

**NATIONAL  
HOLIDAY:**

**10<sup>th</sup> of June**



**Day of Portugal, of Camões and the  
Portuguese communities**

# PORTUGAL

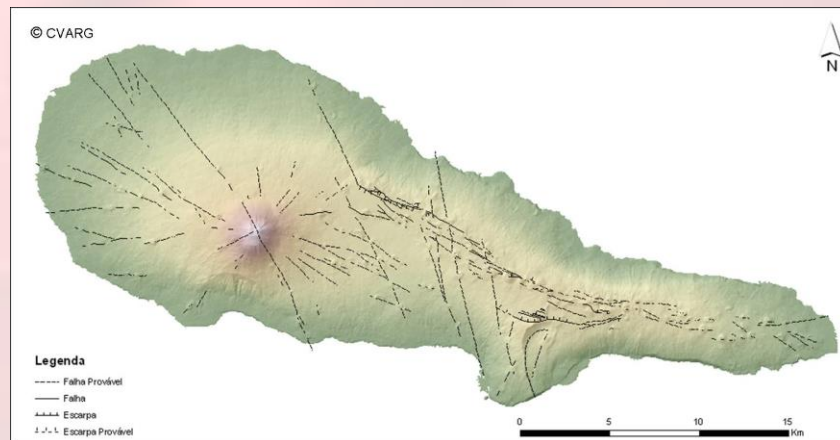
Portugal is a 874 years old country, it's located in the berian Peninsula

Our country has two archipelagoes Madeira and Azores.

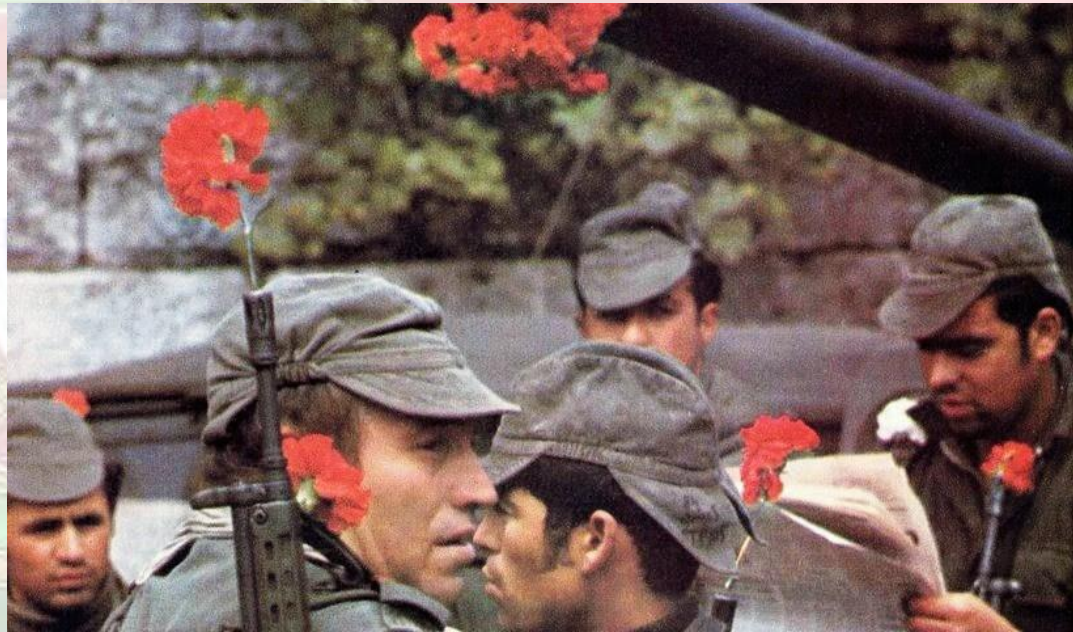
And we're from the Azores...



...more properly from Pico island!

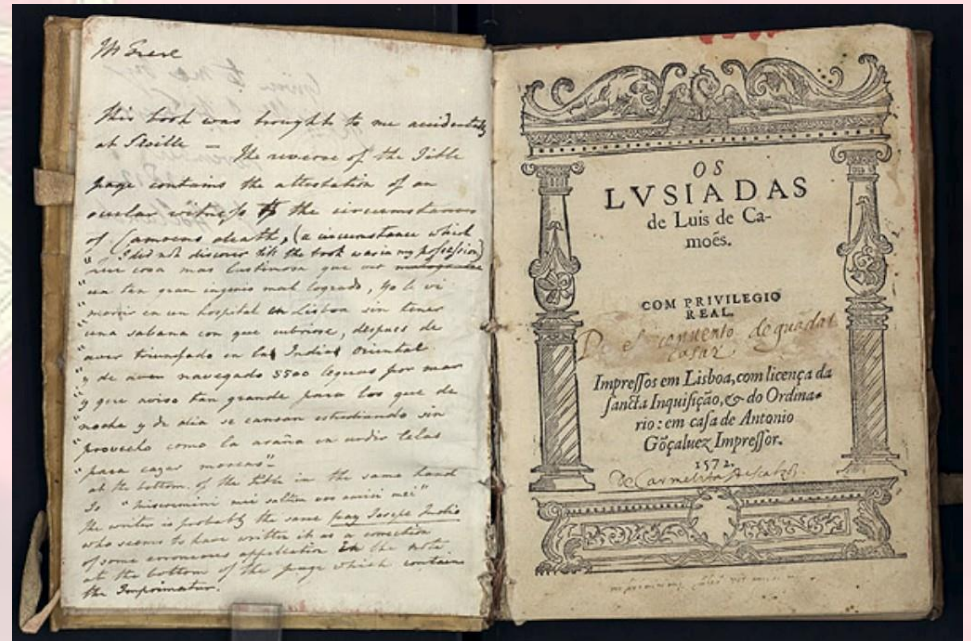


Between 1933 and 1974 Portugal was under a dictatorial regime and the 10<sup>th</sup> of June was celebrated as “The race day” that honored the Portuguese race and nation and exacerbated the national characteristics.



After the peaceful revolution of 25<sup>th</sup> of April this day started to be celebrated as the day of Portugal, of Camões and the Portuguese communities.

Luís de Camões was a Portuguese poet and the author of “Os Lusíadas”, one of the most important literary works of our country, which celebrates the maritime and warring feats of Portugal. He went as a soldier to Africa, where he participated in the war against the muslims. During that combat he lost his right eye.



This celebration allies the patriotic feeling with the adventurous spirit of the Portuguese people that as in the times of the maritime expansion, Portuguese grandiosity continues to spread through the various continents carrying the knowledge, the language, the culture.



This day is celebrated all around the world by Portuguese descendants since Portugal had colonies all over the 5 continents.



The celebrations involves various military ceremonies, exhibitions, concerts, pageants and parades, and an awards ceremony by the President of the Portuguese Republic. Every year, the President chooses a city to host the official celebrations.

