

# *PORTUGAL*



With more than 800 years of history, Portugal is one of the oldest countries in the world. During the centuries, a lot of traditions and customs have been established, which define this country and its society.

There are too many reasons to visit Portugal, according to its gastronomy, music, popular festivals and pilgrimages. It's wonderful!

## GASTRONOMY

Portugal is one of the countries with the best culinary traditions. The food that stood out from the beginning was the **cod**. And the most important thing, it has to be accompanied by the good "**Oporto's wine**". It is produced there and something very representative from the country.



## MUSIC

Portugal is very popular because of the music, too. One of the most characteristic musical genres is "**fado**", known worldwide. Over the years it has been gaining projection through cinema, theater, etc. It is marked by longing, melancholy and destiny. Another important genre is the **popular music**, appearing in many Portuguese festivals. The most popular styles are "Bailinho da Madeira", "Malhão" and "vira".



## POPULAR FESTIVALS AND PILGRIMAGES

Places like "Santo Antonio", "San Pedro" and "São João", and pilgrimages to the sanctuary of "Nuestra Señora de Fátima", and more, move millions of national tourists through the towns and streets of Portugal. "San Antonio" festivals are the most important ones, celebrated in the week of the 13th June.



## ARTS AND CRAFTS

Another important area is the culture of Portugal, which has been arts and crafts. They have become really important at a national level, especially tapestry, ceramics, jewelry... Something really common are the **carpets** in which Portuguese works, religion, etc. are represented. The most representative ones are: "Arraiolos" carpets.



To conclude, Portugal is a very beautiful country, with lots of traditions, things and places to visit, so I encourage everybody to travel to Portugal; I'm sure we would learn a lot and we would return to Spain with a really good memory! An unforgettable experience!!



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