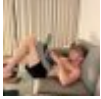


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■■ Lisbon is pretty great:

- locals are insanely friendly and hospitable and keep wanting to show you around and invite you to go on trips or drinks or parties etc.
- weather is close to perfect, warm but not too hot
- lots of cafes, great food
- very walkable
- very affordable



- if you can speak a bit of Spanish you can get around speaking Portuguese, a mix of Spanish and Portuguese and they get it; also everyone speaks English otherwise anyway
- a lot of the remote working ppl who'd be in Asia if not for COVID borders closed, are now in Lisbon

- met multiple ppl who are setting up residency in Portugal, as it gives Americans a visa for EU and gives Europeans a tax residence elsewhere, interesting

- Lisbon from very quick glance feels a bit like Barcelona without the arrogance and pompousness, just humble and chill ppl

- the entire service industry here seems to be run by Brazilians, affordable labor and they speak the language

The amount of annoyances here are quite low:

- not much air pollution
- not lots of noise
- not too hot
- not too cold
- no rude ppl
- most of city is very safe

Oh one annoyance though:

- a lot of ppl smoke cigarettes here