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The staff in the Consular Section would like to wish everyone happy holidays. Hope you enjoy some of the more holiday-orientated news in this issue on page 3.

This past year, we've made some positive changes in our Section as introducing our monthly e-Newsletter, implementing appointment systems, and designating public phone hours. We will continue to look at ways to provide the best customer service to you in the New Year. We always welcome your thoughts and feedback, so feel free to send them to us at: conslisbon@state.gov. Happy Holidays and stay safe this season!

Travel Alert for India

The Department of State warns U.S. citizens about heightened security concerns in India following the Nov. 26 terrorist attacks on hotels, a railway station, restaurant, hospital and other locations in Mumbai frequented by Westerners. Over 100 persons are believed to have been killed, and hundreds injured. Casualties include both Indian and foreign nationals. Americans appear to have been among those specifically targeted. [Click here](#) for the complete Travel Alert for India.

December/January Holidays

The Consular Section will be closed for the following holidays:

- December 1—Restoration of Portuguese Independence
- December 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception
- December 25—Christmas
- January 1—New Year's Day
- January 19—Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

Remember to visit our website to make an appointment for the American Citizen Services or Visa units. It's easy and fast!

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Would you like to be a Diplomat?

Each year, the State Department offers a written exam for those interested in joining the U.S. Foreign Service as an officer. The next exam will be offered in February at select overseas locations, including U.S. Embassy Lisbon.

The computer-based test will be administered February 9th and 10th in Lisbon. Interested candidates must submit their completed registration form by January 29 and choose their overseas test site by February 2.

For more information about the exam and other Foreign Service opportunities, please visit: www.careers.state.gov. You may also send queries to: FSOTLisbon@state.gov.

Interesting fact: For the third year in a row, the Department of State has placed in the top five ideal employers in an annual poll of undergraduates reported by Business Week. To view all the rankings, visit the [Business Week Report](#).

International Adoption Resource

The State Department recently launched a new website devoted exclusively to intercountry adoption. Last year alone, Americans adopted more than 17,400 children from abroad. The website, Adoption.state.gov, offers adopting parents, adoption agencies, and others involved in the intercountry adoption process a central resource about adoption. The site also provides information for foreign citizens who are interested in adopting American children.

Got a Travel Complaint in the EU?

The European Union recently introduced an emergency email address to help travelers affected by strikes, flight cancellations, overbookings and other disruptions.

Inconvenienced travelers can send their queries to passengersrights@ec.europa.eu, and will receive a "concrete and easily accessible service," to help them out, according to a statement from the EU Commission.



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There are many events and activities in Portugal during the holidays so be sure you don't miss out. Vila Natal in Obidos is just one— the "Nutcracker-themed" celebration offers a variety of activities, including an ice skating rink, and continues until January 4. [Click here](#) for more information. You may also want to try some of the classic Portuguese Christmas recipes below—enjoy!

RABANADAS

A Portuguese version of French toast, traditionally served at Christmas.

Ingredients:

- 1 baguette loaf of [Bread](#)
- 1 egg
- 200 ml (3/4 cup) milk
- Olive oil
- Sugar and cinnamon

1. Cut a baguette into 1 cm (1/2") thick rounds; remove the crusts;
2. Dip into an egg beaten with milk - 1 egg to approximately 200 ml (3/4 c).
3. Milk fry in hot olive oil in a skillet for a few seconds on each side drain; and
4. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon.



BACALHAU DE CONSOADA / CHRISTMAS-EVE COD

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds salted cod, cut into 6 or 8 fillets
- 1 1/2 pounds potatoes, boiled in their skins and peeled while still hot
- 1 large head cabbage, cut into 8 pieces, boiled until just tender
- 12 hard-boiled eggs, sliced in half

Sauce:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil per person
- 1 clove garlic per person, minced
- 1 teaspoon wine vinegar per person (or less to taste)

1. Rinse the cod under cold running water to remove any surface salt. Place the fish pieces in a large non-reactive pot, cover with water and refrigerate (covered) for 24 hours, changing the water several times.
2. Pour off the water, and refill with enough boiling water to cover the fish by several inches. Cover the pan with a heavy dishtowel and leave the cod to soak in the hot water for 30 minutes. (If the fish isn't cooked fully, simmer gently until finished.) Drain the cod, and remove any bits of skin or bone.

Consular Fees

The euro fees have recently changed due to change in the dollar-euro exchange rate

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	Minor Renewal	70.00 €	\$85.00
	1st time Applicant	82.00 €	\$100.00
	Lost/Stolen	82.00 €	\$100.00
Report of Birth Package		123.00 €	\$150.00
Consular Certificate		25.00 €	\$30.00
Notaries	1st document	25.00 €	\$30.00
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