

The background features a light cream color with large, flowing, organic shapes in a muted coral and a pale yellow. Scattered throughout are small, hand-drawn black icons: five-pointed stars and four-pointed stars with elongated points. A single, long, dark, wavy line with a small loop at its end is positioned in the upper right, and another similar line is in the lower left.

PORTUGUESE TRADITIONS BORNS AND DEATHS

group IV

BIRTH TRADITIONS

The birth happens normally in hospitals maternities and is programmed.

Baptism is still very common in Portugal due to the Catholic's Church influence. It's a both religious and social event, where close family and family meet.

There usually is a Godfather and a Godmother who assist the priest in the blessing of the child with holy water and take a special role in the child's life and education.



DEATH TRADITIONS

When people die there is usually a wake mass in a small chapel/church with the deceased in coffin with the family relatives around it. The place is usually surrounded by candles and images of Holy Saints. This gathering usually lasts one day, immediately before the funeral. People spend all night at the wake watching over the body and the burial is in the morning or afternoon with a funeral mass.

BURIAL OF CREMATION

It takes place in Portugal usually within 72 hours of death or 48 hours after the post mortem examination. The law does not specify a timescale for repatriation, so the next of kin needs to give consent to the local funeral director, who will assist the repatriation arrangements.

