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Jeanne Porterfield: Another dance, for another occasion.

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It seems the Portuguese take every opportunity to celebrate - and this is in anticipation of a wedding.

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We were invited to attend the traditional ceremony that united this young couple, but were surprised to find one very untraditional note: The bride wore black.

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Along with the unusual wedding gown, the brides here are bedecked with ornate gold jewelry. Instead of putting their money in the bank, the women put it into gold which in turn they put around their necks. What a treasure chest. Maria's collection has been handed down in her family for generations.

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Having been invited to their wedding, we invited them to what we jokingly called "The Mansion". And since it was a nice day, we all stayed out on the veranda drinking a toast to the newlyweds. What a setting for a wedding reception.

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We were in quite a hurry - as were others - and for good reason. Close behind, the campinos - who are the cowboys of the country - were galloping into the town of Santarém for their annual fair.

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Hundreds of them have gathered from the many ranches to exhibit the skills that are part of a cowboy's life.

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Awards are given to the campinos who excel in the various contests, so the ranchers have sent their very best men.

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After the fair, this campino is welcomed home by José Rodriguez owner of one of the largest ranches.



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