

Concise History of Portugal

- 1104 BC "Portugal" ruled by the Phoenicians
- 258 BC Carthaginians conquered "Portugal"
- 15 BC Romans began to extend empire into "Portugal"
- 416 AD "Portugal" was ruled by the Visigoths
- 711 "Portugal" was ruled by the Arabs (Moors)
- 739 "Portugal" was ruled by the Leonese
- 1143 Birth of the kingdom of Portugal; first king: Dom Afonso Henriques
- 1272 Afonso III conquers Faro from the Moors removing all Muslim communities from the country
- 1319 Dom Diniz, the Poet King establishes Order of Christ, following the abolition of Templars
- 1394 [Henry the Navigator is born](#)
- 1415 Portugal conquers the city of Ceuta in northern Africa; the exploration of Africa begins
- 1419 Madeira Islands are discovered

- 1427** **The Azore Islands are discovered**
- 1434/88** **Maritime expeditions to the African Coast:
Cape Bojador, Cape Verde, Guinea, Sierra Leone,
Benin, Zaire and Cape of Good Hope**
- 1491** **Bartolomeu Dias becomes the first European
captain to cross the Cape of Good Hope**
- 1497/98** **Vasco da Gama's maritime voyage to India**
- 1500** **Pedro Alvares Cabral discovers Brazil**
- 1511** **Arrival of the Portuguese in China**
- 1519/22** **Fernão de Magalhães (Magellan) organized first
circumnavigation of the globe, finding a route
to the Orient around southern tip of South America**
- 1542-43** **João Rodrigues Cabrilho first European to reach the
coast of California**
- 1543** **Arrival of the Portuguese in Japan**
- 1572** **Luís de Camões publishes "Os Lusíadas"**
- 1580** **Philip II of Spain becomes Philip I of Portugal and
independence is lost to Spain after disappearance
of Dom Sebastião in Alcazarquivir, Morocco**
- 1640** **Duke of Braganza becomes king, ends Spanish rule**

- 1736** Economic and artistic apogee in Portugal
- 1755** Earthquake and reconstruction of Lisbon
- 1807/11** Napoleonic invasions
- 1822** Brazil proclaims independence
- 1867** Abolition of capital Punishment
- 1908** Regicide of Dom Carlos
- 1910** Revolution and establishment of the Republic
- 1922** First crossing of the South Atlantic by airplane, by Coutinho and Cabral
- 1926** Military coup brings fascist leaders to power
- 1932** Salazar becomes Prime Minister
- 1974** The Carnation Revolution ends the fascist regime
- 1975** Beginning of African decolonization
- 1986** Portugal joins the European Economic Community