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**Subject:​** Lisbon - Jerónimos Monastery and Belém

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**Introduction:**

This report, made during the Erasmus+ VET4SCAPE second training event, describes the foreign students’ visit to the capital of Portugal. During our trip to Lisbon we visited the Jerónimos Monastery and the city of Belém, as well as some other landmarks of the city.

**Jerónimos Monastery**

We started our trip in Lisbon by visiting the Jerónimos Monastery which is the top attraction in the city. It is situated near the Tagus River.​It is one of the most beautiful and oldest monuments in Lisbon and it was classified as an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983.

In its church, besides the sepulcher of Vasco da Gama and Luís de Camões, Portuguese heroes and poets, one can also see the beautiful and colorful stained glass windows that enhance the chapel.

After leaving the chapel and already inside the Jerónimos Monastery, our next stop was the Cloister, a pleasant place used by the monks until 1833. There is a unique combination of symbols related to religion, royalty and nature that made it one of the most significant references of the Manueline style.

**Belém**

After the Jerónimos Monastery we visited Belém, which is the civil parish of Lisbon. Belém is one of the oldest suburbs of Lisbon. It was developed from the rich harbour town of Restelo. Our first stop in Belém was the Monument to the Discoveries. It was built in 1960 and it is situated on the bank of river Tagus. Later we visited the Belem Tower that was commissioned by King João II to be part of a defense system at Tagus river and a ceremonial gateway to Lisbon.

**Conclusion**

To sum up we recommend everyone to visit Lisbon, a city full of authenticity where old customs and ancient history intermix with cultural entertainment and hi-tech innovation. ​Raining or not, people will always find a way of having fun while visiting Lisbon so we believe ​you will not be disappointed!