

# A Harbor for Peace

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Dear Rotarian:

A Rotary convention is a powerful thing. I will never forget my first convention, in Chicago in 1980. It was so impressive and so remarkable to me how volunteers from all over the world, working together, could accomplish so much.



I came to that convention as a member of a Rotary club. I left it as a Rotarian. The feeling that began in Chicago has never left me. And every year, I enjoy that convention experience again, in a different part of the Rotary world.

I am delighted to invite you to the 104th Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June 2013. As an RI president from Japan, I am especially pleased that this convention will be hosted in Lisbon, because Japan and Portugal have a warm history together that began in 1542. That was the year a Portuguese boat landed on a southern Japanese island. The Portuguese sailors did not plan to come to Japan. Strong winds blew their boat off course. But it was a fortunate detour, and the beginning of a peaceful and prosperous relationship.

The Portuguese found Japan by accident. But it is no accident that Lisbon has been chosen for this convention. Lisbon is A Harbor for Peace. And peace will be the theme of this convention, as it has been the theme between Japan and Portugal for nearly 500 years.

Every year, when we come together for a Rotary convention, we see for a few days the world as it could be. We see people of all colors and cultures come together. We look past our differences and focus on our goal: the building of a better world.

In 2013, we will have A Harbor for Peace in Lisbon through Rotary. It will be a great honor for me to preside over this convention, and I look forward to having you join us there.

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Sakuji Tanaka  
RI President, 2012-13





# Discover Lisbon

Perched on the west coast of Europe, Lisbon is a charming combination of old-world appeal and modern flair, a capital city that is both energetic and languid. As one of the oldest cities in Europe, Lisbon can boast a colorful history that's been preserved in world-class museums and iconic monuments. Sun-drenched neighborhoods will offer a warm welcome as you learn more about Rotary while enjoying fresh seafood, traditional Fado music, and historic wonders. Whatever you choose to discover, one thing is certain: Lisbon is still an explorer's paradise.

## What to see

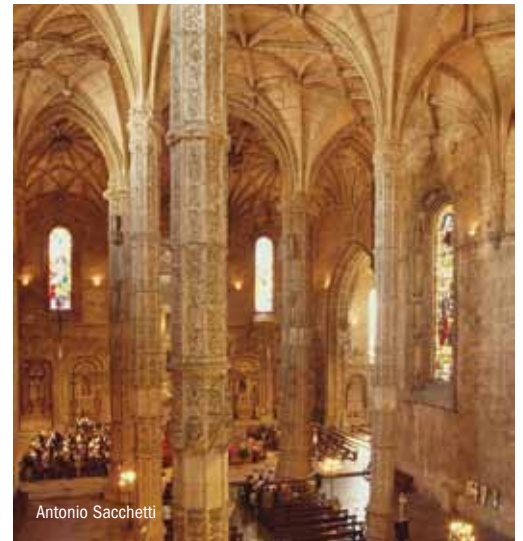
### Historic Belém

A symbol of triumph, the **Jerónimos Monastery** in Belém tops the list of “must see” attractions. Construction began in 1501 in honor of Vasco da Gama's successful journey around Africa, which opened new trade routes and transformed Portugal into a world power. Take in the Manueline architecture, and don't miss da Gama's tomb inside. Nearby, another national icon, the **Belém Tower**, stands guard at the entrance to Lisbon's harbor. Originally a defensive structure, it was

the last thing sailors saw when leaving Portugal and serves as an enduring reminder of their incredible journeys. The **Monument to the Discoveries**, another Belém treasure, also will remind you of the city's role as a springboard for explorers such as Ferdinand Magellan. Notable museums in the area include the **National Coach Museum** and **Maritime Museum**.

### Saint George's Castle and Alfama

For the best view of Lisbon, head uphill to **Saint George's Castle**. Once the royal home of the Moors and later Portugal's first kings, it stands as a symbol of just



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how long the city has persevered. From the castle, you can wander through the maze of narrow alleys and whitewashed houses that make up the **Alfama** district. Home mostly to fishermen and their families, Alfama survived an earthquake in 1755 that nearly demolished the rest of Lisbon. A walk through its picturesque web of streets is like a stroll back to medieval times, full of unexpected twists, turns, and *miradouros*, or scenic viewpoints, that offer amazing photo opportunities. It's also the best place to listen to Fado music, Portugal's contribution to world music.

### Calouste Gulbenkian Museum

After the death of oil tycoon Calouste Gulbenkian in 1955, Portugal became home to his vast private art collection. Browse the wide assortment of eastern and western art, including a gold Egyptian mummy mask, Chinese porcelain, and Persian tapestries.



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## What to eat & drink

### Seafood

An international city with a palate to match, Lisbon offers nearly every type of cuisine, but the “must eats” come from the sea. Be sure to try the *bacalhau*, or dried and salted cod. The Portuguese are said to have mastered 365 ways of cooking their favorite fish, one for every day of the year. Other typical dishes are *arroz de marisco*, a rice stew similar to Spanish paella, and *açorda*, a soup of mashed bread and fish. After dinner, sip Portugal’s most famous wine — a sweet **port** from the vineyards of the Douro valley.



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### Coffee and custard

You’ll see *pastéis de nata* in nearly every cafe, but the original can only be found at the **Antiga Confeitaria de Belém**. Its custard tarts are made fresh daily from a recipe that has remained a secret for hundreds of years. One thing that’s not a secret is how good they taste — the cafe sells about 10,000 tarts a day. Pair one with a tiny cup of *bica* — a rich, potent espresso — for the full experience.

## What to experience

### Nightlife and Fado

**Bairro Alto** is an artsy, bohemian quarter of Lisbon. After dark, it attracts throngs of tourists and locals, who fill the lively bars, restaurants, and *casos de Fado* (Fado houses). Fado, a blend of Portuguese, African, and Moorish tonal elements, features a singer with a guitar. The music expresses *saudade*, a yearning or longing for home or lost love. Some of the most authentic Fado performances also take place in the **Alfama** district. If you’re a theater enthusiast, head to the historic **Dona Maria II National Theater**. Opera lovers will enjoy the **São Carlos National Theater**.

### Shopping

Shoppers love Lisbon. As one of Europe’s most affordable capitals, bargains abound in its wide variety of shops. Go antiquing in **Príncipe Real**, surround yourself in luxury on the **Avenida da Liberdade**, or stroll through elegant **Chiado**, Lisbon’s most stylish quarter of popular retailers, high-end brands, and Portuguese designers. Take home a souvenir of *azulejos*, traditional hand-painted ceramic tiles, and end your shopping spree with a true taste of Lisbon at the **Ribeira Market**, which tantalizes visitors with its selection of fresh fish, produce, flowers, and samples of local dishes.

### For the family

Both convention venues are located in the family-friendly **Parque das Nações**.



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This waterside park, one of Europe’s largest redevelopment efforts, is home to the **Vasco da Gama shopping mall**, the world-class **Oceanário** aquarium, and an **interactive science museum**. If the kids still have energy, fly high on a cable car for an amazing view of this city by the sea.

## Where to go

Minutes from Lisbon, visitors can enjoy Portugal’s alluring beaches, extravagant palaces, and delightful villages.

### Sintra

Just 30 minutes outside Lisbon, Sintra offers a fairy-tale setting complete with enchanting castles, royal palaces, wooded hills, and seaside gardens. It’s also a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### Cascais and Estoril

Spend a day by the sea in the chic beach towns of Cascais and Estoril. Both offer elegant shopping and sophisticated restaurants just steps away from sandy beaches and quality golf courses, and Estoril is home to a famous casino.

### Queluz National Palace

Dubbed the “Portuguese Versailles,” this palace once served as a royal summer home and today stands as a stunning example of rococo architecture.





**Register by Saturday, 15 December 2012,  
to take advantage of early registration pricing!**

# How to register

## 1. Consider your options before registering

### Decide if you'll register with a group or as an individual

Your choice will affect how you register for the convention. You can register yourself and up to four guests online, but if you have a group of six or more, you'll need to submit a paper registration form. If you have a group of 25 or more, contact RI Registration Services (**ri.registration@rotary.org**, +1-847-866-3495) for information and instructions.

### Choose your travel dates

Check the preliminary schedule on the inside back cover page of this booklet and note the preconvention activities you'd like to participate in. It's best to determine

your travel dates before you start the registration process.

**QUICK TIP** Find the most up-to-date schedule at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).

## 2. Register and reserve a room online

### Register for the convention and RI-ticketed events

Registering online is convenient and secure — just follow the instructions at [www.rotary.org/memberaccess](http://www.rotary.org/memberaccess). Within two business days, you'll receive an email acknowledgment with your registration number, and within a week, you'll get your registration confirmation. If you don't have a Member Access account, creating one is quick and easy.

**QUICK TIP** Register early to make sure you can get a visa, if needed. Find information on visa requirements at [www.visitportugal.com](http://www.visitportugal.com).

### Register for host-ticketed events

Local Rotarians on the Host Organization Committee have arranged several cultural excursions and host hospitality events to help you enjoy your stay in Lisbon. Consider taking a host-sponsored tour before or after the convention to meet even more new friends. Find details and register for host-ticketed events and tours at [www.lisboa2013.org](http://www.lisboa2013.org).

**QUICK TIP** Send questions about host-ticketed events to [info@lisboa2013.org](mailto:info@lisboa2013.org).

## Rotary in Portugal

Portugal is home to many active Rotary clubs. You'll notice one just minutes after you step off your plane at the Lisbon international airport, where the Rotary Club of Lisboa-Olivais has placed a collection box to benefit Rotary's fight to eradicate polio. The location is ideal: Thousands of travelers can drop in the extra change they won't be able to convert to their home currency. This not only raises money, it also educates a global audience about Rotary's efforts to combat the disease. Another Rotarian initiative is *Dê uma tampa à indiferença* (Give a Cap to Indifference). Through this program, Portuguese Rotarians, lead by the Rotary Club of Sintra, collect plastic bottle caps throughout the country for recycling and use the proceeds to purchase wheelchairs and other equipment for people with disabilities.







**Portugal and Japan**

**3. Make travel arrangements after registering**

Discounts are available on select airlines for Rotarians and their guests traveling to Lisbon for the 2013 convention. Find information and discount codes at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).

When 2012-13 RI President Sakuji Tanaka welcomes thousands of Rotarians to Lisbon, he'll help carry on an enduring friendship between the Portuguese and Japanese. Portugal was the first western country to make contact with Japan, and in 1860, the nations formally established diplomatic relations with the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, and Commerce, leading to years of trade and cultural exchange. In 2010, they celebrated the 150th anniversary of that relationship. Today, Portugal and Japan also enjoy seven "sister city" agreements.



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**Reserve your hotel room**

To take advantage of reduced rates, reserve your hotel room through Experient. Read hotel descriptions and select your room at <http://registration.experient-inc.com/showrot131/default.aspx>. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, so book early to secure your preferred hotel. Booking for RI Convention housing begins Saturday, 5 May 2012.

**QUICK TIP** → Send questions about hotel reservations to [rotary@experient-inc.com](mailto:rotary@experient-inc.com), or call +1-800-650-6913 (toll-free in North America) or +1-847-996-5885.



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RI Convention registration	Rotary International	<a href="mailto:ri.registration@rotary.org">ri.registration@rotary.org</a>	<a href="http://www.rotary.org/memberaccess">www.rotary.org/memberaccess</a> (to register)
RI preconvention meetings			<a href="http://www.rotary.org/convention">www.rotary.org/convention</a>
RI-ticketed events			(for information and forms)
Host-ticketed events	Lisbon Host Organization Committee (HOC)	<a href="mailto:info@lisboa2013.org">info@lisboa2013.org</a>	<a href="http://www.lisboa2013.org">www.lisboa2013.org</a>
Hotel reservations (individuals and groups)	Experient	<a href="mailto:rotary@experient-inc.com">rotary@experient-inc.com</a>	<a href="http://registration.experient-inc.com/showrot131/default.aspx">http://registration.experient-inc.com/showrot131/default.aspx</a>

# Convention venue and program highlights

All 2013 convention activities, *except for plenary sessions*, will take place at

## Feira Internacional de Lisboa

Rua do Bojador, Parque das Nações, 1998-010 Lisboa, Portugal.

Plenary sessions will take place at the neighboring **Atlântico Pavilion** Rossio dos Olivais, Lote 2.13.01A, Parque das Nações, Lisboa, Portugal.

The Feira Internacional de Lisboa, a new, modern space with four pavilions and state-of-the-art equipment, will host the House of Friendship and several workshops and events. The Atlântico Pavilion, Portugal's largest indoor arena,

will be the site of all plenary sessions.

Both are located on the coast, in Parque das Nações, a massive redevelopment project. The area's transformation started in 1998, when Lisbon hosted the Expo '98 world fair, and has continued with the addition of shopping centers, a world-class aquarium, a casino, and restaurants. Both venues are easily accessible by metro.

**Be the first to know**

Stay up-to-date on breaking convention news with the free convention e-newsletter. Sign up at [www.rotary.org/newsletters](http://www.rotary.org/newsletters).

## Plenary sessions

During five plenary sessions, you'll be inspired by the RI president and renowned guest speakers, who will share success stories that highlight how Rotarians set the standard for Service Above Self around the world. Rotary Foundation leaders will also present the latest news on polio eradication and updates on the new grant model under the Future Vision Plan.

Lively entertainment by established and emerging artists will round out the plenary sessions. Simultaneous interpretation will be offered in French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. Learn more at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) as the program develops.

## Breakout sessions

Held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons, breakout sessions offer an excellent chance for Rotarians to share project ideas and tips. Sessions will address topics including New Generations and Rotary's new strategic partnerships.

## House of Friendship

Meet old friends and make new ones in the House of Friendship. Visit service project booths, share ideas, check out the latest Rotary publications, and register for the next year's convention.



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## Tram 28

If you have time to enjoy the ride, consider touring Lisbon on Tram 28. Bright yellow, it's an older, traditional tram in the city's fleet. You'll go through the most beautiful quarters of old Lisbon, climbing high into the Alfama district and back down again.



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## Host events

Portuguese Rotarians will welcome visitors with a series of events planned by the Host Organization Committee, including several concerts showcasing Portuguese music, like traditional Fado. Host events offer a great opportunity for building friendships, networking, and having fun. Get the latest details and register for host events at [www.lisboa2013.org](http://www.lisboa2013.org).

## Getting around

Lisbon is one of Europe's easiest cities to navigate, thanks to its compact size and its network of buses, trams, taxis, and metro lines. From the airport, the AeroBus or a taxi is probably your best option to get

to your hotel. Once downtown, Lisbon's metro is the fastest way to get around, and the Oriente station will bring you steps from the convention venues. For sightseeing, Lisbon's charming fleet of trams is a good choice, especially the scenic route of Tram 28.

Purchase a Lisboa Card from a tourist office to enjoy unlimited rides on all the trams, buses, and the metro. You'll also get reduced admission to many popular tourist sites. Though driving in Lisbon isn't recommended, taxis are a reliable way to get around. Drivers are usually honest and experienced at navigating the hair-raising traffic. Fares are reasonable, and tipping is suggested.

**Online registration will remain open until the end of the day, 15 June 2013. The cancellation deadline is 30 April 2013, end of the day.**

## More reasons to attend the 2013 RI Convention

- **Networking opportunities:** Looking for an international partner for your service project? The RI Convention offers an ideal opportunity to meet like-minded Rotarians with similar goals from all over the world.
- **Fellowships and service:** Browse the booths hosted by Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups, and connect with Rotarians and others who share your recreational, professional, or humanitarian interests.
- **Reconnect with friends:** Your district or region can consider sponsoring its own meeting, breakfast, or luncheon. Download the Unofficial Affiliate Events form at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) or request one from [uae@rotary.org](mailto:uae@rotary.org).
- **Expand your horizons:** Showcase your 2012-13 service project in the House of Friendship. For information, contact [exhibitor@rotary.org](mailto:exhibitor@rotary.org).
- **Volunteer:** Rotarians who choose to serve as a sergeant-at-arms get to help fellow attendees and learn what goes on behind the scenes. Sign up when you register.

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## Make plans early

Get the most out of your RI Convention experience with these tips.

### 1. Register early

Take advantage of special pre-convention pricing by registering early. Don't delay: The early registration deadline is 15 December 2012.

### 2. Find out if you need a visa

Check if you need a visa to enter Portugal at [www.visitportugal.com](http://www.visitportugal.com). Upon registration, RI automatically sends a letter of invitation to those who are residents of countries requiring a visa. RI processes all forms on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early and apply for your visa well in advance to allow adequate time to complete the visa application process.

### 3. Plan to attend first-timer orientation

RI has organized two orientation sessions on Saturday, 22 June. Hosted by the International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers, the orientation will help you get the most out of your convention experience.



# Beyond Lisbon

## Styles of Fado

Lisbon is the heart of urban Portugal, but you need to get outside the city for a complete look at the warm and welcoming Portuguese culture. Whether you choose to relax on the beaches of the Algarve, experience the ancient wonders of Évora, or jet off to Madeira island, Portugal will not disappoint, before or after the convention.

Traditional Fado has a romantic and lyrical style found in Lisbon and another more political or humorous style found in Coimbra. In November 2011, Fado was added to UNESCO's World Intangible Cultural Heritage list. [www.unesco.org/culture/ich/index.php?lg=en&pg=00011](http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/index.php?lg=en&pg=00011)

## The Algarve

Make the most of the Portugal's abundant sunshine in the Algarve, the country's scenic southern coast. With its whitewashed towns, soft sand, world-class golf, and seaside villas, it is *the* place to relax. Don't miss **Ponta da Piedade**, south of the beautiful village of **Lagos**, where nature has artistically carved the coastline into a display of rock formations, or the town of **Sagres**, once considered the end of the world.

## Dining out

When you sit down to dinner in a restaurant in Lisbon, you'll typically receive a basket of bread or a plate of meat and cheese before your meal. Unlike many other countries, this is not complimentary, so if you don't want it, just ask the waiter to take it away. Otherwise, you'll be charged for what you eat.

## Medieval towns of Alentejo

Just west of Lisbon, clusters of cork oak trees, olive groves, and the occasional medieval village sporadically interrupt the vast countryside of the Alentejo region. Visit the walled city of **Monsaraz**, which preserves Portugal's history in its tangle of cobblestone streets, the ancient monuments of **Évora**, known for the Temple of Diana that dates to Roman times, and **Marvão**, which towers over the region and can boast a superb view of the entire landscape. Consider staying in a *pousada* — a luxury hotel inside a former castle, monastery, or other notable site.

## Porto

Portugal's second-largest city, Porto, is a commercial hub and the heart of the nation's production of its famous port wine.

## Douro valley

After you sip port in the city where it's made, head west to the vineyards where it's born. The Douro valley, Portugal's most scenic wine country, invites visitors to taste the best wines in the nation while admiring the sun-drenched mountains and winding Douro River.

## More to discover

The international airport in Lisbon offers connections to all of Europe's major cities as well as Portugal's paradise islands in the Atlantic. It's only a two-hour flight from Lisbon to the **Azores** or to **Madeira** island, often called the "floating flowerpot" for its variety of lush vegetation.



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## 2013 Rotary International Convention

# Preliminary Program

### Thursday, 20 June

15:00-19:00	Convention Registration
TBD	Preconvention Meeting Registration
17:30-19:00	<b>CANCELLED</b> – International Institute Welcome Reception
17:30-19:00	Youth Exchange Officers Welcome Reception

### Friday, 21 June

08:00-18:00	Convention Registration
09:00-17:00	<b>CANCELLED</b> – International Institute
09:00-17:00	Rotaract Preconvention Meeting
09:00-17:00	Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting
TBD	<b>CANCELLED</b> – International Institute Luncheon ( <i>RI-ticketed event</i> )
TBD	<b>CANCELLED</b> – Rotary Alumni Celebration Luncheon ( <i>RI-ticketed event</i> )
19:00-21:00	Youth Exchange Officers Banquet ( <i>RI-ticketed event</i> )

### Saturday, 22 June

08:00-18:00	Convention Registration
09:00-10:00	Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees
09:00-13:00	<b>CANCELLED</b> – International Institute
09:00-17:00	Rotaract Preconvention Meeting
09:00-17:00	RYLA Preconvention Meeting (for Rotarians)
09:00-17:00	Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting
TBD	<b>CANCELLED</b> – Rotary Alumni Celebration
10:00-10:30	House of Friendship Grand Opening
10:00-18:00	House of Friendship
14:00-15:00	Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees

### Sunday, 23 June

08:00-18:00	Convention Registration
08:30-09:15	Interfaith Service
09:00-17:00	House of Friendship
09:45-12:15	Opening Plenary Session – First Seating
15:30-18:00	Opening Plenary Session – Second Seating

### Monday, 24 June

08:00-18:00	Convention Registration
09:00-09:25	Preplenary Entertainment
09:00-18:00	House of Friendship
09:30-12:00	Plenary Session 2
12:45-14:15	President's Recognition Luncheon ( <i>RI-ticketed event</i> )
14:30-16:00	Breakout Sessions
16:30-18:00	Breakout Sessions

### Tuesday, 25 June

08:00-18:00	Convention Registration
09:00-09:25	Preplenary Entertainment
09:00-18:00	House of Friendship
09:30-12:00	Plenary Session 3
12:45-14:15	President-elect's Leadership Luncheon ( <i>RI-ticketed event</i> )
14:30-16:00	Breakout Sessions
16:30-18:00	Breakout Sessions

### Wednesday, 26 June

08:00-18:00	Convention Registration
09:00-09:35	Preplenary Entertainment
09:00-16:00	House of Friendship
09:30-12:00	Plenary Session 4
12:45-14:15	On to Sydney Convention Luncheon ( <i>RI-ticketed event</i> )
14:30-16:00	Breakout Sessions
16:30-19:00	Closing Plenary Session

Note: This schedule is preliminary and subject to change. Please visit [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) for the most up-to-date information.



## Useful Portuguese

<i>Olá</i>	Hello
<i>Sim/Não</i>	Yes/No
<i>Não falo português</i>	I don't speak Portuguese
<i>Como está?</i>	How are you?
<i>Obrigado(a)</i>	Thank you
<i>Desculpe</i>	Excuse me/sorry

The Portuguese are quick to thank others, and it's considered rude not to express gratitude when someone does something for you, even if it's a paid service. Men say *Obrigado* to express thanks, while women use the feminine version, *Obrigada*.



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