

## Did you know?

### **A Canadian First**

In 1705, Portuguese-born Pedro Da Silva became the first officially commissioned postal letter carrier in Canada

Source: Canada Post. "Celebrating Portuguese heritage and Canada's first letter carrier"  
<http://www.canadapost.ca/business/corporate/bout/newsroom/pr/default-e.asp?prid=856>

### **Sail Away**

Did you know that Jacques Cartier learned to sail with the Portuguese sailors and was an interpreter of Portuguese language?

Source: Manuel Carvalho "Jacques Cartier and the Portuguese,"  
<http://manuelcarvalho.8m.com/cartier.html>

### **The First Synagogue**

The first Jewish people of Portuguese ancestry arrived in Montreal in 1760, and founded the first synagogue in Quebec and in Canada in 1768.

Source: The Spanish and Portuguese in Montreal "A History of the Spanish-Portuguese Congregation, <http://www.spanishportuguese-mtl.org/synagogue/about.shtml>

### **Up, up and away!**

Did you know that Brazil launched its first space rocket in 2004.

Source: Justin Ray, Spaceflight Now, <http://spaceflightnow.com/sealaunch/estreladosul1/>

### **That's a lot of Portuguese!**

According to 2001 Canada Census, Toronto with 171,545 and Montreal with 41,050 are the two Canadian cities with the largest Portuguese-Canadian populations.

Source: No Source Available

### **A Real Shutterbug**

Carmen Tomé, a Portuguese native, was the first woman to win Canada's illustrious "Commercial Photographer of the Year Award" in 1997.

Source: No Source Available

### **A Rising Star**

Canadian fashion designer Arthur Mendonça grew up in São Miguel. He was named "a rising star" by British Vogue and "one to watch" by Elle Canada

Source: No Source Available

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The mural of 'azulejos' in Toronto's Queen's Park subway station commemorates the 50th anniversary of Portuguese settlement in Canada.

Source: No Source Available

## **A New Discovery**

In 1492, Gaspar Corte Real left Azores and discovered Canada as his boat sailed along Newfoundland and Labrador.

Source: Government of Canada. Gaspar Corte Real,  
<http://collections.ic.gc.ca/placentia/gaspar.htm>

## **Find Your Ancestors**

Did you know that you can search for your ancestors in free Ships Passenger lists at the OliveTreeGenealogy.com website?

Source: Lorine McGinnis Schulze, "The Olive Tree Genealogy"  
<http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com>

## **What is Genealogy?**

'Genealogy' is the study of family history. Retrace your Portuguese ancestry in our Força Knowledge section!

Source: Fernando Candido, "Portuguese Genealogy"  
<http://www.geocities.com/fcandido2001/portgen/portuguesegen.html#>

## **Did you know?**

What Oscar winning actor and producer is of Azorean descent? Tom Hanks!

Source: The Portuguese-American Historical and Research Foundation. "Tom Hanks of Portuguese Ancestors" "<http://www.portuguesefoundation.org/newspage2>.

## **A Canadian First**

Arlindo Vieira was the first person of Portuguese descent to be admitted to the Quebec Bar in 1970. Read about famous Portuguese-speaking people in the Força Fame section!

Source: No Source Available

## **Bay of Fundy**

The first European to probe the Bay of Fundy was probably the Portuguese explorer Joao Álvares Fagundes in 1520.

Source: Mount Allison University. "European Contact and Mapping,"  
[http://www.mta.ca/marshland/topic3\\_europeans/european.htm](http://www.mta.ca/marshland/topic3_europeans/european.htm)

### **What a feeling**

The Portuguese word, 'Saudade', has no equivalent word in the English language - It describes a feeling of longing for something you are fond of.

Source: Wikipedia. Definition of Saudade, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudade>

### **Canadian Stats**

The highest number of arrivals of Portuguese to Manitoba occurred from 1971 to 1974. In 1971, there were 657 arrivals, in 1973, there were 623 and in 1974 there were 637 arrivals.

Source: Government of Manitoba. "A Profile of the Portuguese Community in Manitoba," [http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/immigrate/multiculturalism/2\\_3.html#4](http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/immigrate/multiculturalism/2_3.html#4)

### **Canadian Stats**

The highest number of Portuguese to arrive in Canada from 1973 - 1974 (the year prior to and the year of the revolution in Portugal) – is 13,483 and 16,333 respectively.

Source: Government of Manitoba. "A Profile of the Portuguese Community in Manitoba," [http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/immigrate/multiculturalism/2\\_3.html#4](http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/immigrate/multiculturalism/2_3.html#4)

### **Labrador**

"Labrador" is one of the oldest names of European origin in Canada and is named after Portuguese explorer João Fernandes Lavrador who first sighted it in 1492.

Source: Wikipedia. "Labrador," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labrador>

### **Canadian Stats**

There are approximately 500,000 Portuguese-Canadians -the bulk of which comes from the Azores. Portuguese-Canadians live mainly in Toronto, Montreal Vancouver, London, Winnipeg and Ottawa.

Source: Government of Canada. "Portugal," [http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/canada-europa/portugal/right\\_nav/canada\\_portugal\\_806-en.asp](http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/canada-europa/portugal/right_nav/canada_portugal_806-en.asp)

### **Did you know?**

Did you know that the following Canadians are of Luso-ancestry?

- Shawn Desman
- Keshia Chanté
- Arthur Mendonca

Source: Wikipedia. "Portuguese Americans," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Portuguese-Americans>

### **Did you know?**

Did you know the following female Americans are of Luso-ancestry?

- Theresa Heinz Kerry, Wife US Senator
- Meredith Vieira, TV Personality
- Danielle Steel, Author

Source: The Portuguese-American Historical and Research Foundation. Famous database, <http://www.portuguese-foundation.org/famous.htm>

### **Did you know?**

Famous Luso-American Rock Musicians:

- Joe Perry, Aerosmith
- Steve Perry, Journey
- Linda Perry, 4Non Blondes
- Nuno Bettencourt, Extreme

Source: Wikipedia. "Portuguese Americans," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Portuguese-Americans>  
The Portuguese-American Historical and Research Foundation. Famous database, <http://www.portuguese-foundation.org/famous.htm>

### **Did you know?**

Paula Abdul was born in California. Her mother is a Jewish Canadian was born in Saint Boniface, Winnipeg. Her father, Harry Abdul, is a Syrian-Brazilian orphan who was born to parents of Sephardic Jewish descent.

Source: Wikipedia. "Paula Abdul," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paula\\_Abdul](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paula_Abdul)

### **The name game**

"New Christians" (converted Jews) adopted names such as Pereira & Oliveira (after trees), Ribeiro & Matos (geographic sites), and Coelho & Peixe (animals)

Source: Wikipedia. "Most Common Surnames," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_most\\_common\\_surnames#Brazil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_most_common_surnames#Brazil)  
Wikipedia. "Most Common Surnames," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_most\\_common\\_surnames#Portugal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_most_common_surnames#Portugal)  
Saudades. "Sephardic Links," <http://www.saudades.org/links.html>

### **What's in a name?**

Ferreira, a common Portuguese family name, means blacksmith and iron mine.

Source: Wikipedia. "Ferreira," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferreira>

### **Did you know?**

In 2004, Luisa Dias Diogo was elected Prime Minister of Mozambique.

Source: Wikipedia. "Luisa Diongo," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luisa\\_Diogo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luisa_Diogo)

### **Did you know?**

Did you know that the currency in Angola is called "Kwanza"?

Source: Wikipedia. "Angola," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angola>

### **Did you know?**

Did you know the official language of Angola is Portuguese? They also speak Umbundu, Kimbundu, and Kikongo.

Source: BBC News. "Angola Profile," [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country\\_profiles/1063073.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/country_profiles/1063073.stm)

### **Kumbaya**

Did you know that the famous folk song Kumbaya – Come by here, my Lord, is Angolan?

Source: Wikipedia. "Culture of Angola," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture\\_of\\_Angola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Culture_of_Angola)

### **Did you know?**

Carmen Pereira became the first female President in Africa in 1984 and is the only one in Guinea-Bissau as of 2006.

Source: Wikipedia. "Carmen Pereira," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carmen\\_Pereira](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carmen_Pereira)

### **Did you know?**

To this date, Maria de Lurdes Pintasilgo was the first woman to serve as Prime Minister of Portugal.

Source: Wikipedia. "State of Guinea\_Bissau," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heads\\_of\\_State\\_of\\_Guinea-Bissau](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heads_of_State_of_Guinea-Bissau)  
Wikipedia. "Maria de Lurdes Pintasilgo," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria\\_de\\_Lurdes\\_Pintasilgo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_de_Lurdes_Pintasilgo)

### **A landmark name**

The name "Macau" comes from the A-Ma/Ma Kok Temple, landmark built in 1448 dedicated to the goddess Matsu.

Source: Wikipedia. "Macau," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macau>

### **Did you know?**

Since the handover of administration in 1999, the government of Macau considers "Macao" the official English spelling of the name, whereas "Macau" remains the official spelling in Portuguese.

Source: Wikipedia. "Macau," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macau>

### **Did you know?**

Macau is the world's most densely populated country.

Source: Wikipedia. "Population by density,"  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_population\\_density](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_population_density)

### **Flying high**

The Wright brothers did NOT invent the airplane; it was Alberto Santos Dumont -- a Brazilian living in Paris, France!

Source: Wikipedia. "Alberto Santos-Dumont," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alberto\\_Santos-Dumont](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alberto_Santos-Dumont)

### **Paved in gold**

A Mozambique road has been named after Maria Mutola, Gold Medal winner in the 800m race at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Source: Wikipedia. "M Wikipedia. "East Timor,"  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East\\_Timor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Timor) aria Mutola,"  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria\\_Mutola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_Mutola)

### **Did you know?**

East Timor's two official languages are Portuguese and Tetum, a local Austronesian language.

Source: Wikipedia. "East Timor," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East\\_Timor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Timor)

### **Did you know?**

In 1990, São Tomé became one of the first African countries to embrace democratic reform. In 1991, elections were nonviolent & free.

Source: Wikipedia. "Sao Tome E Principe,"  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sao\\_Tome\\_and\\_Principe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sao_Tome_and_Principe)

### **Small but significant**

The islands of São Tomé and Príncipe are Africa's smallest country.

Source: Wikipedia. "Sao Tome E Principe,"  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sao\\_Tome\\_and\\_Principe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sao_Tome_and_Principe)

### **Did you know?**

The equator lies south of São Tomé Island, passing near the island Ilhéu das Rolas.

Source: Wikipedia. "Sao Tome E Principe,"  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sao\\_Tome\\_and\\_Principe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sao_Tome_and_Principe)

### **Did you know?**

São Tomé and Príncipe has 4 national languages: Portuguese (spoken by 95% of the population), and the Portuguese-based creoles Forro (85%), Angolar (3%) and Principense (1%).

Source: No Source Available

### **She's the boss**

The following Portuguese-speaking countries have had female Prime Ministers: Guinea-Bissau, Portugal, Mozambique, and São Tomé e Príncipe

Source: No Source Available

### **Did you know?**

Did you know that the Prime Minister of Sao Tome and Principe was a woman 2002-2004? Her name was Maria das Neves Ceita Batista de Sousa.

Source: Worldwide Guide to Women in Leadership. "African Female Leaders," <http://www.guide2womenleaders.com/womeninpower/Africa.htm>

### **The official language**

Portuguese is the official language of Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and São Tomé and Príncipe, and the co-official language of Macau and in East Timor.

Source: Wikipedia. "Portuguese Language," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese\\_language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language)

### **Who speaks Portuguese?**

Approximately 223 million people worldwide speak Portuguese. The largest numbers of Portuguese speakers are found in Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde, and the United States.

Source: University of Buffalo. "Portuguese," <http://undergrad-catalog.buffalo.edu/cat0001/portugue.htm>

### **Who speaks Portuguese?**

Portuguese is spoken by 187 million people in South America, 17 million in Africa, 12 million in Europe, 2 million in North America and 610,000 in Asia.

Source: Wikipedia. "Portuguese Language," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese\\_language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language)

### **Did you know?**

Portuguese contains a large number of words of Arabic origin, and its vocabulary contains many words of French and Greek, Carthaginian, Celtic, and Phoenician origins.

Source: Encarta. "Portuguese Language," [http://uk.encyclopedia.msn.com/encyclopedia\\_761564972/Portuguese\\_Language.html](http://uk.encyclopedia.msn.com/encyclopedia_761564972/Portuguese_Language.html)

### **Did you know?**

Portuguese is ranked sixth among the world's languages in number of native speakers (over 200 million), and first in South America.

Source: Wikipedia. "Portuguese Language," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese\\_language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language)

### **What is a Lusophone?**

A Lusophone is someone who speaks the Portuguese language natively or by adoption. As an adjective, it means "Portuguese-speaking."

Source: Wikipedia. "Lusophone," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lusophone>

### **An independent country**

Portugal was formally recognized by the Kingdom of Leon as an independent country in 1143.

Source: Wikipedia. "Lusophone," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lusophone>

### **What is a Lusophone?**

'Lusophone' refers to people whose cultural background is primarily associated with Portuguese language, regardless of ethnic and geographical differences.

Source: Wikipedia. "Lusophone," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lusophone>

### **What is a Lusophone?**

The word "Lusophone" is derived from the name of the ancient Roman province of Lusitania, which covered an area that is today Portugal.

Source: Wikipedia. "Portugues Language," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese\\_language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_language)

### **The nine islands**

Azores located in the middle of the Atlantic, half way between Europe and North America, consists of nine islands.

Source: Portugal. "Islands," <http://www.portugal.com/portugal/islands.asp> Portugal. "Islands," <http://www.portugal.com/portugal/islands.asp>

### **Did you know?**

The Azores 9 islands consist of: Sao Miguel, Pico, Horta, Santa Maria, Faial, Terceira, Sao Jorge, Graciosa, Flores and Corvo.

Source:  
Azores. "Azores," <http://www.azores.com/azores/azores.php>

### **Did you know?**

The Portuguese islands include the Azores (9 islands) & Madeira (which includes Madeira and the island of Porto Santo).

Source: Portugal. "Islands," <http://www.portugal.com/portugal/islands.asp>

### **Did you know?**

Madeira's five-century-old capital is said to have been named 'Funchal' because of the abundance of fennel (funcho) that was growing there

Source: Wikipedia. "Madeira," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madeira>

### **What is Crioulo?**

Although Portuguese is the official language, Crioulo, an archaic Portuguese dialect with a pronunciation that reveals African influences, is the spoken language of Cape Verde.

Source: Nations Encyclopedia. "Cape Verde," <http://www.nationsencyclopedia.com/Africa/Cape-Verde.html>

### **Did you know?**

Cape Verde is located on the west side of Africa – west of Dakar, Senegal, and it consists of 10 islands and five islets.

Source: Nations Encyclopedia. "Cape Verde Location," <http://www.nationsencyclopedia.com/Africa/Cape-Verde-LOCATION-SIZE-AND-EXTENT.html>

### **Did you know?**

The population of Cape Verde in 2003 was estimated at 463,000, which placed it as number 162 in population among the 193 nations of the world.

Source: No Source Available

### **What's in a name?**

Portuguese surnames have several origins - the most common are of animals and plants, such as Carneiro (mutton), Leão (lion), Silveira (a bush), Oliveira (olive tree), Macieira (apple tree), Pereira (pear tree).

Source: No Source Available

### **A forbidden thing**

Marranos (from the Arabic meaning "a forbidden thing"), were Sephardic Jews who adopted the identity of Christians during the time of the inquisition.

Source: Wikipedia. "Marranos," <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marranos>

### **Did you know?**

Did you know that Portugal is approximately the size of Scotland with twice the population?

Source: Portugal. "Portugal," <http://www.portugal.com/portugal/portugal.asp>

### **A Canadian First**

Mario Silva was born in Azores, Portugal on June 11, 1966 and is the first Portuguese-Canadian to serve in the Canadian Parliament.

Source: Mario Silva "About Mario," <http://www.mariosilva.ca/AboutMario.html> \

### **Tiny Bubbles**

Famous entertainer Don Ho is of mixed Chinese, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Dutch and German descent. Ho's most famous song, "Tiny Bubbles" topped the charts in 1966.

Source: Wikipedia. "Don Ho," [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don\\_Ho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_Ho)

### **That's a fact**

East Timor is 91.4% Roman Catholic, 2.6% Protestant, 1.7% Muslim, 0.3% Hindu, 0.1% Buddhist

Source: Lonely Planet. "East Timor," <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/asia/east-timor/essential?a=soc>

### **The first President**

The first presidential elections in East Timor were held in 2002, with popular leader Xanana Gusmao winning by a landslide.

Source: Lonely Planet. "East Timor," <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/asia/east-timor/essential?a=culture>

### **Did you know?**

Portuguese-speaking Guinea-Bissau is located on the west side of Africa, south of Senegal and north of the Republic of Guinea.

Source: World Atlas, "Africa," <http://worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/africa/gw.htm>

### **A best seller**

Portuguese-Language author wins Nobel Prize: The books of José Saramago, a Portuguese writer, have been translated in more than 30 languages. He is a best-selling contemporary writer in Portugal.

Source: The Portuguese-American Historical and Research Foundation. "Jose Saramago", <http://www.pahrf.org/jose-saramago>