

Update on the Lord's Move in Lisbon

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Geography & Position

Lisbon is located on the westernmost part of the **Iberian Peninsula** in southwestern Europe.

Bordered on the west and south by the Atlantic Ocean and on the north and east by Spain.

Includes the archipelagos islands of the Azores and Madeira.

Member of the European Union



Geography & Position

Lisbon is 6 hour drive from Madrid and other localities in Spain.

There are several churches within one day's drive, train ride, or a short flight.

By plane:

- 1.5 hour flight to Madrid
- 2.5 hour flight to London
- 2.5 hour flight to Paris
- 3.5 hour flight to Berlin



History

One of the oldest nations in Europe

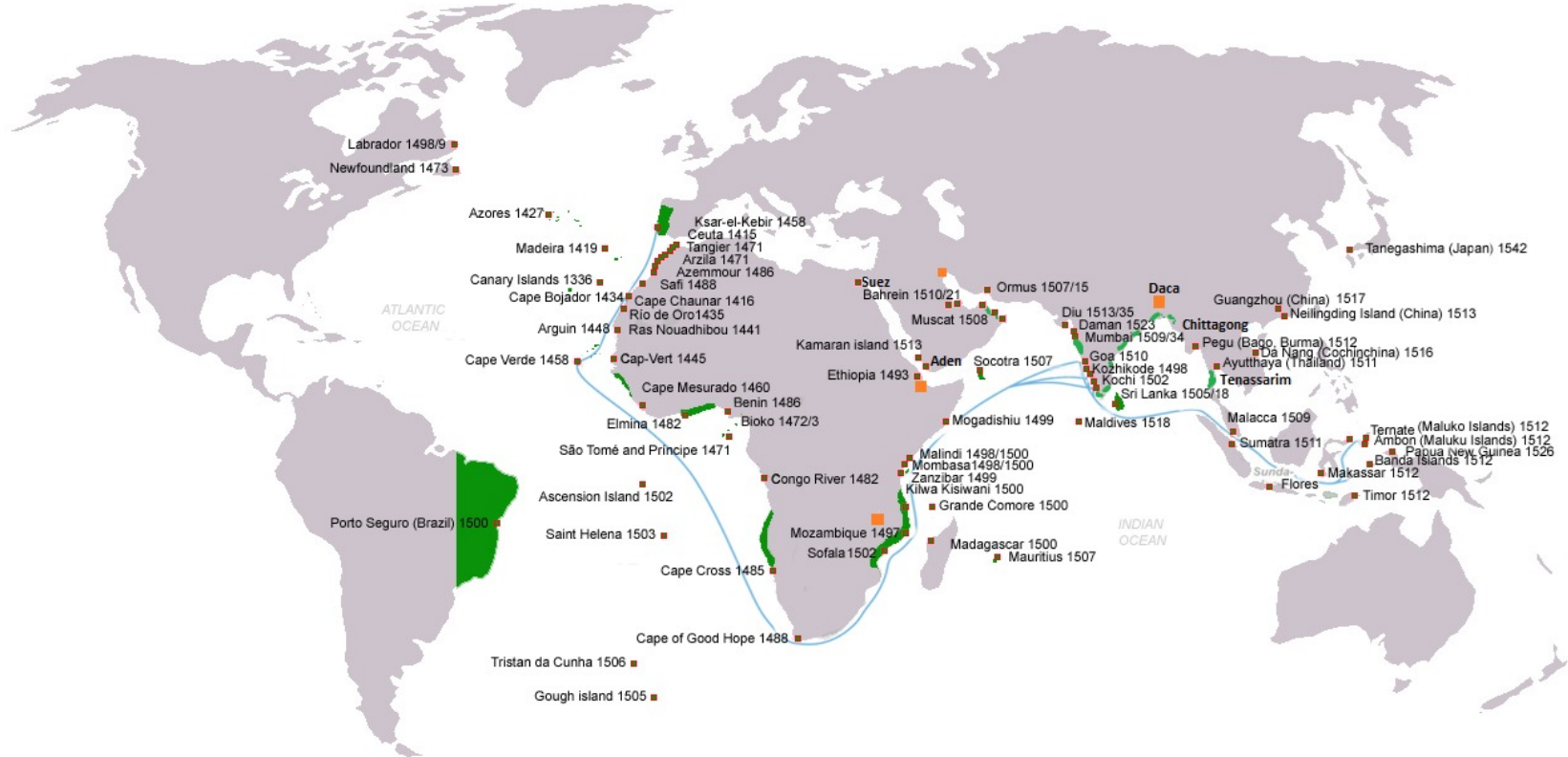
Worldwide legacy of cultural, architectural, and linguistic influence across the world due to vast impact of the “Age of Discovery” in 14th/15th centuries, including:

- Brazil
- Angola
- Mozambique
- Macao

and many other places throughout the world



History and Impact of Portugal



Population

Portugal has a population of 11 million

Ranked on the Global Peace Index as the 3rd safest country in the world.

Other facts about Portugal:

60%-70% of the population of Portugal identifies as Roman Catholic; less than 30% of those living in Lisbon attend services regularly*

About 6.8% of the population described themselves in the 2011 census as “having no religion”**

* <https://worldpopulationreview.com/world-cities/>, Accessed 6 Oct 2020

** <https://www.Ine.pt/Censos 2011/Resultados definitivos/Portugal População> (Accessed 6 Oct 2020)



Population

Portugal fits within the state of Pernambuco, still with a balance of 6.000km

State of São Paulo in Brazil is 2.7X larger than Portugal



Population: Lisbon

Capital of Portugal

Lisbon city: 545,000

Lisbon metropolitan area: 2.59M (approx 27% of the population of Portugal)

Lisbon is home to 14 public and private universities, colleges, and institutes



Lisbon

Lisbon today is a **mix** of cultures from its long history and...



Lisbon

..more contemporary aspects, including a very good transportation infrastructure and growing technology sector.



Universities in Portugal

Total of 98 Universities in Portugal*.

Three specific districts with major universities are:

- **Lisbon** - 14 schools, >119,000 students
- **Porto** - 9 schools; 31,000 students at U Porto alone
- **Coimbra** - 6 schools; 25,000 students at U Coimbra alone - home to one of Europe's oldest universities (est. 1290 AD)

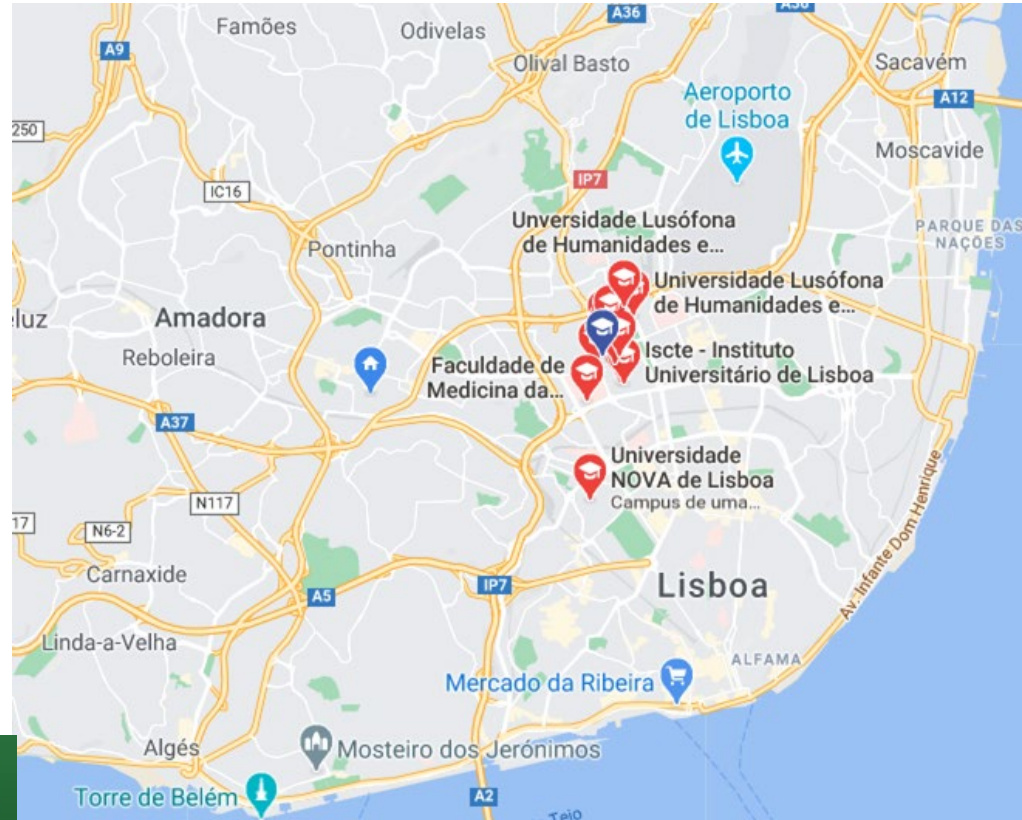


Sources: https://www.topuniversities.com/where_to_study/europe/portugal/guide#:~:text=Ranked%20joint%20305th%20in,47%2C000%20students%20in%2018%20faculties ;
https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/education/files/document_library-docs/et-monitor-report-2018-portugal_en.pdf

Higher Education in Lisbon

Urban campuses are in the center of the city.

Together, the University of Lisbon and Nova University *alone* have more than 67,000 students. Nova has a joint MBA program with MIT (USA).



Immigration to Portugal

Brazil, Italy and France were the top three nationalities of newcomers.

As of 2019, 107,000 Brazilians reside in Portugal, ranking first in the source of immigrants, and accounting for approximately 25% of the immigrant population. *

<https://www.gee.gov.pt/pt/lista-publicacoes/estatisticas-de-imigrantes-em-portugal-por-nacionalidade/paises/Brasil/4017-populacao-estrangeira-com-estatuto-legal-de-residente-em-portugal-brasil/file>, Accessed 6 Oct 2020).





Saints in Portugal

There are currently **14 saints** meeting regularly via Zoom for prayer & on the Lord's Day; establishing contact with another 10-12 saints around the country.

Working on building up vital groups through regular contact with each other.



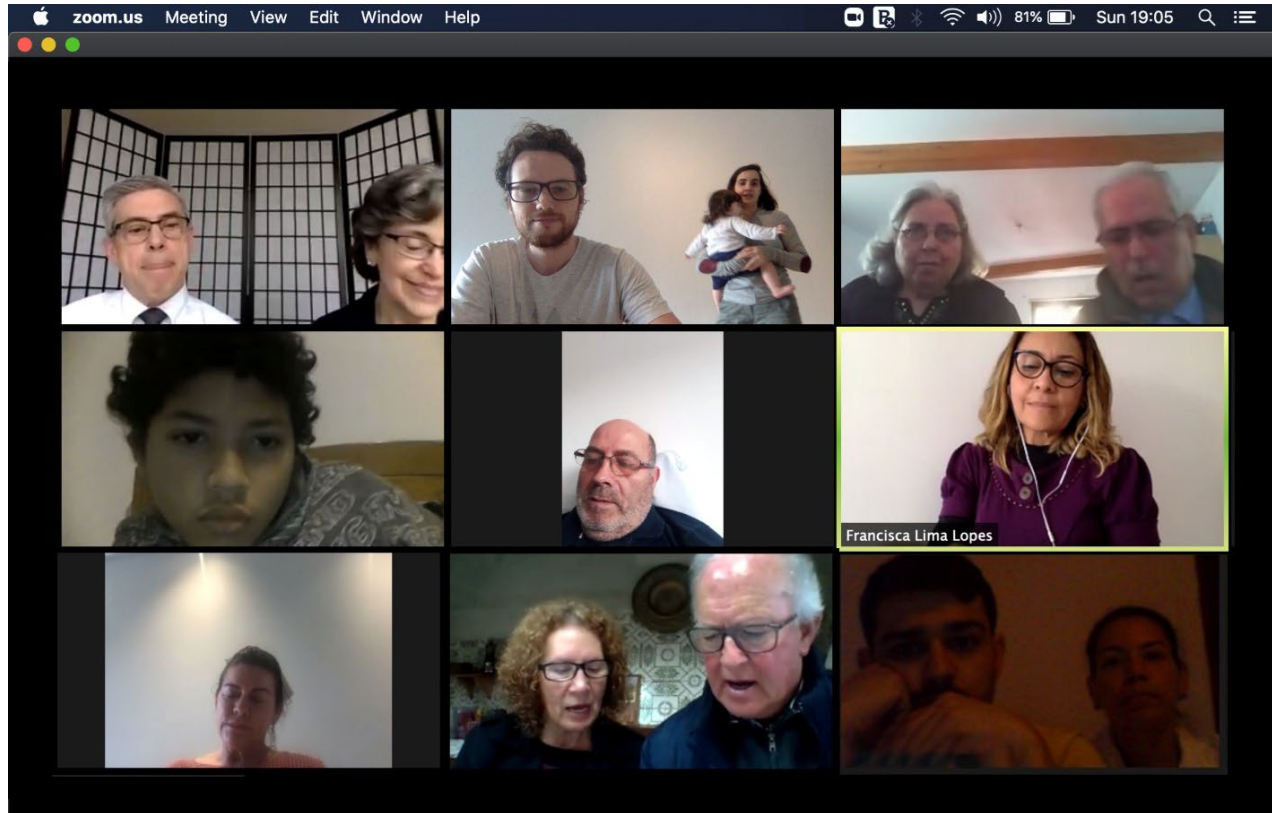
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Burden for the Lord's Move in Lisbon

Establishment of a lampstand: A strong testimony needed in this capital city

Standing in one accord with all the saints in the Iberian Peninsula and throughout Europe

Migration of 30 - 40 saints led by the Lord to emigrate to Lisbon



Current Burdens for Portugal

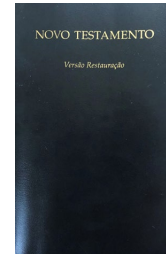
Translate Bibles for Europe website into Portuguese



Develop a Portuguese section on the website of La Obra MSPI



Develop logistics for distribution of Portuguese New Testament Recovery Version



Blending with the churches throughout Europe through conferences and trainings



Unceasing Prayer for

The Lord to open the door for saints **to emigrate to Lisbon** to work, to study, or to serve.

Shepherding of the current contacts.

The Lord to add the **Portuguese people** to the church life through the **gospel**.



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*“...but the people who know their God will show strength
and take action.”*

Daniel 11:32