

# The Cemitério dos Prazeres

Found next to [Campo de Ourique](#) at the western terminus of the #28 tram line, the hillside Cemitério dos Prazeres (Cemetery of the Pleasures) just about lives up to its name. As far as cemeteries go, this is about as pleasurable as it gets.



We were visiting on one of those perfect cemetery days, with overcast skies and mild temperatures making it dark enough to complement the somber mood, but warm enough that being outside is enjoyable. Throughout our travels, we've seen gorgeous cemeteries in [Buenos Aires](#), [Savannah](#), [Montreal](#), and [Bolivia](#), among others, and knew right away that the Prazeres would be joining that list.

This cemetery was created in 1833, following a city-wide outbreak of cholera. Until then, people in Lisbon had preferred to be buried within churches, which probably wasn't the most hygienic approach. I can imagine the faithful walking down the aisle to receive the sacrament, stones squishing slightly under their weight, releasing little plumes of plague. "Ah, Madam wishes to be buried within the church? Wise choice, Madam! For truly, nothing is holier than allowing your rotting corpse to spread disease to your loved ones."