

Flores & Corvo - The Atlantic's Garden & The Black Island - Activities 2024

A variety of activities can be booked locally including walks and boat trips as shown below.

Sunvil is able to pre-book the diving and land tour on Flores.

Please note that any pre-booked activity with Sunvil must be requested 14 days or more before departure.



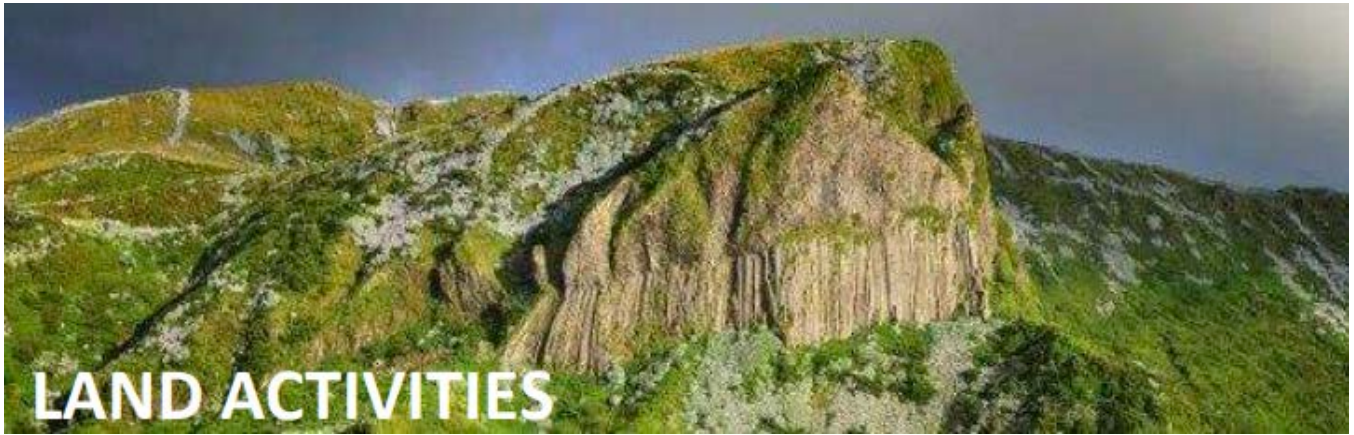
Boat Trips and Diving

The natural beauty and richness of the waters off Flores Island offers some diverse adventures.

- Boat trip around the island to discover the waterfalls
- Boat tour to discover hidden caves
- Boat trip to Corvo Island (round trip) operates from 10th June to 20th September
- Visit to the crater of Caldeirão at Corvo Island
- Diving 1 or 10 dives

Notes

- Excursion Provider: Ocidental Hotel, Santa Cruz das Flores
- These activities run between April to November and are bookable and payable locally
- Minimum 8 people required, except for the boat trip to Corvo where no minimum number is required
- Zodiac boats (small, rigid hull inflatable carrying up to 24 people) are used
- Diving for experienced divers only: The price includes the boat, skipper, full tank, weights and guide. Dive suits can be hired locally for approx. 15 Euros per person.



Flores Tour (Half Day)

Depart from Santa Cruz towards the west coast of the island on the interior road. En route you will stop at Pico da Casinha belvedere and visit the Volcanic lakes of Lomba, Funda, Rasa, Seca, Branca, Comprida and Negra. The next visit includes the Craveiro Lopes and Portal viewpoints. Continue towards Fajã Grande and Ponta da Fajã, see the beautiful cascading waterfalls and visit the Poço do Bacalhau. After Fajã Grande you will visit the geological phenomenon of Rocha dos Bordões followed by the Lajedo viewpoint. You will pass by Lajes Village and return to Santa Cruz along the East Coast stopping at the Caveira and Fajã do Conde viewpoints, to admire the views over Santa Cruz, the principal town of the island and the west coast.

Flores Tour (Full Day)

Depart from Santa Cruz towards the centre of the island, in to the Luís Paulo Camacho Forest Park before heading to the viewpoints of Caimbras, Cedros, Ponta Ruiva, the parish of Ponta Delgada and its port and the island of Maria Vaz, just off the north-west coast of Flores. After lunch (not included), you will continue to the viewpoint of Pico da Sé before passing through the largest Azorean forest of Cedros do Mato with its endemic trees. From here the visit continues to the volcanic lakes of Lomba, Funda, Rasa, Seca, Branca, Comprida and Negra. The next stop will be the Craveiro Lopes and Portal viewpoints after which you will take a short walk (c.45 minutes) with a guide along the Ribeira do Ferreiro walking trail.

Afterwards continue towards Fajã Grande, the westernmost point of Europe and Ponta da Fajã, see the beautiful cascading waterfalls and visit the Poço do Bacalhau – the trail to the waterfall (with guide) takes approximately 20 minutes. After Fajã Grande you will visit the geological phenomenon of Rocha dos Bordões followed by the Lajedo viewpoint. You will then stop in the village of Lajes and visit the church viewpoint before returning to Santa Cruz along the East Coast stopping at the Fajã do Conde viewpoint, to admire the views over Santa Cruz, the principal town of the island and the west coast.

Price is £127 per vehicle (Half Day) and £165 per vehicle (Full Day)

Notes

- Pick-up from hotels in Santa Cruz (Flores) at 09:00 - supplier Noya Tours
- Prices are based on 1-4 people per vehicle.
- Half Day: 4.5 hours
- Full Day: 7-8 hours
- Not included: Lunch and entrance fees to museums and parks
- Ribeira do Ferreiro trail grading: Medium (depending on weather conditions)
- Poço do Bacalhau waterfall trail grading: Easy
- Transfers from hotels outside of Santa Cruz are at a supplement on request
- English speaking guide can be provided at a supplement on request



Self-Guided Walks

The islands of the Azores, with their mild climate (day time temperature ranging from 14-22 degrees), are the most wonderful islands for walking. All walks are to be booked and paid for locally.

Ponta do Albarnaz – Fajã Grande (Flores)

This 3 hour (12km) walk is along Flores' west coast. The route is bordered by hydrangeas and descends and crosses several rivulets before reaching your first view point. Here you can enjoy spectacular views over Maria Vaz islet, Ponta do Albarnaz lighthouse and, on a clear day, the tiny island of Corvo. Continuing on an unmade track you will then descend towards Ponta da Fajã and the quaint village of Fajã Grande, where the walk comes to an end.

- Grade 2 (Medium)

Lajedo - Fajã Grande (Flores)

This 2.5 hour (10km) trail begins in the parish of Lajedo. Along the trail you can observe the western coast of Flores and the adjacent islets. The trail passes by the parishes of Mosteiro, Fajãzinha and Ribeira Grande. Generally the trail runs on an unpaved track with some stone and tarmac areas.

- Grade 2 (Medium)

Miradouro das Lagoas – Fajã Grande (Flores)

This 3 hour (7km) walk offers spectacular views along the west coast of Flores and descends to the pretty village of Ribeira das Casas with its gurgling stream. The walk ends at the pool and waterfall of Poça do Bacalhau in Fajã Grande – offering the perfect opportunity for a refreshing swim.

- Grade 2 (Medium)

Notes

- Excursion Provider: Noya Tours
- The walks can be booked and paid for locally on Flores.

Cova Vermelha (Corvo)

This 1 hour (3.5km) walk is along pretty country lanes lined with old stone dykes to Vila Nova do Corvo – the only inhabited town on the island. The fabulous views along the way are complemented by the interesting geological formations, a striking rock carving of an Indian head and the profuse covering of junipers on the island.

- Grade 1 (Easy)

Note

- This walk can be booked and paid for locally on Corvo.