

Where to Stay as a Digital Nomad in Lisbon, Portugal



I recommend you stay where both of my Airbnbs were in the city: at the top of the hill in the Alfama neighborhood, next to the castle. You can't go wrong with most of the neighborhoods by the river as well, but Alfama is special because it's got that old-world charm and narrow cobblestone streets I find so peaceful and cute. Bairro Alto, Chiado, and Príncipe Real are also lovely areas with lots of dining and cool places to walk to.

The only downside of being on top of a hill like where I am in Alfama is that you have to trek up and down the hill each day if you go get food. Not a bad thing, just something to keep in mind if you're traveling with someone who isn't a fan of hilly terrain. You can also take the trams, but they seem pretty packed and slow, so walking still appears to be a better option.

My Top Two Favorite Airbnbs in Lisbon, Portugal

The first Airbnb we stayed at is a great choice if you love peace and quiet. It's nestled down a small street and overlooks a backyard and rooftops so the only noise you get is the drifting sounds of a guitar from a nearby restaurant.

This Airbnb was lovely because it had an in-unit washer, a big dining room table, and a desk in the bedroom that was great to work at (and got the afternoon sun!) It had a great modern design, a comfortable bed, and a smart lock on the front door so we could just use our phones to get in. Seamless check-in, wonderful host, fairly stocked kitchen (just beware of the dull knives and lack of garbage disposal) and the AC was a great way to cool off in the hot summer.

Our second Airbnb* had all the amenities of the first place, but it had a river view, a full patio, and a dishwasher. No garbage disposal and it was a bit noisier as it was on a busy cobblestone street, but I loved how sunny this place was and the patio was great for us to do our workouts with our personal trainer over Zoom. (Btw, if you're looking to work with a personal trainer virtually, **can't recommend Azul enough!**)

The other thing that was nice about our second Airbnb was that they had a laundry service for us, and they delivered breakfast to your door every morning. We opted out of this since we cook our own oatmeal in the mornings, but it would be a nice perk for travelers wanting to stay in and enjoy their morning without having to cook.

Overall, I liked **the second Airbnb** better because I'm a sucker for tons of sunlight and nice views/patio, but both places were awesome (and down the street from each other!) so can't recommend both enough. Both of these Airbnbs also have very fast wifi, so you won't have a problem taking Zoom calls!

**Note that we switched units to get the patio option, and this listing is for the top unit (no patio, but nicer views!)*