



stairways, or along secret passageways, it doesn't matter if you think you're lost. Follow our advice, and even if the castle seems as distant as ever, take your time to explore the bowels of this district, without thinking about how far you've got to go.

To compensate tired legs, set your compass for the Pois Café, one of the latest hangouts of Alfama's younger set. This former warehouse has been spectacularly converted into a modern venue, even though part of its decoration could easily have been pilfered from an attic of family bedrooms. The atmosphere is relaxed and sophisticated, with comfortable chairs and sofas, ideal for leisurely moments spent reading or in intimate company, while the tables serve as a stage for animated conversation and endless board game sessions amongst friends. The walls are hung with paintings by exhibiting artists, bookcases hold books to read or swap, and magazines to pass the time while you enjoy a culinary treat prepared by Austrian hostesses Barbara and Catherine, who have gladly exchanged the severe winters of their homeland for the warmth and light



►► A Sé, um ponto de paragem obrigatório no roteiro de Lisboa, está a dois passos: Contorne-a, e sempre a subir, percorra a Rua da Augusto Rosa - que mais tarde se converterá na Rua do Limoeiro, pontuada com diversas lojas de antiguidades. Até ao nosso próximo ponto de paragem surgirão dois conhecidos miradouros de vistas amplas sobre Alfama, onde reconhecerá, com toda a certeza, os caminhos

edifício de cor rosada. Nas suas salas de ambientes aristocráticos do séc. XVIII vive um pequeno tesouro, vulgarmente esquecido pelos roteiros, que nós não queremos que perca: o Museu-Escola de Artes Decorativas Portuguesas com a sua notável colecção de peças de mobiliário desde o séc. XVI, pintura da época, ourivesaria, azulejos barrocos e neoclássicos e os famosos tapetes de Arraiolos. Na