


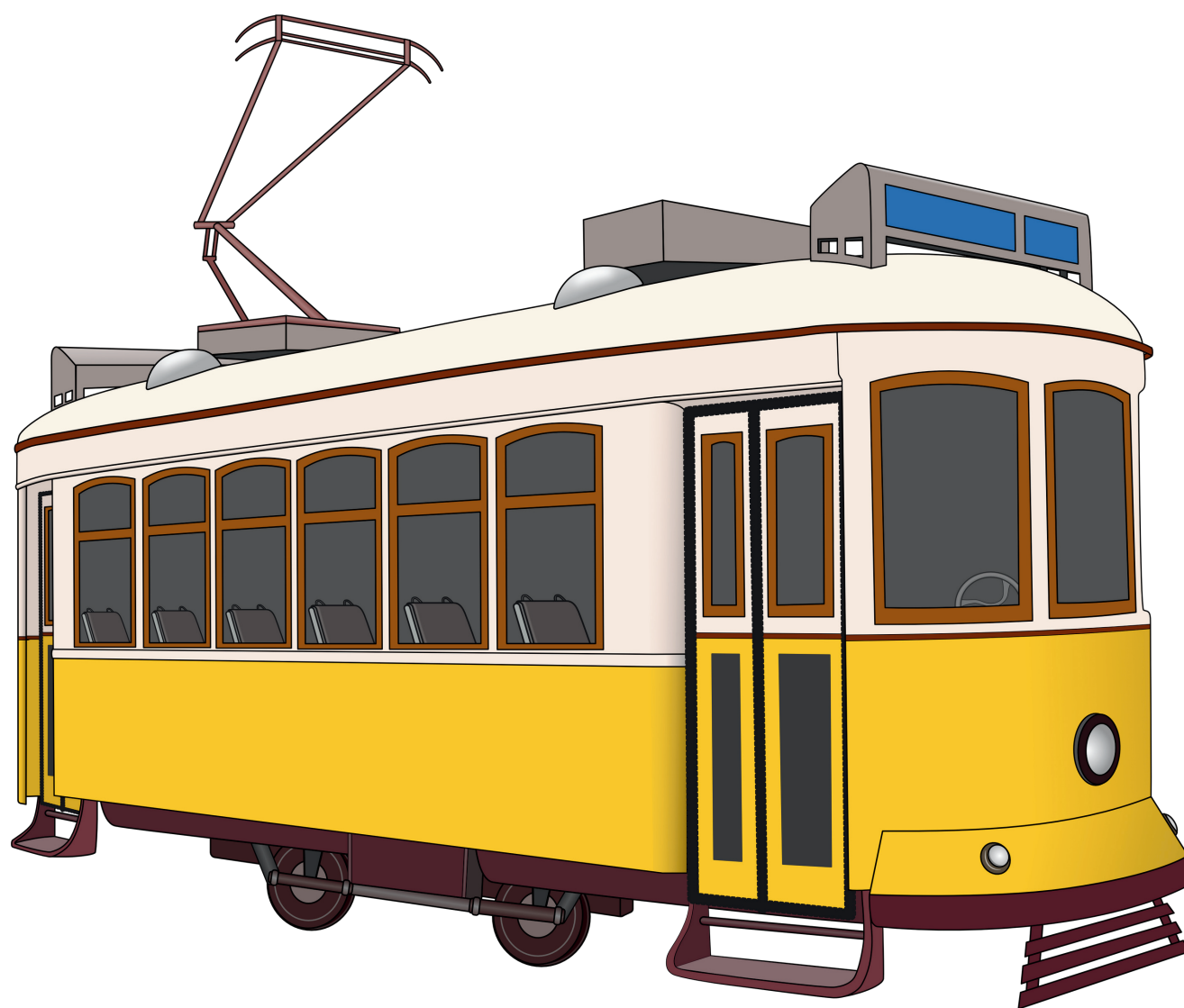
# Join in Moot!

Activity Pack



Scouting Ireland International Team

 **Moot**  
16<sup>th</sup> WORLD SCOUT  
SCOUT MONDIAL  
PORTUGAL **2025**



**In summer 2025, Rover Scouts from across Ireland will attend the 16th World Scout Moot in Portugal**

This pack supports all Scout Groups in Ireland in “joining in” with the Moot and learning about Portugal.

Try some of these activities in your section and learn all about a country with a rich history, fascinating culture and delicious food.

Why not also learn about the history of the World Scout Moot, World Scouting’s flagship event for young adults in Scouting?

**If your section uses any of the items in this pack send us an email with a photo to [wsm2025@scouts.ie](mailto:wsm2025@scouts.ie) and we will send a good bag until stocks last!**



## Ireland and Portugal - the history (Source: Dept of Foreign Affairs)

Irish relations with Portugal can be traced back to the mists of antiquity. Archaeological evidence from the Iron, Bronze and Megalithic periods charts the earliest contacts between the Iberian Peninsula and Ireland. Recent DNA analysis also suggests that the Portuguese-Iberian peoples were ancestors to the Gaelic Irish, dating from the last Ice Age.

Today, Ireland and Portugal work together for peace and prosperity - both through multilateral organisations like the United Nations and as member states of the European Union. We are like-minded Atlantic facing partners with a strong shared commitment to democracy and the rule of law.



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Merchants from the west of Ireland have been trading with their Portuguese counterparts since the 15th century, controlling the lucrative wine trade between Ireland and the Iberian Peninsula. Wine, silver, textiles, ceramics and leather were traded in return for Irish fish, beef, wool and timber.

Even before a trade relationship was established, records indicate that Irish pilgrims have been travelling to Portugal since at least the 1200s, even transporting a relic of St. Brigid, which to this day is venerated in St John the Baptist Church in Lisbon.

In the 15th century, the Irish Dominican Sisters founded the Irish Dominican College in Belém. An enduring testament to the longevity of the Portuguese-Irish relationship continues to flourish in the suburb of Belém - the Convent and School of Our Lady of Bom Sucesso, which operates to this day.

Today, for well over 4000 Irish people, Portugal is the place that they call home, and for over 800,000 more annually, Portugal is the place they come to visit.



## Portuguese Azulejo Tile Art

### Materials:

- White square cardboard or ceramic tiles
- Markers or paint
- Paintbrushes
- Reference images of traditional blue-and-white azulejo tiles



### Instructions:

1. Show examples of Portuguese azulejo tiles. Explain their historical importance in decorating buildings.
2. Have each Scout design and color their own tile pattern using blue and white.
3. Display the tiles together as a group "mural."





## Pastel de Nata Mini Tarts

### Materials:

- Pre-made puff pastry
- Egg custard filling ingredients (egg yolks, sugar, cream, vanilla)
- Muffin tin
- Baking supplies (oven, spoons, mixing bowls)

### Instructions:

1. Show a picture of pastel de nata and explain its history.
2. Scouts shape pastry into muffin tins, fill with custard, and bake (with adult supervision).
3. Enjoy the treats while learning some basic Portuguese words (e.g., "Olá" for hello, "Obrigado/a" for thank you).



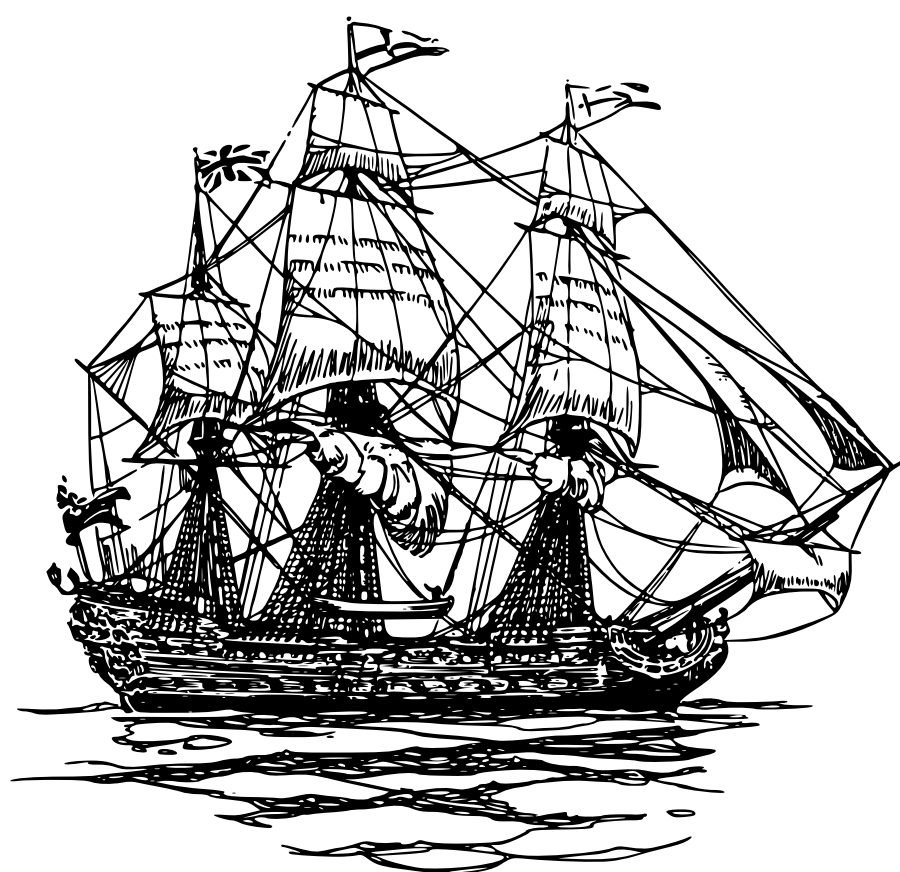
## Portuguese music and song

### Materials:

- Audio clips of Fado and traditional folk music (easily found online)
- Scarves or simple costumes for role-playing
- Instructions for basic Portuguese folk dance moves

### Instructions:

1. Play Fado music and discuss its emotional storytelling style.
2. Teach a simple folk dance, such as the vira or corridinho.
3. Let Scouts take turns pretending to play traditional Portuguese instruments, like the guitarra portuguesa (Portuguese guitar).



## Portuguese Discoveries Map Activity

### Materials:

- Printable map of the world
- Stickers or markers
- Short bios of famous explorers like Vasco da Gama and Ferdinand Magellan

### Instructions:

1. Discuss Portugal's role in the Age of Exploration.
2. Scouts mark explorers' routes on the map using stickers or markers.
3. Encourage discussion about how exploration shaped global trade and culture.
4. In an age-appropriate way, discuss the difficult history of colonised countries



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