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The Belém Tower (in Portuguese “Torre de Belém”) is a fortified tower located in the Belém district of Lisbon, Portugal. The Belém Tower was built in the early sixteenth century in the Portuguese late-Gothic style, the Manueline, to commemorate Vasco da Gama’s expedition (discovered the sea way to India). This defensive, yet elegant construction has become one of the symbols of the city, a memorial to Portuguese power as it was during the Age of Discovery, which started in the 15th Century and continuing into the 17th Century. In 1983, it was classified, together with the nearby Mosteiro dos Jerónimos (Jerónimos Monastery), as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.