QUAKE
LISBON EARTHQUAKE MUSEUM

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Quake is where the city of Lisbon begins.

Quake - Lisbon Earthquake Museum is an immersive museum in Belém, Lisbon, about the earthquake, tsunami and fires that destroyed the city on 1 November 1755. Across ten rooms of simulators and immersive sets, developed with a historian and seismologists from the University of Lisbon's Instituto Dom Luiz, visitors feel the shaking, learn how earthquakes work and see how Lisbon was rebuilt. It opened in April 2022.

550,000+
VISITORS
since opening

10
THEMED ROOMS
25+ interactive stations

90 min
VISIT LENGTH
entirely indoors

KEY FACTS

OPENED	20 April 2022
LANGUAGES	Portuguese, English, Spanish, French. Audio guides in 11 more languages. Staff are fluent in Portuguese and English
ADDRESS	Rua Cais da Alfândega Velha, 39, 1300-598 Lisboa (Belém)
FOUNDERS	Ricardo Clemente and Maria Marques
FORMAT	10 rooms, 25+ interactive stations
AGES	Under 4s not admitted. Ages 4–5 free, view-only for the simulator. Simulator from age 6
OPENING HOURS	Daily 10:00–18:00. Last session starts at 18:00. Closed 24–25 December.
TICKETS	Current prices and booking: lisbonquake.com/en-GB/tickets

1755 FACTS

1755: the facts you can use

If you are writing about the earthquake itself, start here. These facts are checked against Quake's own sources: 2019 content briefs by seismologists Susana Custódio and Luís Matias at the Instituto Dom Luiz (the Lisbon Earthquake Center), and Quake's official tour script. Magnitude and death toll are disputed among historians and scientists, so we give them as ranges. Please keep them as ranges in your piece.

How to use it: ● Safe to state ● Give as a range ● Say "about" ● Use as written

FACT	WHAT WE CAN SAY	HOW TO USE IT
Date and time	1 November 1755, about 9:40am, on All Saints' Day	Safe to state
The shaking	Three tremors, about 7–9 minutes in total	Safe to state
Magnitude	About 8.5. Some studies suggest up to 9.1	Give as a range. Still debated
The tsunami	Reached the area of today's Praça do Comércio about 90 minutes after the first tremor. About 5m high in Lisbon, higher near Sagres and Cádiz	Say "about"
Deaths	Most studies agree the number of deaths was most likely between 12,000 and 40,000, in a city of about 200,000	Give as a range. Historians differ significantly
Destruction	Of about 200 churches in and around Lisbon before the quake, only 20 remained. Only 15% of houses remained intact, although that estimate may include demolitions made to rebuild the city. The total damage is almost impossible to determine, but 53 palaces, 60 chapels and 46 convents were lost	Use as written. The house figure is an estimate
Reach	Felt across Europe and North Africa. The tsunami reached as far as Brazil and the Caribbean	Safe to state
Scale	Lisbon was Europe's 4th-largest city at the time, after London, Paris and Naples	Safe to state

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