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PORTUGAL



Portugal is the westernmost country of mainland Europe, being bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west and south and by Spain to the north and east. Its capital city is **Lisbon** (Lisboa in Portuguese). There are **10.4 Million** inhabitants in Portugal. The language of Portugal is **Portuguese**.



The unofficial symbol of Portugal is a rooster?

It is called **the Barcelos Rooster**. It is found in many shops under many forms and is almost always very brightly coloured. The story goes that a pilgrim sentenced to death in the city of Barcelos claimed that if he was innocent a rooster would come and crow at the time of his execution. When that time came, a rooster did appear on a table just as the pilgrim was being hanged. The judge then realized his mistake and freed the man just in time.



FUN FACTS ABOUT PORTUGAL

- ALMOST HALF OF THE NEW WORLD ONCE BELONGED TO PORTUGAL
- PORTUGAL HAS HAD THE SAME DEFINED BORDERS SINCE 1139 AD
- PORTUGAL WAS THE FIRST COLONIAL POWER TO ABOLISH SLAVERY
- PORTUGAL PRODUCES 70% OF ALL CORK IN THE WORLD
- THE FIRST PIRATE CODE WAS INVENTED BY BUCCANEER BARTOLOMEU PORTUGUES
- THE VASCO DE GAMA BRIDGE IS THE LONGEST IN ALL OF EUROPE
- PORTUGUESE IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF 9 COUNTRIES AND HAS 250 million SPEAKERS

FAMOUS PORTUGUESE PEOPLE

 Henrique Don Henrique or Henry the Navigator Explorer	 Vasco da Gama Explorer	 Luís de Camões Writer of The Lusitads 16th Century's greatest poet	 António de Oliveira Salazar Prime Minister and Dictator	 António Guterres EU Prime Minister
 Eusébio da Silva Ferreira Footballer	 José Mourinho Football Coach	 Cristiano Ronaldo Footballer	 Fernando Pessoa Writer / Poet	 Amália Rodrigues Singer
 Nelly Furtado Singer	 Sharen Mendis Singer	 Daniela Ruah TV actress	 Salvador Sobral Eurovision Song Contest winner	 LIVE YOUR DREAM PARADISE PORTUGAL EUROPEAN TOURISM AWARDS WINNER 2017

Did you know that the **Hawaiian ukulele** we know today is a descendant of Portuguese instruments brought to Hawaii by Portuguese immigrants from Madeira (Portuguese island)

PORTUGUESE INVENTIONS

 UKULELE	 CARRACKS BLACK SWORD
 GALLEON	 ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION



Portugal was one of the few countries to ever have a totally peaceful revolution in 25th of April 1974. The revolution was called **the carnation revolution**. The population took to the streets to celebrate the end of the Salazar dictatorship and the war with the colonies. Almost no shots were ever fired. Soldiers carried carnations in their guns instead.



There is a different recipe for cod for every day of the year. The Portuguese love to eat cod, in particular dried cod. Called **bacalhau**. Salting the fish is a traditional way of preserving it. Portuguese people eat cod fish for Christmas (not turkey). And any buffet table or party will contain a dish made out of cod fish. Children love these little fried fish cakes made with bacalhau and potatoes called **pasteis de bacalhau**.





By the early 16th Century, the Portuguese were dominating many of the earliest spice routes around the world. Portuguese explorers and navigators played a huge part in finding new territories and bringing new ingredients back and forth between continents. Chilli peppers, potatoes and tomatoes were brought to India by the Portuguese. The Portuguese also brought black pepper back to Europe from Asia. Later, they also introduced coffee to Brazil (then a Portuguese colony).



Black and white, patterned stones adorn the sidewalks and public squares all over Lisbon.



Ian Fleming, the British Writer who created the series **James Bond**, was a real-life spy who was stationed in Lisbon for the British Secret Service. It was at the **Estoril Casino** on the Portuguese Riveira that he was inspired to write his first book, **Casino Royale**.



Inside stairs in Livraria Lello



Brooms Store Entrance

J. K. Rowling moved to **Porto**, in 1991. The author went to teach English class and it was here that she wrote the first three chapters of the book **Harry Potter** and the Philosopher's Stone. Many of the places in this charming city served as a source of inspiration for the author.



Cascais



In 1662, King of UK King Charles II married **Caterina de Braganza**, the daughter of Portugal's King John IV. She became Queen of England, Scotland and Ireland, and she's regarded as **starting the tea** trend in Britain.



Oceanario de Lisbon is the world's largest salt water aquarium.



In Portugal the main holidays we have are: **Christmas**, **Carnaval** and **Easter**



There's a small fishing village called **Nazare** north of Lisbon where the world's largest rideable waves occur. It's believed the biggest-ever wave was 100 feet high.



