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<i>Jeanne Porterfield </i>: The next day is St. Anthony's Day, and since he's also known as the marrying saint, what an appropriate time for a wedding.

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Here comes the bride — and another — and another. The grand total in this wedding is 61 brides in all. The annual wedding is a gift from the city, with the brides being given their gowns and trousseaus.

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Also, local businessmen, for this occasion, provide each bride with her own chauffeur-driven limousine.

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The couples must have known each other for more than a year, and have applied last St. Anthony's Day in order to be married this year. This was the largest number of couples ever to be married in the history of the ceremony, which I'm sure accounts for the largest wedding portrait ever taken.

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Later that day, we waited for our limousine to be delivered. Having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves exploring Lisbon, the time had come to continue on to see more of the country. Once all our baggage and paraphernalia were packed in the car, we'd be on our way, but that seems more easily said than done.

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Obviously, he's an optimist, but with all this still to go in, it will take more than optimism. He assured us this could be easily rectified. We had our doubts, but waited to see.

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Well, this ought to do it, and it did. We drove out of town to what could be called the 'Riviera of Portugal'.

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One of the most interesting beaches of all we found at Nazaré, a fishing town of unique character. Almost 4,000 years ago, Phoenician ships landed here, and today Nazaré still bears the mark of those early seafarers. The main street offers some unexpected features.



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