

ALEX BOTELHO

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Profile



Born on the 6th of August 1990, Alex grew up in the southwest of Portugal, sailing at the age of 5, then started surfing aged 9.

He started competing at 10 years of age, was National Vice-Champion at 12, and by age 18 he was venturing in search of good waves and exploring new experiences.

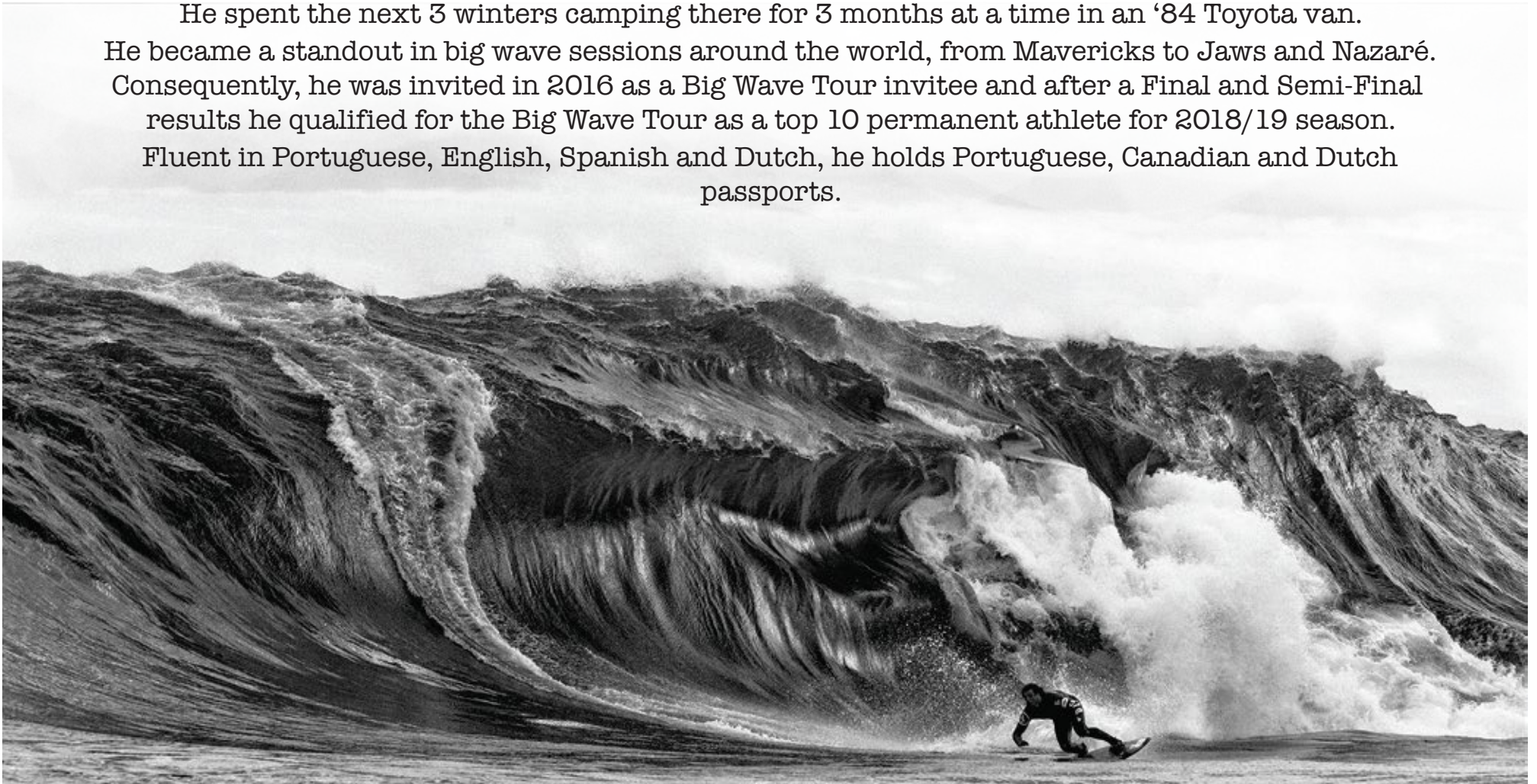
Through his travels he ventured to Mavericks at 19, where he discovered his passion for larger surf.

He spent the next 3 winters camping there for 3 months at a time in an '84 Toyota van.

He became a standout in big wave sessions around the world, from Mavericks to Jaws and Nazaré.

Consequently, he was invited in 2016 as a Big Wave Tour invitee and after a Final and Semi-Final results he qualified for the Big Wave Tour as a top 10 permanent athlete for 2018/19 season.

Fluent in Portuguese, English, Spanish and Dutch, he holds Portuguese, Canadian and Dutch passports.



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Profile



Words by Al Mackinnon, Professional Surf Photographer

“The type of trips I do tend to require a particular blend in a personality and Alex is just that; humble, efficient, driven, calm, affable, kind, philosophical and has an enquiring mind and interest and love of nature.

He also has a totally off-the-wall sense of humour; Botelho's tangents certainly get you through any mission doldrums! Not to mention he charges big waves and buries a rail like few can. (...) I consider him a good friend and am stoked he's getting a solid profile, he's without doubt one of the Europe's best surfers.”

Words by Ricardo Bravo, Professional Surf Photographer

“Not by accident, Alex is one of the most easy-going and tolerant surfers I have ever met. Every time the wind is blowing from the wrong side of the world, he just takes a minute to rethink the situation and looks for the best solution for everyone involved. If things get tough, he remains calm, waiting for the storm to go away. (...) Claiming and bragging are definitely not his style, so most people that are lucky enough to meet him, only realize how good he is on a surfboard when they get to surf with him. Big airs at his home break – Meia Praia - power carving at Coxos, getting barreled at Nazaré, dropping into 25 footers at Mavericks and getting plenty of coverage in international media...”

Stats: 1.87m 90kg D.O.B. 06/08/1990

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Print



8 Covers

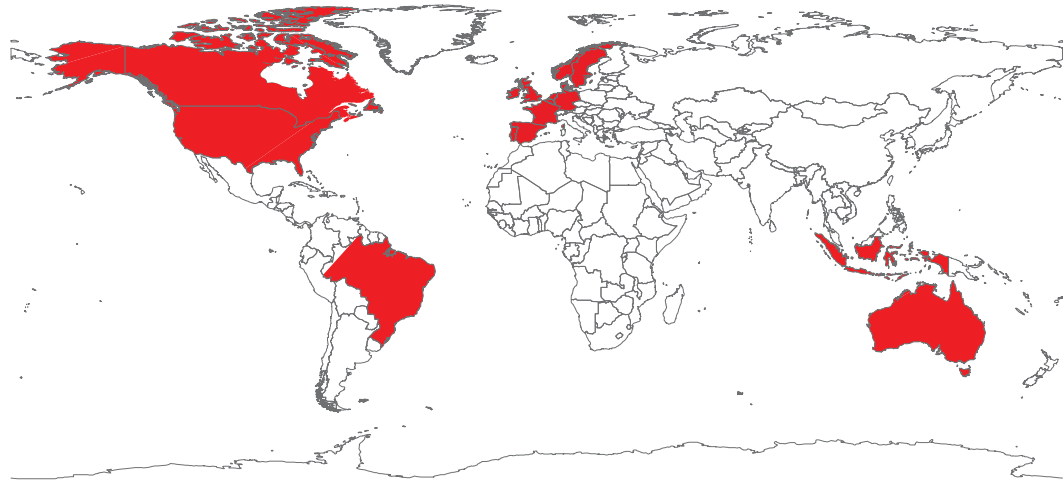
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The Surfer's Path / The Surfers Journal / (...)

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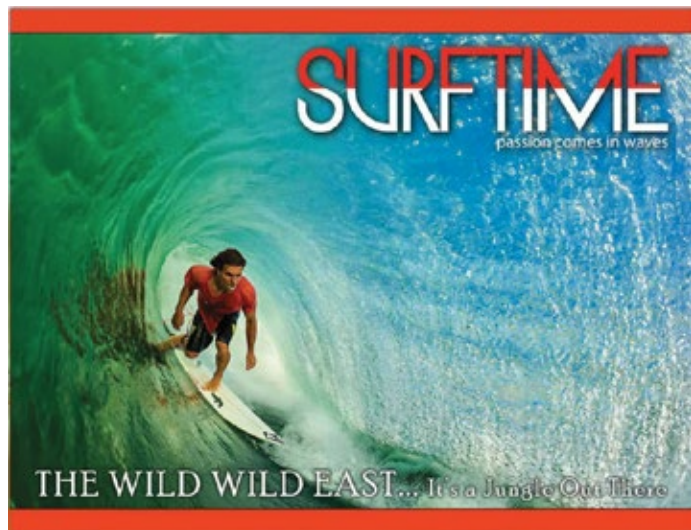
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White Horses



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Wasted Talent





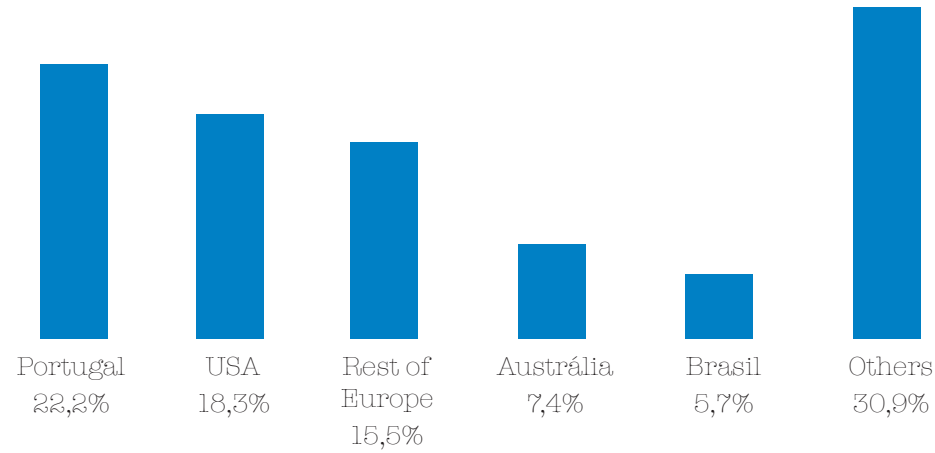




Online



Media Distribution



Video

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Bottled
19.5K Views



Timeless Resemblances
26.6K Views



No Edit Indonesia
30.9K Views

Online



Web Highlights
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Interview on Surfer.com



**Feature on The
Guardian**



Single wave at Nazaré
45.000 video views
30+ media platform shared



Exclusive feature on WSL



Feature on Surfline



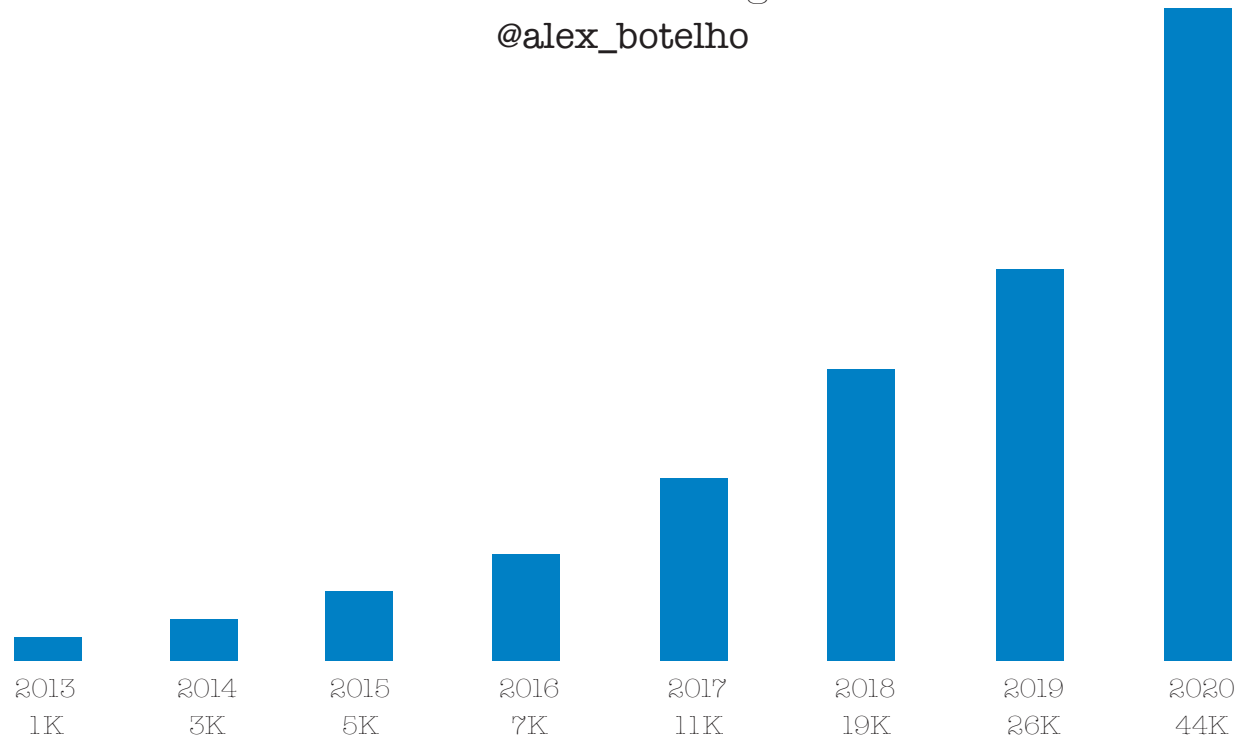
Interview on Inertia

Online



Social Media - Instagram

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Followers - **44K**

Average Impressions - **100k per week**

Average Engagement - **1k per post**









Big Wave Tour



2017/2018 Highlights



- One of the top 10 surfers in the world to qualify
 - Puerto Escondido Challenge finalist
 - Nazaré Challenge semi-finalist
- Punta Galea finalist 3rd place finish 2018
- 8th place overall finish in the world
- Only Portuguese surfer on tour
- On tour full time 2018/2019

Big Wave Tour



2018/2019 (ongoing) Highlights



- Nazaré Challenge finalist 4th place finish
- Punta Galea finalist 3rd place finish 2019
- 7th place overall finish in the world










Goals



- Finish top 6 in Big Wave Tour 2018/2019.
- World Surf League XXL Finalist Nominee 2018/2019.
- Chase best swells to remote locations and engage in further exploration.

A full-page background image of a beach. In the foreground, a sandy beach leads to the ocean. A person is standing in the shallow surf on the right side. The ocean has white-capped waves breaking. The sky is a deep blue with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall mood is inspirational and serene.

Fight for what seems impossible.
Through determination, perseverance and creativity,
everything is possible.

Alex Botelho