDE

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OVERALL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

RATING ●●●●○ Safe. Pickpocket awareness required.

Lisbon is one of Western Europe's most welcoming capitals. Violent crime against tourists is rare and the city is friendly and easy to navigate alone. The primary risk is pickpocketing — particularly on Tram 28E and in Alfama's narrow alleys during peak hours. Keep bags in front, zip closed, and stay alert on crowded trams. Avoid leaving valuables unattended at outdoor cafes.

RATING SCALE

- = Very safe
- = Safe
- = Use caution
- = Avoid at night
- = Avoid

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY AT A GLANCE

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AREA	RATING	NOTES
Baixa / Chiado	●●●●○	Busy. Watch bags on Tram 28E.
Alfama	●●●○●	Scenic; limited lighting at night.
Bairro Alto	●●●○●	Nightlife area. Rowdy weekends.
Belem	●●●●●	Tourist zone. Well-patrolled.
Mouraria	●●●○●	Improving rapidly. Fine in daylight.
Intendente / Martim Moniz	●●○●○	Avoid at night.
Principe Real	●●●●●	Upscale, quiet, very safe.

Tram 28E is Lisbon's most atmospheric — and most pickpocket-prone — ride. Keep your bag firmly in front and zip everything closed before boarding.

GETTING AROUND SAFELY

MODE	RATING	NOTES
Metro		Safe. Watch bags at Marques de Pombal.
Tram 28E		Pickpocket risk. Bag in front at all times.
Buses (Carris)		Generally safe throughout the city.
Bolt / Uber		Recommended over street taxis.
Walking (central)		Excellent in most tourist areas.
Night transport		Night buses run; plan your route in advance.

COMMON SCAMS & HOW TO AVOID THEM

- Tram 28E distraction theft:**

Teams work in pairs. Keep bag zip-closed and front-facing at all times on the tram.
- Fake police officers:**

Plain-clothes scammers ask to check your wallet. Real police do not do this. Walk away.
- ATM skimming:**

Use bank-branch ATMs only. Cover keypad when entering your PIN.
- Overpriced fado shows:**

Street sellers charge premium rates. Book directly with reputable venues only.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

- Dial 112 for all emergencies — English-speaking operators available.
- Hospital de Santa Maria handles international patients.
- Farmacias (pharmacies) are widely available throughout the city.
- Tap water is safe to drink in Lisbon.
- Travel insurance strongly recommended.

SOLO WOMEN TRAVELERS

Lisbon is very safe for solo women. Bairro Alto on weekend nights can get rowdy but is not dangerous. Bolt/Uber is recommended over street taxis after dark. The historic trams are the biggest practical risk — pickpockets specifically target distracted tourists. Stay alert on Tram 28E, and enjoy the rest of this warm and welcoming city freely.

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