

The Ascensor da Glória and Miradouro de São Pedro de Alcântara

Connecting the Praça dos Restauradores to the Bairro Alto, the Ascensor da Glória has been in operation since 1885. We took a ride to the top, where we checked out the views from the Miradouro de São Pedro de Alcântara, one of the most popular viewpoints in the city.



The Ascensor da Glória was the second funicular we discovered, after having ridden on the [Ascensor da Lavra](#) the week prior. Unwittingly, we were visiting them in the order of their construction; Lavra is the oldest, and Glória was the city's second of three funiculars. (You're next, [Bica](#)!) The Glória was originally powered by water counterweights, but upgraded to electricity in 1915.

If we had found the Ascensor da Lavra to be fairly useless, the Glória is totally unnecessary. The Calçada da Glória is not among Lisbon's most treacherous hills. In fact, compared to the one we have to scale every day to reach our apartment, it's a piece of cake. If you're in even halfway decent shape, you can walk up much faster than it takes to wait for the funicular.