

Cape Verde

Continent: Africa

Languages Spoken: Portuguese, Cape Verdean Creole

Population: 555,987

Currency: Cape Verdean escudo (CVE)

Area: 4,033

Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Cidade Velha', 'writeup': 'A historic town and UNESCO World Heritage site, known as the oldest settlement in Cape Verde and a former Portuguese colonial capital.'}
- {'name': 'Fogo Volcano', 'writeup': 'An active volcano on Fogo Island, offering hiking opportunities and unique volcanic landscapes.'}
- {'name': 'Sal Island Beaches', 'writeup': 'Famous for white sandy beaches and clear waters, popular for tourism and water sports.'}
- {'name': 'Praia', 'writeup': 'The capital city, known for its cultural sites, markets, and vibrant urban life.'}
- {'name': 'Monte Verde', 'writeup': 'The highest peak in Cape Verde, located on São Vicente Island, offering panoramic views.'}

Head of State / Government:

President José Maria Neves

Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Carnival of Mindelo', 'writeup': 'A colorful and lively carnival celebrated on São Vicente Island, featuring music, dance, and parades.'}
- {'name': 'Baía das Gatas Music Festival', 'writeup': 'An annual music festival held on São Vicente Island, attracting local and international artists.'}
- {'name': 'Festival de Grogue', 'writeup': 'A festival celebrating grogue, a traditional Cape Verdean sugarcane liquor.'}

Food & Cuisine:

Cape Verdean cuisine blends African, Portuguese, and Brazilian influences, featuring dishes like cachupa (a slow-cooked stew of corn, beans, and fish or meat), fresh seafood, and tropical fruits.

Brief History:

Cape Verde was uninhabited until discovered and colonized by the Portuguese in the 15th century. It became an important center for the transatlantic slave trade. The country gained independence from Portugal in 1975 and has since developed a stable democratic government.

Important People:

- Amílcar Cabral - Independence leader and nationalist
- Cesária Évora - Renowned singer known as the 'Barefoot Diva'
- Pedro Pires - Former President and Prime Minister

- Germano Almeida - Prominent writer

- José Maria Neves - Current President

Current Conflicts:

Cape Verde is currently peaceful with no significant internal or external conflicts.

Youtube Links:

- Discover Cape Verde: Islands of Culture and Nature

- Cape Verde Travel Guide - Top Things to Do

- The Music and Soul of Cape Verde

- Exploring Fogo Volcano in Cape Verde

- Cape Verde History and Culture Overview