

Tram #28

Original:

Let's do some research. New Year's Eve top destinations; New York, Las Vegas, Rio de Janeiro, Sydney, but wait a second where is Portugal?

B 2018 adet a7la eid ras sene b hayati b a7la bala. Balad ktir hilweh, el-akel taybe, w nes ktir taybeh kamen. Portugal ma3rufeh b fireworks yale bya3emloha 3ala eid ras el-seneh. Eid ras el-seneh ya3ne New Year. 3ala eid ras el-seneh el-nes biro7o 3ala se7at el-madine b Lisbon ma3 as7babon. B se7at el-madineh bikon fi e7tifelet ktir kbireh, nes 3am tghaneh w nes 3am ter2os. W lama tsir se3ah 12, firework goes on.

I have celebrated New Year 's Eve in a couple of different cities, but Lisbon is my favorite so far!

Iza bit7ebo el-samak, akid ra7 t7ibo Lisbon. Lisbon heye 3ala el-mo7it el-atlasa- ya3ne Atlantic Ocean. Dayman 3indon samak taza. Ana ktir b7ib el-samak aktar min el-dje7 w aktar min el-la7meh. 3indon Salmon, Shrimps, w Tuna, w kil shi bit7ibo min el-ba7er. El-akel b Lisbon ktir rghis, ya3ne sa7en samak malyen b shi ta2riban b \$8? Law hayda sa7eb b New York akid bidfa3 \$40. All I ate was fish every day.

They also have a delicious dish esmo Caldeirada de Peixe. I'm Sorry I tried to practice it a lot I hope I got it right. Hayda dish mitel fish stew aw yakhnet samak. Fi bi2albo kil anwe3 el-samak ktir tayeb. I don't think I've paid less than \$40 on a fish entrée in New York but \$40 will last you at least 3 meals in Lisbon.

3indon 7ilo ktir tayeb w ma3rof esmo Pastel de Nata yummy shu tayeb. Pastry b alba custard fiye ekol dazine la 7ale. Dazineh means a dozen; just making sure you that I can eat this much.

B Manhattan fata7 café Portuguese sghir esmo Joey Bats café. Café ktir sghir 3indo bus 4 ma2a3ed bus bya3mul Pastel De Nata w kamen bya3mul croquettes; b bje7 aw b la7meh nafes ta3met el- croquettes yale akelton b Lisbon. So, if you live in New York and want to get a taste of Portuguese bites like the croquettes and Pastel De Nata definitely give Joey Bats café a try.

El-nes ktir taybeh, dayman mabsoutin w byeda7ako. Sha3eb ktir friendly. Mish kil el-ma7alet byekhdo credit card. Mar-ra kenit b ahweh 3ashen bade eshtre terwi2ah w aletle el-mwazafe inu ma byekhdo credit card. Zalameh yale warayeh ale, “Shtere yale badek yeh w ana bidfa3”. Eltilo, “La2 shukran ana 7a ro7 3ala ahweh tenyeh.” Ale, “Ente b baladeh lezim tekle aw biz3al!” Fa ana dalabet ahweh, bus huwe al-la la el-mwazafe ta3tineh kamen 3asir laymon w sandwich. My experience with Portuguese people was absolutely wonderful, very humble and kind and this guy who insist on paying for my breakfast, BLESS YOUR HEART!

Iza badkon tit3ashu, make sure inkon tit3ashu b mat3am 3indo Fado. Fado is a type of popular Portuguese song usually with a melancholy theme and accompanied by mandolins or guitars.

3indon kamen tram make sure tekhd0 tram ra2em 28, remember the number tram number 28. 3ashen hayda el-tram biro7 3ala manta2ah ktir hilweh esma Alfama. Alfama mant2ah b Lisbon adimeh w hilweh, mitel el-day3ah, fiha ahwet ktir sghireh w romancia w aribeh kamen 3ala ba7er. El-byut kila 7ad ba3da w shaweri3 day2ah. I sat down in one of the small coffee shops and ate crackers with cheese and watched the sunset, my favorite thing about Alfama is the beautiful blue tiles that were everywhere on the houses, the walls, the street, just beautiful!

Iza badkon tshufu ktir palaces or castles you must vist Sintra. B Sintra ana 7aset 7ale amira, 7aset 7ale Cinderella. 3melna hiking b Sintra w shefna 3 osora keno kilon 7ilween but my favorite palace was Pena. Pena osa tenyeh. Aser Pena mlawan w gharib, shi bijanen!

B Lisbon w Sintra bitshufu ktir handaseh Islamiyeh. 3ashen el-Islam 7talo el-Portugal aktar min 500 seneh. Makes sense, right? Because Portugal was under the Islamic rule for more than 500 years.

Iza bit7ibo tsefro lezim tzoro Portugal! Kamen sme3it inu madinet Porto ktir hilwe kamen. Porto is on my list and I will keep you posted once I visit.

Translation:

Let's do some research. New Year's Eve top destinations; New York, Las Vegas, Rio de Janeiro, Sydney, but wait a second where is Portugal on that list?

In 2018 I spent the best New Year's Eve of my life in the nicest country out there. A very beautiful country, delicious food, and great people. Portugal is known for its New Year Eve fireworks spectacle on the beach coast. On New Year's Eve people go to the main square in Lisbon with their friends. There are a lot of celebrations in the main square, people singing, people dancing, and when it's 12 o'clock, firework goes on.

I have celebrated New Year 's Eve in a couple of different cities, but Lisbon is my favorite so far!

If you love fish, you will definitely love Lisbon. Lisbon is on the Atlantic Ocean. They always have fresh fish. I love fish a lot more than chicken and more than beef. They have Salmon, Shrimps, Tuna, and everything you love from the sea. The food in Lisbon is very cheap, meaning a fish entrée can be around \$8? If this entrée was in New York I would have definitely paid \$40. All I ate was fish every day.

They also have a delicious dish called Caldeirada de Peixe. I'm Sorry I tried to practice it a lot I hope I got it right. This dish is like a fish stew. It has all types of fish and it's very delicious. I don't think I've paid less than \$40 on a fish entrée in New York but \$40 will last you at least 3 meals in Lisbon.

They have a delicious sweet called Pastel de Nata, very delicious! A pastry that if filled with custard I can eat a dozen myself.

In Manhattan a Portuguese café's opened and it's called Joey Bats café'. A very small café' with only 4 seats makes Pastel de Nata and also croquettes; with chicken and with beef. The exact same taste of the croquettes that I ate in Lisbon. So, if you live in New York and want to get a taste of Portuguese bites like the croquettes and Pastel De Nata definitely give Joey Bats café a try.

The people in Lisbon are very nice, always happy and smiling. Very friendly people. Not all shops accept credit cards. Once I was in a coffee shop because I wanted to buy breakfast and the lady told me that they don't take credit cards. The man that was behind me told me; "buy whatever you want, and I will pay." I told him, "no thank you I will go to another coffee shop." He told me, "you are in my country and you must eat, or I will be upset!" So, I ordered coffee, but he told the barista to give me orange juice and a sandwich as well. My experience with Portuguese people was absolutely wonderful, very humble and kind and this guy who insist on paying for my breakfast, BLESS YOUR HEART!

If you want to have dinner, make sure that you eat in a restaurant that has Fado. Fado is a type of popular Portuguese song usually with a melancholy theme and accompanied by mandolins or guitars.

They also have a tram, make sure you ride tram number 28, remember the number tram number 28. Because this tram goes to a beautiful area called Alfama. Alfama is a beautiful area in Lisbon both old and gorgeous, like a village, it has a lot of small coffee shops, very romantic and close to the sea. The houses are next to each other and the streets are narrow. I sat down in one of the small coffee shops and ate crackers with cheese and watched the sunset. My favorite thing about Alfama is the beautiful blue tiles that were everywhere on the houses, the walls, the street, just beautiful!

If you want to visit a lot of palaces or castles you must visit Sintra. In Sintra I felt like a princess, I felt I'm Cinderella. We did a hike in Sintra and saw 3 palaces and all of them were gorgeous, but my favorite palace was Pena. Pena is a different story. Pena castle is colorful and interesting. Something unbelievable!

In Lisbon and Sintra you see a lot of Islamic architecture. Because the Muslims conquered Portugal for more than 500 years. Makes sense, right? Because Portugal was under the Islamic rule for more than 500 years.

If you love to travel you must visit Portugal! I also heard that Porto was gorgeous as well. Porto is on my list and I will keep you posted once I visit.