Fernando de Noronha

- PY0F, CQ Zone 11
- An archipelago of 21 islands and islets
- Located 3 deg 51 min south latitude, 32 deg 25 min west longitude
- Located 220 miles off Brazil
- Volcanic origin – the base of the volcano is 2,480 feet deep
- Main island is 6.2 miles long and 2.2 miles wide; area is 6.9 square miles
- Highest point is Morro de Pico – 1,060 feet
- Population 2,700 in 2012
A Little Portuguese

- Bem vindo – Welcome
- Obrigado – Thank you
- Praia – Beach
- Tartaruga – Turtle
- Vila – Town
- Capela – Chapel
- Igreja – Church
- Golfinho - Dolphin
- Morro de Pico – Hill Peak
MAPA FERNANDO DE NORONHA

ÚNICO POSTO DE GASOLINA
HOSPITAL NA PRAÇA FLAMBOYANT NORONHA
AEROPORTO FERNANDO DE NORONHA
BR 363 - A ÚNICA EM BOM ESTADO DE CONSERVAÇÃO
PLACA COM NOME DOS BAIROS DE NORONHA
PLACA COM NOME DAS PRAIAS DA ILHA
IGREJA CATÓLICA DA ILHA

FERNANDO DE NORONHA
17KM QUADRADOS DE MUITA NATUREZA E DISTANTE
545KM DE PERNAMBUCO

VIR A NORONHA REQUER NO MÍNIMO
5 DIAS, PARA USUFRUIR
DOS INÚMEROS ATRATIVOS.

Palácio São Miguel 01
Igreja N. S. dos Remédios 02
Memorial Noronhense 03
Forte N. S. dos Remédios 04
Capela de São Pedro 05
Forte Santa Antônia 06
Museu do Tubarão 07
Auditório do Tamar 08
Capela da Quebra 09
Forte São Pedro do Boldró 10
Praia da Cacimba do Padre 11
Forto do Sueste 12
Bar do Casho 13
Mirante do Boldró 14
Mirante dos Golfinhos 15
Mirante do Leão 16
Mirante do Sueste 17
Buraco da Raquel 18

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Fernando de Noronha

- Named after a Portuguese merchant, Fernao de Noronha
- Was given to him by Portuguese crown for his services importing wood from Brazil
- Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2001 because of the importance of its environment
- Visitors pay an environmental tax based on the length of their stay
The Team

- PY5EG – Atilano de Oms Sobrinho, Team Leader
- PY5CC – Peter
- PY5GU – Gus
- PY5KC – Rod
- PY5ZBU - Don
- LZ1JK – Vasco
- LZ1JY – Nick
- K1CC – Rich
- K1LZ – Krassy
- K1ZM – Jeff
- K2DM – George
- N5FA – Jim
- David – Networking
- Nicolau – Antenna rigging
- PY0FF – Andre, our host
The Motivation

• Krassy wanted to test his new Acom amplifier line – the auto-tune Acom 2000
• Oms wanted to see how competitive a score could be produced from a deep South American location
• I wanted to spend a week on a beautiful island enjoying QSO rates that were unheard of from my NJ QTH
The Trip

• With visas in hand, Jeff and I flew overnight on October 25th from Newark to Sao Paulo, in southeastern Brazil

• From Sao Paulo we flew up to Recife on the east coast – we had a fairly long layover, so we hired a taxi for a tour of Recife

• Finally we flew the last 200+ miles to Fernando de Noronha, arriving Tuesday
The QTH

• Andre owned the Pousada de Morena – a motel-like operation that included a discotheque and a restaurant
• We took over most of the rooms to set up stations for the week. The rooms doubled as bedrooms for most of the ops
• Jeff, Rich and I were assigned a bedroom across the street in another pousada
Setting Up

• We divided into work teams:
  – Station setup
  – Low band antennas
  – Network
  – High band antennas
  – A/C power hookup
• I worked with Jeff and Krassy on the low band antenna team, which
  – Laid out 2 beverages
  – Put up a 4-square for 80M
  – Raised a 160M vertical with a helium balloon
  – Laid out LOTS of radials
• At one point I even climbed a tower for some forgotten reason
Results

• Our score of 41,625,828 was good for 4th place in the world.
• We were beaten by CN8WW, IG9A and PJ4B
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Buggy Tour Highlights
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