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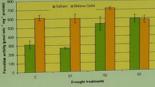
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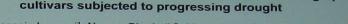
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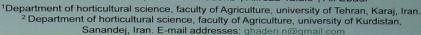




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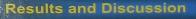


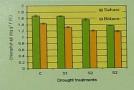
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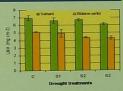
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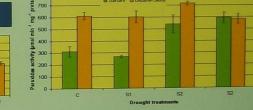
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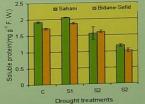






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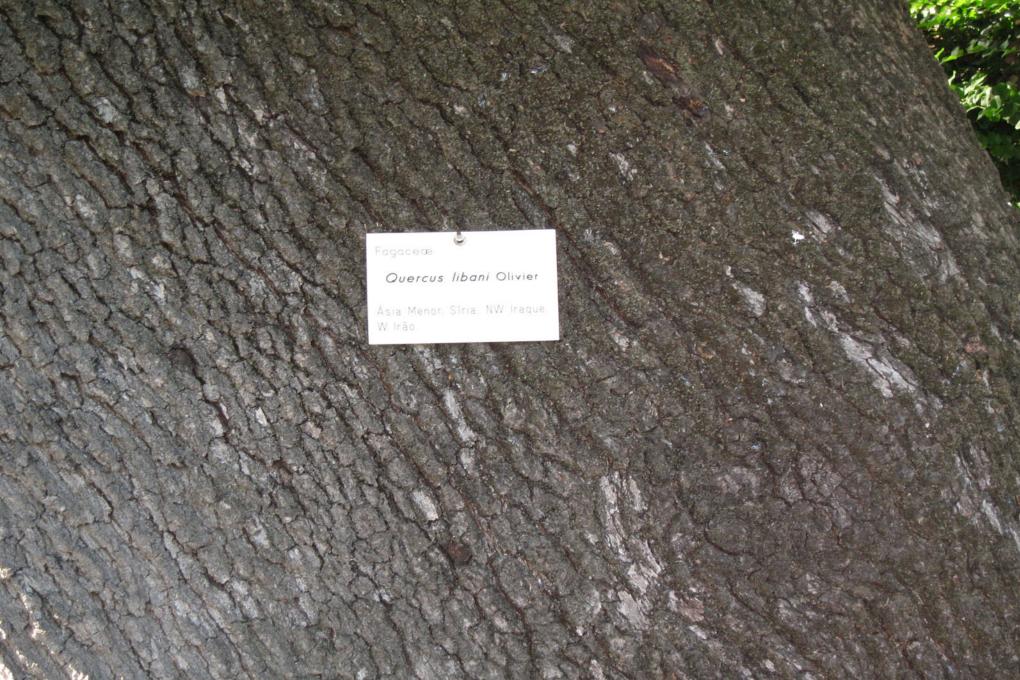
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In the days of Vasco de Gama and Christopher Columbus,
Lisbon sat at the helm of world commerce. The Age of
Discovery may have passed, but this city has been
reinvigorated in the past few years. Tourists have taken notice
of the renovations and innovative new restaurants and clubs,
and many insist that a visit to Lisbon hasn't been this exciting a
prospect in centuries.

The winding alleys and white-washed homes hugging the Atlantic coast are stunning. Walking tours are essential to understanding this city, so most tourists choose to book accommodation in Lisbon city center in order to remain as close to the action as possible. Belèm district ruled in the ages of discovery and conquest, with exotic spices, silk, gems and timber flowing through the adjoining port. Monuments, Jesuit monasteries and the exceptional National Coach Museum are onsite.

There's more to see in the Bairro Alto (Upper City), which was spared by the 18th-century earthquake. This is definitely the place to be after hours, with 16-century homes housing restaurants and hip fado clubs.

Outside of the city's historic core, accommodation in Lisbon can also be found in resort communities like Cascais and Estoril, which are connected to the city center by electric trains. These resorts offer the ideal arrangement for visitors who value time on the beach but don't want to give up access to Lisbon's best cultural attractions.

It's easier than ever to get to Lisbon overland, with new-and-improved bridges and roads joining the new long-distance bus terminal. Many still prefer to fly into Portela Airport, with flights crossing Europe and Africa. The airport is close to the city center, close to hotels in the northeast district.

































