



Portugal is a country in Europe on the Iberian Peninsula. Because it is on a peninsula it only has one neighboring

country, Spain.

Portugal was once a monarchy, with a king or queen ruling it, but it is now a presidential republic.



The president is elected for five years at a time, and works with the Assembly in the capital of Lisbon.

Portugal has the Atlantic Ocean on one side of it, so fish is a common dish to eat. The country is split down the middle by the Tagus

River. The two largest lakes are Loriga and Esmoriz. Portugal has a fairly temperate climate. It tends to be somewhat warmer, but does not get too cold.

There are many animals in Portugal you can find many other places, bears, wolves, bats, but the Lusitano horse is the most well-known. It can be many colors, but is most commonly gray or chestnut. They are known for their high-spirited gait and were highly sought after for a riding horse.



Traditionally the Portuguese wear bright colored clothes. The men wear pants, a short jacket or vest, white shirts, and bright colored sash. The women wear long brightly colored skirts, and



white or colored shirts with lots of embroidery.

Most of the people in Portugal are Catholic, but there is a smattering of Buddhists, Protestants, Muslims, Mormons, and several other religions. The people in Portugal speak Portuguese. It has been one of the more stable countries in Europe, and has been united since the mid-1400s.



The Portuguese eat many different foods, but they are most known for their seafood dishes, in particular dried cod called bacalau. Portugal also has some fine soups including Kale soup, and a delicious dessert called Queijadas.