Maio Today
the official bulletin of news and island events

"Sera bemvindo a Ilha do Maio."
("May I wish you a warm welcome to Maio")

O President da Maio
Sr. MANUEL RIBEIRO
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Books, pamphlets and internet information often forget the very character of the subject they are dedicated to present. Our aim is simple: to showcase Maio and its people to the world.

**Getting to Maio**

For several months Maio’s airport was temporarily closed for repairs. As a result, travel to Maio was confined to sea travel which is a short journey to Praia (18 miles) in 2½ hours. The short-lived ferry system has been halted for repairs.

Visitors to Maio can book boat reservations and buy tickets more inexpensively online at: [www.capeverdetravel.com](http://www.capeverdetravel.com)

Since June Maio has started to receive regular internal TACV flights.

Note: The closing of the airport was a real setback for foreign development, a blow to the local economy and increased Maio’s “isolated step-brother” image, yet at the same time it has also increased the opportunities for foreigners who are searching for “paradise” at bargain prices.

**Desalination Plant**

The island’s desalination plant at Porto Preta is now operational. This will alleviate the periodical water shortages of the present and future.

**Maio, No Longer the “Stepchild”**

Most visitors come to Cape Verde with the idea of sharing the Cape Verde phenomenon. The manner of participation is the search for retirement and business properties.

Sal, Santiago and, most recently, Boa Vista has monopolized foreign investment to the exclusion of the small island of Maio due to their international airports and a government emphasis on their development. Maio has always taken a back seat to the other islands because of its remoteness and its inability to showcase itself to the world.

Often viewed by other islanders as a quaint, but insignificant, part of the country. Yet it is, incredibly, only 18 miles away from Praia (10 minutes by plane) and 2½ hours by boat.

Also hampering Maio’s development is its inadequate transportation system, both locally (no scheduled bus or designated taxi services) or adequate boat connections.

**Buying Land on Maio**

There are three ways to purchase land in Maio:

**Private land**

In past years buying private property was the easiest and most economical way to buy property in Maio. This manner of purchase has changed radically in the past three years because of foreign interest inflating land values. Now in most cases it is more economical to buy from the government, unless a large tract of land is sold by an anxious seller. (Note: most of the land on Maio is owned by the government.)

Other encumbrances are the language barrier and land being owned by several disagreeing family members. When buying private land make certain the seller or sellers are all in agreement and own the land legally... this means the proper papers issued by the Camara to verify ownership.

**Buying from the Camara**

This is an easy, economical, straight forward manner of purchasing land especially if wishes to buy 500m$^2$ or less buying more than 500m$^2$ the land is three times more the price. This is to discourage land speculation. Of course each family member can buy 500m$^2$ in their own name.

Unlike buying private land, land purchased from the Camara must have a building begun before an 18 month period. This specification can be met by simply building a foundation which then gives one an unlimited time limit in which to continue building.

**The procedure**

(1) Inform the Camara that you wish to buy land Note: not all land is for sale: however it is a good idea to which area you have in mind. You will discover that land in the proximity of a village and that which is in a designated mapped-out area will be approved more easily.

(2) A document for request for land purchase is filled out (you can download this from the next page.) along with a copy of your passport Ask for the price list of, fees etc. before commitment… then there begins a long, draw-out period of processing (of which the President has promised to shorten)... those with infinite patience will reap the eventual rewards.

When the sale is approved you must submit a plan for the structure you wish to build... and there is also a purchaser’s tax on the selling price on all land sold in the Cape Verde.

**Resale Land**

This is usually land for sale owned buy foreign speculators. This, if not the most economical, is the quickest manner of purchasing land. See
that the proper papers have been issued by the Camara to verify ownership.

**Insuring Land Ownership**
Before a land owner can sell property, be it house or land it must first be registered in Praia which is called a *Registo Predial na Conservatorea*. In the past this was not a difficult procedure once all the necessary papers were in order...this has changed!

Due to increasing disputes over land ownership, a new procedure has been introduced: It is increasingly more difficult to obtain a *Registo Predial na Conservatorea* if the land had not been originally purchased from the Camara.

To speedup this process, a land owner may repurchase their property from the Camara once they have satisfactory proof of ownership thus eliminating a long delay. The nominal price is determined by the size of the property in question.

**What does this mean for those who wish to buy land in the Cape Verde?** If you wish to purchase land from a private owner...make certain that the property was originally purchased from the Camara or they already have the all-important *Registo Predial na Conservatorea*.

**Real Estate Agents**
They are individuals (unofficial real estate agents) who furnish the need. They will find you!

Maio has negative aspects, but its pluses are significant and numerous:

- 30% of Cape Verde’s white sand beaches (Boa Vista has 52%)
- land prices at a fraction of the other islands
- building costs 30% under those of Santiago
- small pleasant population
- desalination plant already installed
- local government (Camara) ready to assist foreigner investors in every aspect of commerce
- highest density of trees in Cape Verde
- extremely low amounts of rain fall
- sun, all the year around

Maio is waiting in the wings to surge ahead of the pack to be the featured player in Cape Verde development!

**Sending Mail**
The Post Office in Maio is very competent; however, when sending or receiving mail in the Cape Verde it is highly advisable to register it.

**Advertise your business**
To reach visitors before their destination, contact our advertising agency with information and configuration of the advert. Prices depend on the options chosen.

**Free international classified adverts**
International classifieds are open to personal and small businesses. Adverts may cover any subject matter. Classified adverts are free; however, those deemed controversial or of a dubious nature will be rejected.
Cape Verde and Maio News

July 2008

Cape Verde Could Become an International Hub for Trade

The Cape Verde islands could become a major hub for international trade and commerce, a Diplomat has said. Marianne Myles, the Ambassador to this West African nation, stated that the country is situated along an important global shipping route.

In addition, she said the country has established a special relationship with the US, the European Union and has become a member of the World Trade Organization. She believes it could become a “transatlantic bridge” for trade, investment and tourism.

Ms Myles commented: “Cape Verde is a success story in Africa.” The country has made major improvements and achieved high levels of performance.” She added that Cape Verde has become an African “success story”, as it is one of the oldest and strongest democracies on the continent.

According to the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, Cape Verde’s economy grew by 6.6 per cent last year. Figures cited by MacauHub show that it is expecting this rate of growth to increase to 7.6 per cent in 2008.

Cape Verde offers good conditions for investors Cabo Verde Investimentos says. 29th May, 2008

Political and economic stability, a privileged geographic location and a labour force that guarantees a high level of productivity, after training, are some of the reasons given by the chairman of Cabo Verde Investimentos (CVI) to invest in the Cape Verdean archipelago.

Alexandre Fontes, who was speaking at the 4th Meeting of Businesspeople for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking Countries, also said that Cape Verde had competitive facilities such as international ports and airports and good communications technology. In his presentation of investment opportunities on the archipelago, Fontes noted, amongst others, the fishing, agriculture, small industry, transport and services sectors. Fontes also noted the government’s aim of developing the private sector, to encourage and promotes foreign investment, creating a number of legal tools to encourage national and foreign investors, and to set up companies in Cape Verde.

The chairman of Cabo Verde Investimentos (CVI) also mentioned that products from Cape Verde had preferential access conditions to the markets of the European Union, ECOWAS, the United States and Japan, via conventions and treaties that allow it to reach over 500 million consumers.

Fontes also said that Cape Verde guaranteed non-discrimination against foreign investors, as well as the security and protection of the assets and rights. “Foreign investors also have the guarantee of being able to transfer out of the country all currency amounts to which they legally have a right as a result of their properly registered foreign investment operations,” he said.

Government signs agreement with EU to improve mobility 4th June 2008

Cape Verde and the European Union (EU) Thursday in Luxembourg are due to sign a Joint Declaration on a Partnership for Mobility, a legal instrument aimed at making entry by Cape Verdean citizens into Europe and Europeans into Cape Verde easier.

According to the minister for Internal Administration of Cape Verde, Livio Lopes, on signing the Joint Declaration, “conditions will be created to boost the relationship with member states of the European Union in specific areas for management of legal migratory flows.”

The programme will begin in January 2009 and last three years at an initial cost of 1.3 million Euros. Lopes said that, from now on, “circular emigration policies” would be created aimed at Cape Verdeans who wish to work for brief periods in EU countries that sign the declaration.

The programme will also make it possible for Cape Verdean staff working in Europe to travel to Cape Verde to work for some time on the archipelago, without fear of being unable to return to their country of habitual residence.

In its turn the archipelago pledges to boost control of illegal migration from Africa to Europe. The application of the Partnership for Mobility, which is the result of choosing Cape Verde and Moldova as pilot countries for this immigration scheme, has been under negotiation with the European Commission and EU member states, including Portugal, Spain, France and Luxembourg, since January of this year.
Prime Minister unveils Figueira-Alcatraz road on Maio
26th June 2008
Prime Minister José Maria Neves will preside today over the unveiling of the 7km long road linking Figueira and Alcatraz on the island of Maio today, June 26. The construction of the road was financed by the World Bank and carried out by construction company Empreitel Figueiredo.

The Figueira-Alcatraz road, according to the director of the Department of Infrastructures, Carlos Dias, is seen as vital to the development of the island of Maio. In order to complete the road ring that will eventually circle the island, a bid has been launched for the execution of the Cascabulho-Pêro Vaz road, the construction of which will optimize the island’s road network.

(A semana)

Cape Verde receives fast ferry to link islands in 2009
27th June 2008
The first of three ferries ordered by Cape Verdeans resident in the United States to provide sea links between Cape Verde’s islands is due to be delivered at the end of 2009, according to Cape Verdean news agency Inforpress.

The agency added that the announcement was made this week by the promoters of the initiative after signing a protocol with the government authorising the investors to test the ferry for safety in Cape Verde’s waters.

If the test is satisfactory, construction of the first vessel will begin and be concluded within 12 months for an experimental operation in the south of the country, between the islands of Brava, Fogo, Santiago and Maio.

The project, worth an estimated 20 million euro’s, includes three ferries. One of the vessels will stay on Brava Island, another on S. Vicente linking the Windward Islands and the third will remain in the city of Praia to link Sal with S. Nicolau.

The first ferry will have the capacity to carry 102 passengers, 16 small and 2 large trucks, with containers of 20 feet in length and is expected to travel between Brava and Fogo in 20 minutes and Brava to Praia in three hours.

(MacauHub)

Maio’s First Supermarket
5th July 2008
The Casa Blanca Supermarket in Morro (the island’s first) has begun to install fixtures and hopes to be in operation by end of August. In a recent interview, the owner said that he had chosen Morro because of its ideal location between the populace villages of Vila and Calheta, and Funchago’s future development and Morro’s beach projects.

(maiocv.com)

First Rainfall of the Season
3rd July 2008
The island’s first rainfall was a news worthy event of intermittent showers during most of the late afternoon.

(maiocv.com)

Maio Radio Station
27th June 2008
Maio has begun a news and music radio station, and it seems that most of the island residents are tuning in...

(maiocv.com)
### Classified Adverts

- **Tour the Island**
  in a mini van. Call Ze in Calheta
  Tel: 999-2139

- **Carpintaria**
  geral todos os moveis contacto Luizinho e
  Antonio Carlos, Calheta Ilha do Maio
  Tel: 256-1304

- **Mecânico**
  geral em todas as motores contacta António
  Morro Ilha do Maio
  Tel: 993-8056

- **Pedreiro**
  de profissão em todas as construções civil
  contacto, Pedro Vaz, Maio
  Tel: 256-2170

- **Carpintaria**
  geral em todos os moveis contacta César
  Morro Ilha do Maio
  movel 985-7937

- **Pedreiro de rofísaos**
  Avelino Tavares dos Reis Calheta Ilha do
  Maio
  movel 998-2848

- **Camion para transporte**
  de material de construção civil contacta
  manmo Morro Ilha do Maio
  movel 996-0642

- **Internet café**
  300.00 por hora na casa da juventude
  aberto das 08 as 16 horas. Visete no na

- **Rent a Bike**
  Aluguer Bicicletas Affittasi Bici
  Tel: 255-1874, 983-4671

- **For Sale, New Apartment Building**
  in Vila good rental investment.
  Tel: 996-0642, inter 004 0789 4157-671

- **Construção de vigas e pilares**
  Osvaldo Morro Ilha do Maio
  movel 981-308

- **Aluguer de iace para conhecer**
  a volta do Maio contacta Ze em Calheta Ilha
  do Maio
  movel 999-2139

- **Venda de queijo de leite de cabra**
  contacto: Luis Tavares Silva
  Tel: 255-1372

- **Venda de Mariscos**
  Manuel Andrade Pedro Vaz contacto
  Tel: 256-2119

- **Aluga se casa**
  completo/equipado/casa de banho com
  água quente e frio Morro Ilha do Maio
  Tel: 256-1381 movel 996-0642

- **Remodelasa da Igreja Paroquial**
  do Maio Rolando Spenser Responsavel
  para contacto
  Tel: 255-1555

- **Tourist Information**
  Portuguese/English Fernanda
  Tel: 993-7270

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**Interested in buying land in Maio?**
For information contact the Camara,
President 255-1328
Secretario 251-1760

**Serviços domésticos**
cuidados de casa/crianças contacta Gilda
Tel: 256-2015

**Pedreiro**
experiência em mosaicos, pedra, blocos entre
outros Nilto Morro
Tel: 981-9724

**Aluguer de casa Morro**
Ilha do Maio contacta Mana Ramos in Morro
Tel: 985-1528

**Dependable Taxi Service**
to Vila and airport at any hour. Call Benvindo
in Morro
Tel: 995-9713, 256-1370

**Profissional de bolosem**
todas as ocasiões Luci Morro Ilha do Maio
Tel: 982-9113

**Venda de queijo**
contacta Agostinho e Totinho
Tel: 256-2111

**Construção**
contacta Julho movel
Tel: 992-4568 (English)

**Venda de queijo**
contacta Nick
Tel: 256-1380

**Contrato de construção civil**
contacta Pedro Vila do Maio
Tel: 994-5398

**Internet/informatica**
Zuleica Zamicasa da juventude Vila do Maio

**Legal assistance**
em contra de documentos e traduza de
lingua Inglese Portugues onta contacta
Gilberto Vila do Maio
Tel: 255-1285

**Profissional de electricidade**
contacto Luiz
Tel: 995-7235

**Domestica serviso**
Nilsenilina in Pero Vaz Ilha do Maio
Tel: 256-2107, 982-9066

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Tel: 256-2107, 982-9066

**Carpinteiro expriente Manuel**
Morro Ilha do Maio
Tel: 981-1239

**Service de Taxi**
contacta Joao da Luz Ilha do Maio
Tel: 995-2000

**Professora/orientadora**
particular para os alunos do EBI contacta
Vanda Morro Ilha do Maio
Tel: 985-1559

**Clinica GODENTE**
Dental Care in Maio
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| **Cevise de electricidade** |
| Docke Calheta  |
| Tel: 256-1275, 995-3929 |

| **Vende de Terrono** |
| 255m² front Enacol Gas 78.50 euro m² |
| call Toni 988-8056 |

| **Alcindo** |
| Vila do Maio bom qualidade de trabalho ferragem bom preso contacto |
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| **Venda de Bobra** |
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| Tel/Fax (238) 262-4795, eunicesilva@gmail.com |

| **Carpinteir** |
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| **House in Morro for Rent** |
| A modern, completely furnished, TV, wash machine, hot water, etc... 1900es |
| mo. 256-1381, 996-064, inter 004 0789 4157-671 |

| **ADILSOM de PINA** |
| Confeccoes de aluminio, tecto falso e estores, |
| Tel: 263-4561, Movel 981-7726, zezito_cv@hotmail.com |

| **Casa Blanca** |
| Mania para Transportar do Maio todos os tipos de materiais de construsao sivil (areia, britas, pedras,etc) |
| Lela 998-2856 |

| **Legal Assistance** |
| legal documents, contracts, representation in court, also English translation from Portuguese. |
| call Gilbert Tel: 255-1285 |
Development News

Maio’s Future is Now!
These are the latest proposed tourist complexes for Maio. We will keep an eye on their progress throughout construction.

“Salinas Beach Resort”
(Investment: 30,000 million euros)
Construction of a 4-star hotel (24 suites), and a tourist village with 218 units. This will consist of 2 bedroom apartments and 2 & 3 bedroom duplex apartments.

“Morro Beach Resort”
(Investment: 130 million euros)
Includes a 4-star hotel with 60 suites; Five hundred 2 & 3 bedroom apartments and penthouses. Also, two hundred 3 bedroom villas and thirty 3 bedroom duplex apartments.

“Maio, a Tremendous Potential”
Adrian Lilywhite recently wrote on Property Wire before the renovation of Maio’s airport was completed that the island’s property market slowed considerably because of it, however he added, when the airport is complete, it will allow the island to fulfil its “tremendous potential”.

Map of Maio