

PORTUGAL

COUNTRY OF EMIGRATION/IMMIGRATION



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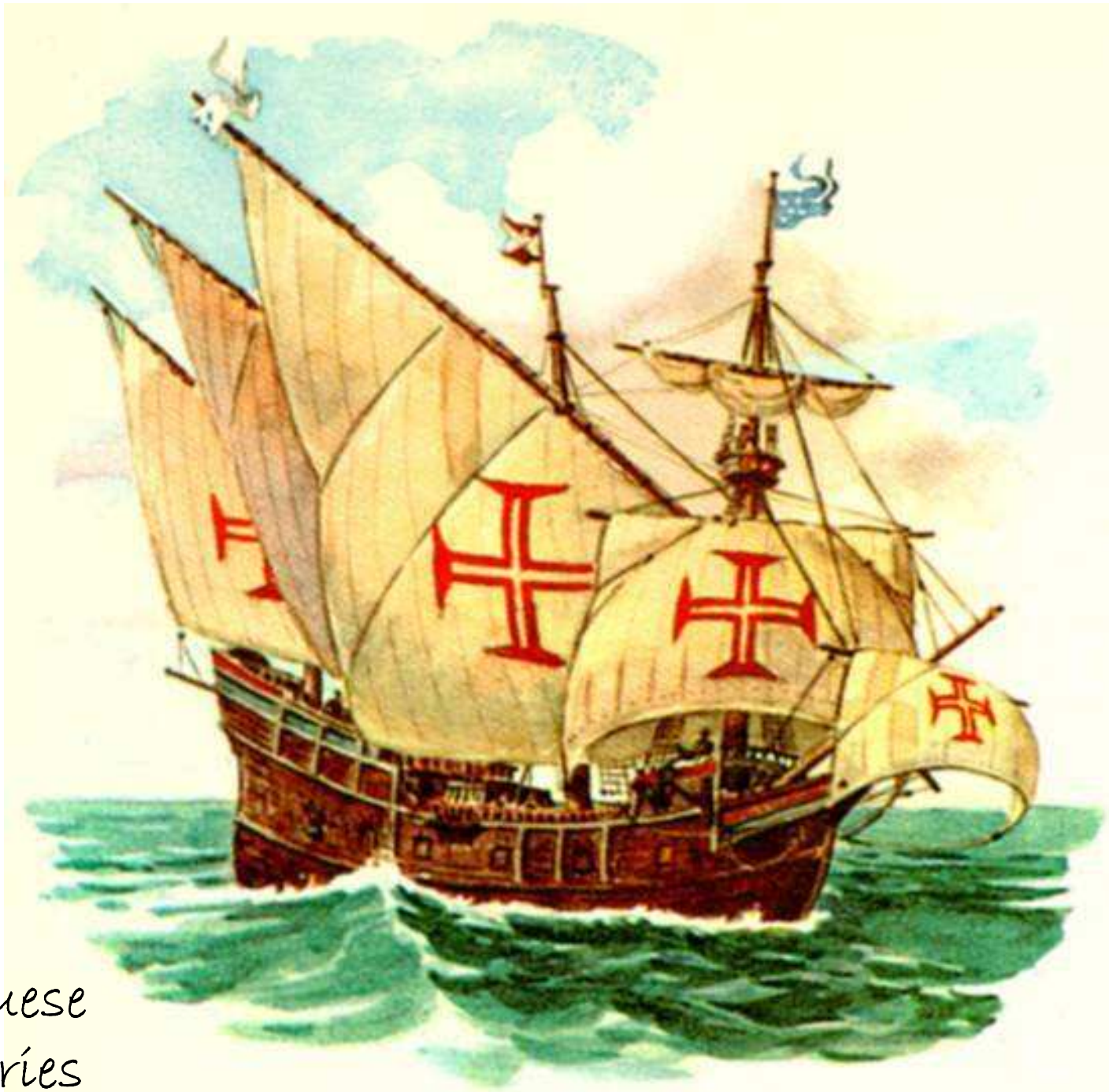


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*Portugal has been, since
the fifteenth century, a
country of emigrants,
which eventually affected
its entire History.*





Portuguese
Discoveries

Portuguese discoveries is the name given to the intensive maritime exploration by the Portuguese during the 15th and 16th centuries. Portuguese sailors were at the vanguard of European overseas exploration, discovering and mapping the coasts of Africa, Asia and Brazil, in what become known as the Age of Discovery.

PORTUGUESE EMIGRATION

(15th and 16th centuries)



Over the last twenty years, Portugal has also become a destination for most immigrants.

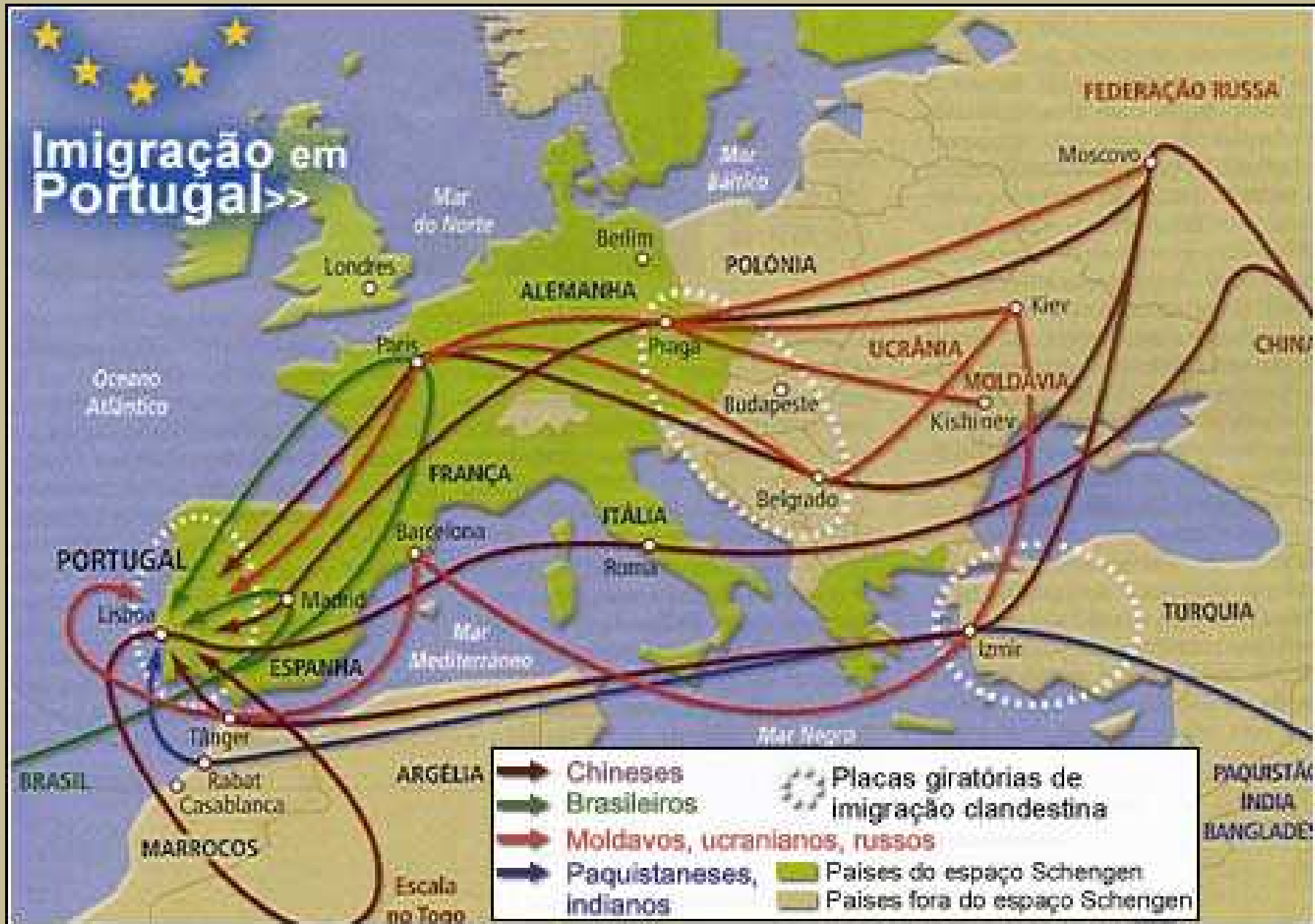


Portugal, long a country of emigration, has now become in the last decade, a country of immigration.

Until 1980, immigration never reached values above 50 000 residents.

Between 1986 and 1997 the number of foreigners doubled from 87 thousand to 175,000, according to the Foreigners and Borders Service (FBS).

Imigração em Portugal >>



Traditionally, migration flows from former Portuguese colonies, and not just from the last Indian (Portuguese until 1961), but especially the PALOP (Speaking African Portuguese Countries, until 1975), and Far East Asian (Portuguese until 1999) overseas territories.

Since the 1990s, along with a boom in construction, several new waves of Ukrainian, Brazilian, people from the former Portuguese colonies in Africa and other Africans have settled in the country. Romanians, Moldovans and Chinese also have chosen Portugal as destination.

Also a significant proportion of foreign residents in Portugal are originated of EU countries, mainly the United Kingdom, Spain and Germany. This immigration is linked to the development of investment foreigners, the deployment of multinational firms and flows of retirees.

PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATION STATS

Asylum Seekers	0.2	[28th of 28]
Foreign population	2.1	[19th of 27]
Foreign population inflow	15.9 thousand	[14th of 17]
immigrant population > Immigrants as percentage of state population	7.204	[64th of 195]
immigrant population > Number of immigrants	764,000	[44th of 195]
immigrant population > Percentage of total number of immigrants in the world	>0.5%	
International migration stock > % of population	7.24 %	[74th of 205]
International migration stock, total	763,668	[44th of 205]
Net migration	250,000	[17th of 180]
Net migration rate	3.23 migrant(s)/1,000 populati	[29th of 225]
New citizenships	0.7 thousand	[19th of 20]
Refugee population by country or territory of asylum	363	[121st of 151]
US visa lottery winners	46 US visa lottery winners	[94th of 178]

SOURCES: OECD; OECD; Wikipedia: List of countries by immigrant population ; World Development Indicators database; All CIA World Factbooks 18 December 2003 to 18 December 2008; US Department of State: Bureau of Consular Affairs.



The 20 largest legal immigrant communities in 2007 compared with their numbers in 1999

Legal foreign residents	Number in 1999	Number in 2007	Growth in percentage
Brazilians ^P	20,851	66,354	+ 218%
Capeverdeans ^P	43,951	63,925	+ 45%
Ukrainians	123	39,480	+ 31998%
Angolans ^P	17,721	32,728	+ 85%
Guineans ^P	14,217	23,733	+ 67%
British *	13,335	23,608	+ 77%
Romanians *	224	19,155	+ 8451%
Spanish *	11,122	18,030	+ 62%
Germans *	9,605	15,498	+ 61%
Moldovans	3	14,053	+ 468333%
Santomeans ^P	4,809	10,627	+ 121%
French *	6,499	10,556	+ 62%
Chinese	2,762	10,448	+ 278%
US-Americans	7,975	8,264	+ 4%
Dutch *	3,675	6,589	+ 79%
Italians *	2,700	5,985	+ 122%
Mozambicans ^P	4,502	5,681	+ 26%
Russians	448	5,114	+ 1042%
Bulgarians *	347	5,028	+ 1349%
Indians	1,211	4,104	+ 239%

* : European Union citizenship

^P : Portuguese speaking

As of 2007 Portugal had 10,617,575 inhabitants of whom 332,137, or 3.13%, were legal immigrants (51,7% female, 48,3% male). Today, many Brazilians, Eastern Europeans (especially Ukrainians, Moldovans, Romanians and Russians), as well as Africans, are making Portugal their home.

Legal foreign residents in Portugal

country of origin	2002	2004	2006
Brazil	58,370	66,907	73,384
Cape Verde	59,678	64,164	68,145
Angola	31,332	35,264	
Guinea Bissau	22,855	25,148	
São Tomé	8,951	10,483	
Mozambique	5,312	5,471	
Ukraine	60,571	66,227	41,872
Romania	10,673	12,155	
Moldova	11,817	13,689	
Russia		8,211	
China		9,518	
India		5,088	
Pakistan		4,212	
Total non-EU	340,187	374,652	
European Union	65,393	74,542	
Total	405,580	449,194	434,887



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