

AZORES...fun and facts!

1) The name of a group or chain of islands?

ANSWER: Archipelago. The Azores are a chain of islands. They are divided into three groups; eastern, central and western.

2) The blue color of the islands from afar: may be origin of islands' name.

ANSWER: Azure. It is also thought the name *Azores* may be derived from the erroneous identification of the buzzard for a goshawk (Acor in Portuguese) at the time the islands were discovered.

3) Country directly east of Azores.

ANSWER: Portugal. The islands are presently an autonomous region of Portugal.

4) The Azores consist of how many islands?

ANSWER: Nine. They range in area from 471 miles to 8.5 miles.

5) Islands spread out in the parallel that passes through this major Portuguese city.

ANSWER: Lisbon. The capital of Portugal since its conquest from the Moors in 1147, Lisbon is a legendary city with over 20 centuries of History.

6) Azores are tops of the tallest _____ on earth, as measured from ocean bottom bases.

ANSWERS: mountains...cool, eh?

7) Oldest island; one of Columbus' famous sailing ships.

ANSWER: Santa Maria

8) Ships were lost to these one-eyed people during the colonization period.

ANSWER: Pirates. Hurricanes also destroyed many ships on these islands.

9) Organization that maintains air base on islands; alliance of 26 countries, N. America and Europe.

ANSWER: NATO

10) Major Agricultural crop; do you prefer the white or red drink made from these?

Answer: Grapes