

Discovering Lisbon's Tombs

Thursday, 13 July 2017 – 09h00 – 12h30

Friday – 14h30 – 18h00

Departure / arrival from Faculty

The Prazeres Cemetery hosts some of Lisbon's most exotic tombs and funerary monuments. Built in 1833, due to a sudden outbreak of cholera, this cemetery grew rapidly in the following years, but was only officially recognized in 1840, when some of the most powerful families in Lisbon began to build there their family deposits. Since the 19th century, the Prazeres Cemetery has been the tomb house of the most renowned actors, writers and politicians from Lisbon, occupying an area of land where the largest and oldest concentration of cypresses in the country is found.

The exquisite architecture of the Prazeres Cemetery justifies a visit to the site, which houses the largest pyramidal tomb in Europe, where the Duke of Palmela rests.



Wandering in this beautiful space, where there is the largest and oldest concentration of cypresses in the Iberian Peninsula, we can also visit the Writers' I and II, the two Fields of Artists, the Public Safety Police Field and the Firefighters Field, only places that could be temporarily buried, since this cemetery is not confined to any parish.

We will continue to the the National Pantheon, housing the tombs of Portugal's major historic celebrities, is located on the original site of the church of Santa Engrácia. Founded in the second half of the 16th century, the building was totally rebuilt at the end of the 17th century by the architect João Antunes. Even though it was never used as a place of worship, it still preserves, under its modern dome, a majestic nave with a polychrome marble decoration typical of the Portuguese Baroque architecture. Being an icon of Lisbon's cityscape and having a privileged location, as it overlooks the city's historic centre and the river Tagus, it is listed as a National Monument.

Tour with English speaking guide

Minimum participants: 30

Rate per person: 40 €

