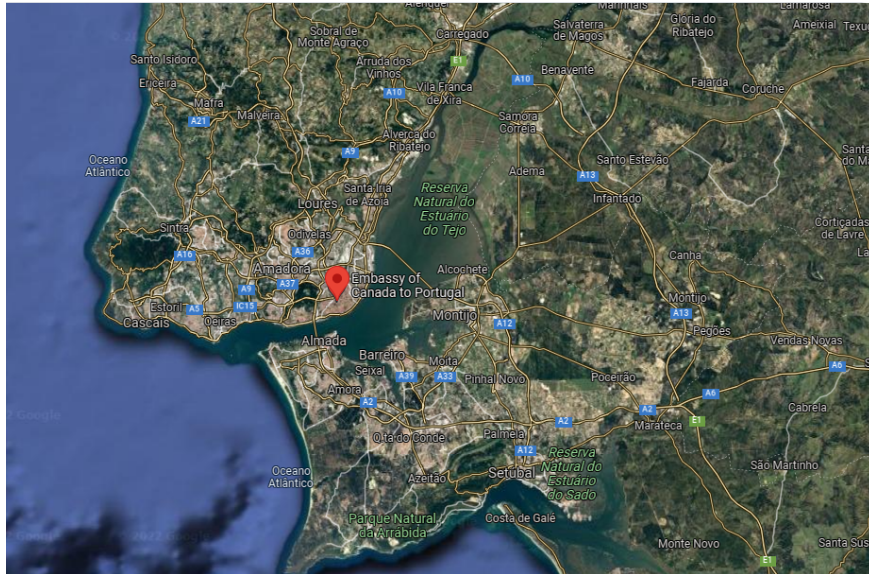


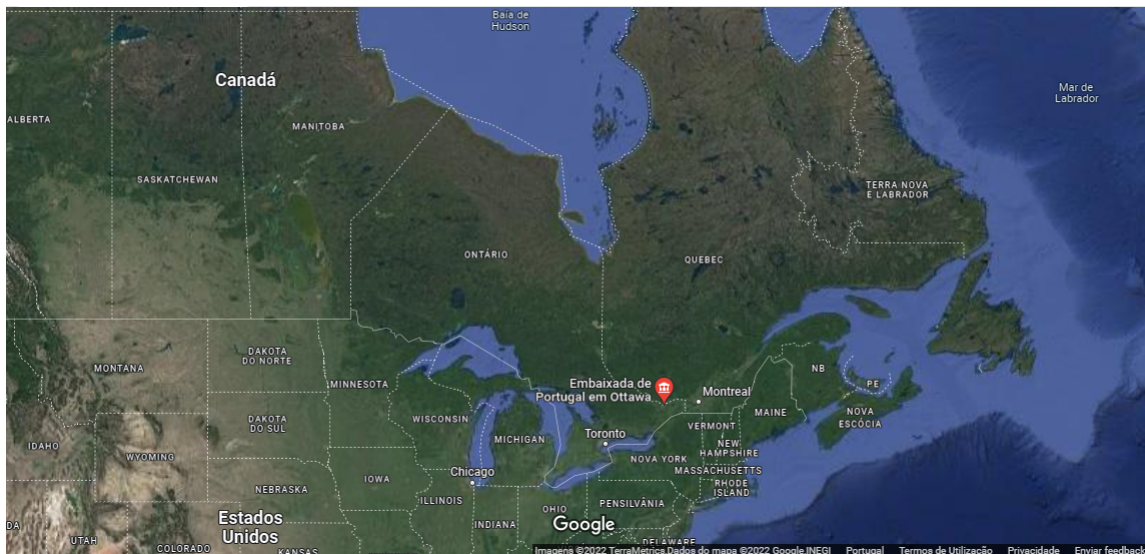
17. Consulates and Embassies: Portugal-Canada

An embassy can best be described as consisting of a representative office from one country to another, and usually based in the country's capital. One of the tasks is to act as a diplomatic representative in the country in which the embassy is located. Canada has an embassy in Lisbon, and Portugal has an embassy in Ottawa, the capital of Canada.

Location of the Canadian Embassy on Avenida da Liberdade, Lisbon:



Location of the Portuguese embassy in Ottawa, province of Ontario in Canada:



A consulate, on the other hand, is like a satellite office of an embassy. Consulates within a country are distinguished by the levels of power and size of the building of these consulates. Some larger consulates are general consulate and can generally help with a wide range of consular matters.

Other smaller consulates are often run by private citizens and are called honorary consulates. These honorary consulates often have only a few powers and do not issue visas or passports.

Embassies and consulates offer a vast number of services such as issuing passports, legalizing documents, registering citizen births, citizen death, registering a marriage and much more. In addition, it also includes contacting local police officers in the event of an accident, death or serious crime abroad and assistance during crises such as civil unrest and on its own citizens such as migrants, tourists, natural disasters and expatriates. .

The consular department also provides a number of services to members of the local population in the country where an embassy is based, including issuing visas, information about rules and regulations of the country they represent, and areas that should be avoided, such as areas of conflict, that is, places where there is high crime, terrorism and other problems.

In 1955, there were Portuguese consular posts in the provinces of Newfoundland, New Scotland, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia, with the consulate in Quebec being the most relevant, as can be seen in the following table:

Province	Consular posts	Correspondent for the post	For the consulate in Montreal
Newfoundland	St. John	2	11
Nova Scotia	Halifax	1	4
	North Sydney	0	4
Island of Prince Edward	North Sydney	0	5
New-Brunswick	St. John	0	6
Quebec	Quebec	33	10
	Montreal	805	805
Manitoba	Winnipeg	45	2
British Columbia	Vancouver	0	51

Table: Consular entries up to November 1955.

Source: MOURA, Manuel de Almeida; SOARES, Imitério – *Pionniers – L’Avant-Garde de L’Immigration Portugaise Canada 1953*. 1ª edição, Montréal: edição da Altapex Construction Corporation e da Direção Regional dos Assuntos Consulares e das comunidades portuguesas, setembro de 2003. Pág. 92. Tradução nossa.

Today, Portugal has a total of 6 consulates (of which 2 are honorary consulates, namely those in Edmonton and Winnipeg) in Canada, which correspond to the places where there is the largest Portuguese presence (especially Azorean) and with a history of Portuguese and Azorean emigration. These Portuguese consulates are located in Edmonton (in the province of Alberta), Montreal and Quebec (both in the province of Quebec), Toronto (in the province of Ontario), Winnipeg (in the province of Manitoba) and Vancouver in British Columbia.

On the other hand, Canada has consulates in the Portuguese cities of Faro, in the Algarve, and Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island, Azores.

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