

## [Important Websites for Portugal Genealogy](#)

There are two "must peruse" websites for initiating original research in the Portugal. There are a lot of excellent resources well documents found on both **Family Search.Org** and **The Family History Guide**.

From a single URL cited below on **FamilySearch**, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for Portugal that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could ever have imagined all from one extended screen display. It is a remarkable guide to Portuguese ancestry, history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much more. The URL is [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Portugal\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Portugal_Genealogy). The headings are specifically cited below along with their links that you can search quickly

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#### Portugal

Guide to **Portugal ancestry, family history, and genealogy**: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

## Country Information [\[edit source\]](#)

**Portugal**, officially known as the **Portuguese Republic** is a country in Southwestern Europe bordered by [Spain](#) and includes the autonomous regions of the Azores and Madeira, island clusters in the Atlantic Ocean. Portugal was first established as a kingdom in 1139 AD, and has existed as a state under various forms of government since that date. The official language is Portuguese.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Getting Started [\[edit source\]](#)

### Getting Started with Portugal Research

Links to articles on getting started with Portugal research.

- [Portugal Research Guide](#)
- [Azores and Madeira Research Guide](#)
- ["How to" Guides](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)
- [BYU Research Guide for Portugal](#)

### Portugal Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Portugal research.

- [Portuguese Word List](#)
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Portugal  
Online Records

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## Finding Your Ancestors' Town in Portugal [\[edit source\]](#)

- Genealogical records are organized by geographical locality. Civil registration (government birth, marriage, and death records) and church records (christenings/baptisms, marriages, and burials) were kept at the **local level**. To search these records, you must know the town where your ancestors lived.
- If you do not know your ancestors' town, follow the advice in the Wiki article, [Portugal Finding Town of Origin](#), to search a variety of records that might provide that information.

## Portugal Clickable Map [\[edit source\]](#)



### Islands and Territories

- Açores (Azores): Autonomous region.
- Madeira Islands: Autonomous region.
- Cape Verde Genealogy: Historical Portuguese territory ui
- Guinea-Bissau Genealogy: Historical Portuguese territor



## Districts [\[edit source\]](#)

Portugal has 18 districts (*distritos*, singular - *distrito*) and 2 autonomous regions\* (*regioes autonomas* , singular - *regiao autonoma*).

- [Aveiro](#)
- [Açores \(Azores\)\\*](#)
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## More Portugal Research Tools [\[edit source\]](#)

Research tools can include resources that assist in locating correct records to search and determining the correct locality to search in. Below are links and Wiki articles to research tools in Portugal.

- [tombo.pt](#)- Website that provides links to parish records and passports digitized by mainland and regional archives. In Portuguese and English. To access english version of the website, click on the British flag icon.
- [Arquivo Nacional da Torre do Tombo](#)- Mainland national archive, with instruction on accessing their [digital images](#) and the archive's catalog. The website is in Portuguese.

- [Regional Archives of Madeira](#)- Marriage indexes, parish records, and passports for the Madeira archipelago. Website in Portuguese.
- [Centro de Conhecimento dos Açores](#)- Parish records and passports for the Azores archipelago. Website in Portuguese.
- [Cyndi's List - Portugal](#)- Portuguese genealogy resources on the Internet (curated).
- [Portuguese Letter-writing Guide](#)- Instructions on writing letters in Portuguese to request genealogical information from Portugal.
- [Grupo de História das Populações](#) This website contains some genealogies for the Azorean islands of Pico, Faial, and Sao Jorge as well as a few places on mainland Portugal. Here you can find extensive family genealogy information that has been extracted from parish records and placed into family groups.

## FamilySearch Resources[\[edit source\]](#)

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Below are FamilySearch resources that can assist you in researching your family.

- [Facebook Communities](#) - Facebook groups discussing genealogy research
- [Help Center Lessons](#) - Online genealogy courses
- [Historical Records](#)
- [Family History Center locator map](#)
- [Portugal, Porto, Catholic Church Records, 1535-1949](#). Index and images.

## References[\[edit source\]](#)

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1. [Jump up](#)<sup>↑</sup> Wikipedia contributors, "Portugal," in *Wikipedia: the Free Encyclopedia*, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal>, accessed 24 March 2016.

**In other languages:** **English** | [português](#) |

## The Family History Guide

**The Family History Guide**, <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-portugal.html>, provides a more sequential process of learning consisting of outstanding step-by-step “how to” research tutorials for Portugal that is organized into eight levels offerings in a rather clear and concise format. I particularly like its infrastructure of topics for each level of tutorials.

**1: Research** **2: Church & Vital Records** **3: Emigration and Immigration** **4: Maps and Gazetteers** **5: Newspapers** **6: Websites** **7: Search Records** **8: Get Help**