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## DISCOVER PORTUGAL

### THE OLDEST BORDERS IN EUROPE

Portugal has had its borders defined since 1139, making it the country with the oldest borders in Europe. Lisbon, the capital, is older than Rome and one of the world's most ancient cities.

This date marks the proclamation of King Afonso Henriques as the first King of Portugal after his victory at the Battle of Ourique.

### PORTUGUESE IS SPOKEN WORLDWIDE

With over 260 million speakers, Portuguese is the sixth most spoken language on the planet. It is the official language in countries across four continents, including Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique, Portugal, Timor-Leste, and São Tomé and Príncipe.

### FADO, WORLD HERITAGE



Portugal's traditional music, **Fado**, is renowned for its **melancholy** and **emotional** depth. Declared an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO, listening to Fado is a unique experience not to be missed.

The word *Fado* comes from the Latin *fatum*, meaning "destiny". Its lyrics often explore themes such as melancholy, longing (*saudade*), and love, reflecting life's ups and downs.

Although *Fado's* exact origins are unclear, it is believed to have emerged in Lisbon's neighborhoods, such as Alfama and Mouraria, in the early 19th century. Initially sung by sailors and working-class people, it expressed their emotions and longings.

### NAZARÉ'S GIANT WAVES: A UNIQUE NATURAL PHENOMENON



The coastal town of Nazaré is globally famous for its giant waves, attracting elite surfers, scientists, and tourists. This phenomenon is due to the unique natural conditions that make Nazaré's waves some of the largest and most spectacular on the planet.

The *Nazaré Canyon* is a submarine geological formation playing a critical role in the creation of these waves. It's one of the world's largest submarine canyons, extending 170 km and reaching depths of 5,000 meters.

In 2011, American surfer **Garrett McNamara** made history by riding a **30-meter** wave in Nazaré, setting a world record for the largest wave ever surfed. This event placed Nazaré on the international map as a must-visit destination for big wave surfing.



## THE BIRTHPLACE OF SAUDADE

*Saudade* refers to a feeling of longing or melancholy caused by the absence of someone or something beloved. It goes beyond mere yearning; it's a complex emotion blending the pain of separation with the sweetness of cherished memories.

There's no direct translation in many languages, making *saudade* a culturally unique expression, deeply associated with Portugal and Portuguese-speaking countries.

The term was widely used during the Portuguese Age of Discoveries (15th and 16th centuries), when sailors left their families and homeland, feeling the deep absence of loved ones.

## AZULEJOS: CERAMIC ART AND HISTORY

Portuguese tiles (*azulejos*) are renowned worldwide for their detail and beauty. These decorative tiles tell stories, depict landscapes, and adorn buildings from the north to the south of the country.

The word *azulejo* comes from the Arabic *al-zuleij*, meaning "small polished stone." This technique

was introduced to the Iberian Peninsula in the 13th century but gained unique characteristics in Portugal, transforming into a distinctive art form.

In addition to their aesthetic value, tiles also serve practical purposes: they protect walls from humidity, help keep interiors cool during summer, and retain warmth in winter.

## PASTEL DE BELÉM: A CULINARY TREASURE OF LISBON

The *Pastel de Belém* is one of the most iconic symbols of Portuguese gastronomy and, at the same time, one of the country's greatest culinary mysteries. Although thousands of imitations exist worldwide, the original recipe has been kept a secret since 1837, making this pastry a unique experience only available at the *Fábrica dos Pastéis de Belém* in Lisbon.

The original recipe is known only to a select group of pastry chefs who have sworn to absolute secrecy. These chefs work in the "**Secret Workshop**", a restricted area inside the factory.

The *Pastel de Belém* is not just a dessert; it is a time capsule transporting those who taste it to the roots of Portuguese tradition and history. It is a must-try for any food lover!



## CODE OF CONDUCT

At the 16th World Scout Moot, every participant is responsible for contributing to a positive and enriching experience. To ensure that everyone can enjoy this event to the fullest, we present the Code of Conduct, which must be followed by all involved.

*Find out more here!*

[worldscoutmoot.pt/code-of-conduct/](http://worldscoutmoot.pt/code-of-conduct/)

## 16<sup>TH</sup> WORLD SCOUT MOOT VISUAL IDENTITY MANUAL

We remind you that a guide is available to ensure the consistency and visual identity of our event, reflecting the **values, energy, and diversity** that define the scouting movement. Here you will find all the essential guidelines for the proper application of graphic elements, ensuring clear communication aligned with the Moot's official image.

Together, let's create a visual experience that inspires and unites scouts from all over the world!

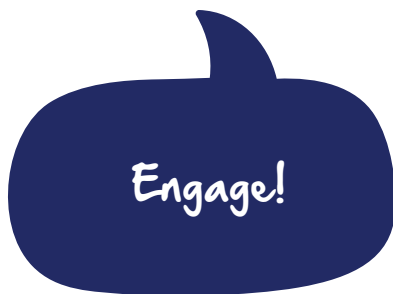
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## CONTINGENT TENT RENTAL

At the 16th World Scout Moot in Portugal, contingents can rent a Contingent Tent at the Main Camp – Buçaquinho Scout Camp. These tents provide a central space for meetings, storing materials, and sharing your Scouting culture.



Secure your tent and get ready for an amazing Moot experience. Applications open 1st February 2025.

See [here](#) the details on how to apply.

## HEAD OF CONTINGENT ROLE

Are you ready to **Engage!** and take on a leadership role in an unforgettable global Scouting adventure? As the Head of Contingent (HoC) for your National Scout Organization (NSO), you will be responsible for guiding and managing your contingent through the 16th World Scout Moot in Portugal.

From preparation and logistics to on-the-ground leadership and post-event follow-up, your mission is to ensure a safe, enriching, and inspiring experience for all participants. This role demands strong leadership, organization, and a passion for Scouting, as you coordinate training, travel, and support for your team.

Step up, **Engage!**, and help your contingent make the most of this extraordinary journey!

Find the guide [here](#).

