

# Azores Three Island Tour

## Sao Miguel ■ Faial ■ Pico

**Departure:** Saturdays (07Apr-20Oct12)

**Duration:** 7 nights

**Saturday – SAO MIGUEL**

Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

**Sunday**

Depart from Ponta Delgada to Sete Cidades lakes by the mountain road. Stop at the ‘Vista do Rei’ belvedere to enjoy the magnificent view over the two lakes (one is blue, the other green) and the surrounding area. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping at a pineapple plantation en route. Visitors to the pineapple plantations are able to visit the greenhouses, as well as having the opportunity to taste the fruit and pineapple liqueur. Free afternoon.



**Monday**

Depart from Ponta Delgada to Vila Franca do Campo, the first capital of Sao Miguel. After a short visit of the town, continue to the village of Furnas, where you will have time to explore the beautiful botanical gardens and hot springs owned by the Hotel Terra Nostra Garden. A traditional Cozido lunch will be taken at a local restaurant before returning to Ponta Delgada by the north coast, visiting a tea plantation and Santa Iria view point en route.

**Tuesday – FAIAL**

Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for flight to Faial (1-hour). Transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, depart from Horta for a tour of the island. The route will include traveling by the mountain road towards Caldeira, the highest point on the island at 1,043 metres. Continue north to Capelinhos, the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores in 1957 and visit the museum, which details the evolution of the eruption. Return to Horta.

**Wednesday – PICO (Day trip)**

Depart from Horta harbour, to Pico Island (30-minutes by boat). Depart from Madalena by the mountain road (altitude 1.100m) to the village of Lajes do Pico. Lajes do Pico was, for many years, the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores. Today you can visit the Whaler’s museum (included in the tour) located on the harbour front, home to a fascinating exhibition about the industry, which includes examples of the equipment used as well as many original photographs. Continue on to the village



of Sao Roque with a brief stop (lunch not included). Return to Madalena port, visiting the black rocks of Cachorro en route. Return to Faial by boat.

**Thursday – SAO MIGUEL**

Transfer to Horta airport for flight to Sao Miguel (1-hour). Transfer to your hotel.

**Friday**

Free time on Sao Miguel. Opportunity to explore the town of Ponta Delgada, indulge in some last minute shopping and/or participate in whale watching or swimming with dolphins excursion (pre-bookable through Sunvil or through our local representative), or just relax.

**Saturday**

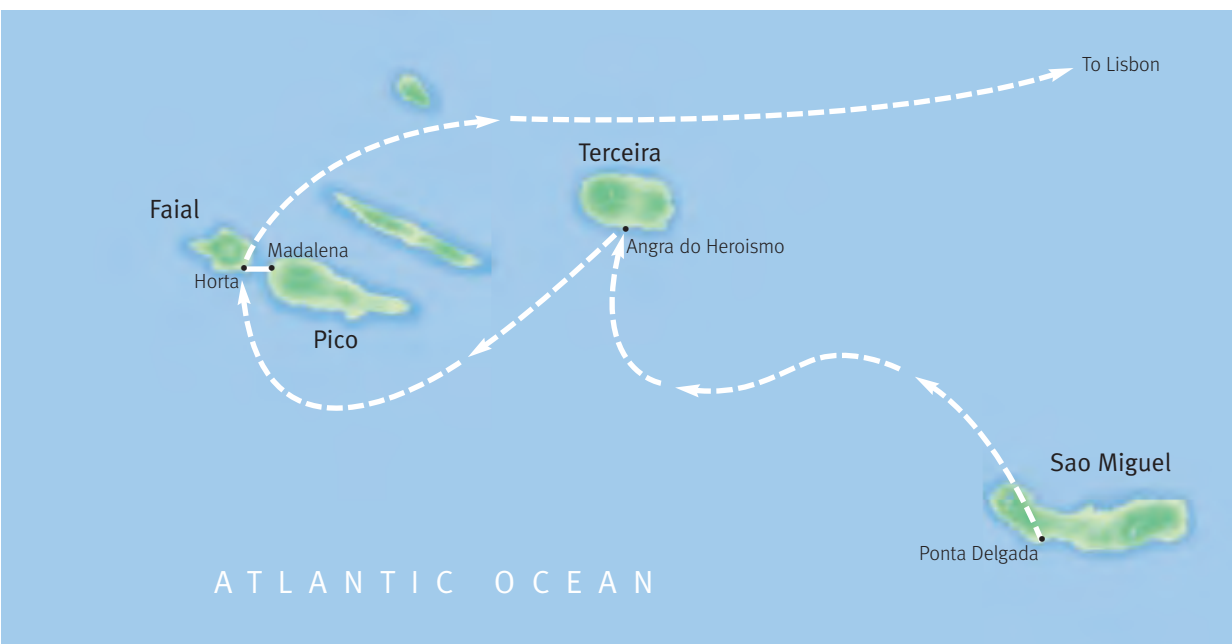
Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for the return flight home.

**Price includes**

- Saturday scheduled flights with SATA International from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada (Sao Miguel).
- 7-night accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis.
- All inter-island flights, transfers, entrance tickets (botanical garden and museums) and the Cozido lunch.
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver).
- Prices based on a minimum of 2 persons.
- Itinerary is subject to change.

**Important note:** We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people. The tour will run with a minimum of two persons.

7 Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Hotel Vila Nova	Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel (see page 15)
2	Hotel do Canal	Horta, Faial (see page 55)
2	Hotel Talisman	Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel (see page 16)



Angra do Heroismo, Terceira

# Azores Four Island Tour

## Sao Miguel ■ Terceira ■ Faial ■ Pico

**Departure:** Any day of the week  
(01Nov11–31Oct12)

**Duration:** 10 nights

### Day 1 – SAO MIGUEL

Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport. Transfer to your hotel.

### Day 2

Depart from Ponta Delgada to the village of Furnas, visiting the town of Vila Franca do Campo en route. Furnas is famed for its botanical garden, hot springs and Caldeiras - 1m deep holes dug into the hot earth in which the traditional Cozido is cooked (lunch not included). Return to Ponta Delgada by the north coast visiting a tea plantation and the town of Ribeira Grande.

### Day 3

Depart from Ponta Delgada to Sete Cidades lakes by the mountain road. Stop at the 'Vista do Rei' belvedere which, on a



Furnas, Sao Miguel

clear day, affords one of the finest views in the Azores. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping at a pineapple plantation en route. Free afternoon.

### Day 4

Free time on Sao Miguel. Opportunity to explore the town of Ponta Delgada, indulge in some last minute shopping and/or participate in whale watching or swimming with dolphins excursion (pre-bookable through Sunvil or through our local representatives), or just relax.

### Day 5 – TERCEIRA

Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for flight to Terceira (40-minutes). Transfer to your hotel.

### Day 6

Free morning. Afternoon departure from Angra do Heroismo to visit the 'Algar do Carvao' grotto (summer months only) and then continue on to Biscoitos on the north coast. In Biscoitos you will visit the wine museum and the natural black volcanic pools. Return to Angra do Heroismo, a UNESCO World Heritage site, passing by the villages of Doze Ribeiras and Sao Mateus.

### Day 7 – FAIAL

Transfer to Terceira airport for flight to Horta (40-minutes). Transfer to your hotel.

### Day 8 – PICO (Day trip)

Depart from Horta harbour, for a 30-minute boat trip to Pico Island. From Madalena harbour you will take the mountain road across the island towards the village of Lajes do Pico. This journey will include the beautiful south coast of

the island, with its vineyards (awarded UNESCO World status) bordered by black volcanic rock and Mount Pico towering above. At Lajes do Pico you will visit the whaler's museum with its fascinating exhibition illustrating whaling in the Azores which, until its ban in 1987, was the main industry on the islands. Continue to Sao Roque with a brief stop (lunch not included) before returning to Madalena port, visiting the black rocks of Cachorro en route. Return to Faial by boat.

### Day 9

Free time in Horta. Opportunity to explore the island's capital and visit the famous Peter's Café (also known as Café Sport). A walk along the harbour front to admire the painted yacht emblems and numerous messages is also highly recommended.

### Day 10

Depart from Horta to Caldeira, the highest point on the island from where you can enjoy wonderful views across the ocean to the neighbouring islands of Pico and Sao Jorge. On a clear day you can also see the island of Graciosa in the distance. From Caldeira the tour will continue to Capelinhos, the eerie site of the last volcano eruption in the Azores (1957), before returning to Horta. Free afternoon.

### Day 11

Transfer to Horta airport for the return flight home.

10 Nights	Accommodation	Location
4	Hotel Vila Nova	Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel (see page 15)
2	Hotel Angra Garden	Angra do Heroismo, Terceira (see page 33)
4	Hotel Faial	Horta, Faial (see page 55)

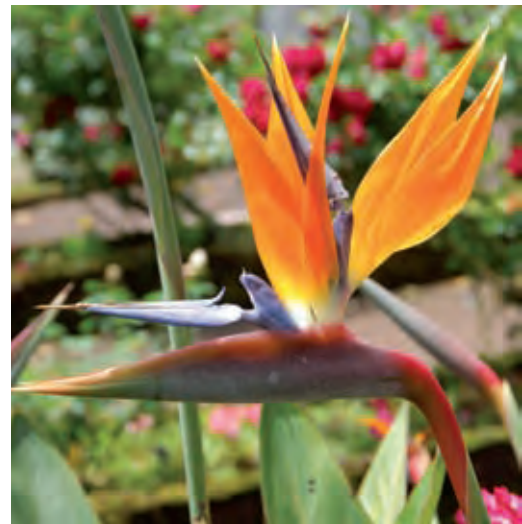


Holy Ghost Chapel, Terceira

### Price includes

- Scheduled flights with TAP Portugal from London Heathrow, via Lisbon, to Ponta Delgada (Sao Miguel) and returning from Faial, via Lisbon, to London Heathrow.
- 10-night accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis.
- All inter-island flights, transfers, boat tickets, entrance tickets (botanical garden and museums).
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver).
- **Price from £1,554 per person based on 2-sharing.** Please telephone us for a quotation.
- Itinerary is subject to change.

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# Azores Grand Tour

Sao Miguel ■ Flores ■ Faial ■ Pico ■ Sao Jorge ■ Terceira

**Departure:** Saturday (07Apr-13Oct12)  
**Duration:** 14 nights

The unique beauty of the Azores and the individual character of each island provide an opportunity to explore an area of spectacular natural scenery. As the islands are geographically diverse we would recommend that the first time visitor might consider a pre-booked itinerary of the archipelago which includes six islands with an excursion on each.

**Saturday – SAO MIGUEL**

Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport. Transfer to your hotel.

**Sunday**

Departure from Ponta Delgada to Sete Cidades lakes by the mountain road. According to local myth, the two lakes at Sete Cidades were formed after a love affair between a princess and a shepherd boy was abruptly ended on the orders of her father, the king. The myth states that the two lakes, one blue in colour the other green were formed from the tears of the pair as they separated. After visiting the lakes, you will stop at the 'Vista do Rei' belvedere from which there is a panoramic view over the lakes and the surrounding area. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping en route at a pineapple plantation. Free afternoon.

**Monday**

Depart from Ponta Delgada to the village of Furnas by the south road, stopping at the town of Vila Franca do Campo en route. In Furnas you will have time to visit the beautiful 30-acre botanical gardens and the hot springs before continuing to the town of Ribeira Grande, visiting a tea plantation en route. Return to Ponta Delgada.

**Tuesday – FLORES**

Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for

flight to Flores (90-minutes). Transfer to your hotel.

**Wednesday**

Departure from Faja Grande towards the East Coast of the island and the most western point of Europe. En route you will stop at the Ribeira da Cruz belvedere and visit several of the island's picturesque crater lakes. This excursion includes many of the highlights of Flores (the island of Flowers) including the lush green pastures bordered with hydrangeas (June to August), the impressive waterfalls and the unique 'organ pipe' rock formation of Rocha dos Bordoos. Free afternoon.

**Thursday – FAIAL**

Transfer to Flores airport for flight to Faial (50-minutes). Transfer to your hotel.

**Friday**

Depart from Horta via the mountain road in the direction of Espalamarca. You will visit the vast Caldeira, which dominates the island's landscape before continuing to Capelinhos. Capelinhos is the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores (1957) and even today very little vegetation has regrown. The museum (visited on the tour) retells the drama. Free afternoon.

**Saturday**

Free time in Horta. Opportunity to explore the island's capital and visit the famous Peter's Café (also known as Café Sport). A walk along the harbour front to admire the painted yacht emblems and numerous messages is also highly recommended.

**Sunday – PICO (Day trip)**

Depart from Horta harbour, for a 30-minute boat trip to Pico Island. From Madalena harbour you will take the mountain road across the island towards the village of Lajes do Pico. This journey

will include the beautiful south coast of the island, with its vineyards bordered by black volcanic rock and Mount Pico towering above. At Lajes do Pico you will visit the whaler's museum with its fascinating exhibition illustrating whaling in the Azores which, until its ban in 1987, was the main industry on the islands. Continue to Sao Roque with a brief stop (lunch not included) before returning to Madalena port, visiting the black rocks of Cachorro en route. Return to Faial by boat.

**Monday – SAO JORGE**

Transfer to Horta harbour for boat crossing to the island of Sao Jorge (90-minutes). Transfer to your hotel.

**Tuesday**

Depart from Velas towards Beira where you will visit a cheese factory. Continue to Calheta and Manadas, stopping at several breathtaking viewpoints en route. In Manadas you will visit the beautiful baroque parish church dedicated to Santa Barbara. Continue to Urzelina before returning to Velas. Free afternoon.

**Wednesday – TERCEIRA**

Transfer to Sao Jorge airport for flight to Terceira (35-minutes). Transfer to your hotel.

**Thursday**

Free morning. Afternoon departure from Angra do Heroismo to Monte Brasil, from where you can enjoy fabulous views over the historic city. From Monte Brasil you

will travel on the interior road to Biscoitos on the north coast visiting the Serra do Cume viewpoint en route. In Biscoitos you will visit the wine museum and the natural black volcanic pools. Return to Angra do Heroismo, a UNESCO World Heritage site, passing by the villages of Doze Ribeiras and Sao Mateus.

**Friday – SAO MIGUEL**

Transfer to Terceira airport for flight to Sao Miguel (40-minutes). Transfer to your hotel.

**Saturday**

Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for return flight home.

**Price includes**

- Saturday scheduled flights with SATA International from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada (Sao Miguel).
- 14-night accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis.
- All inter-island flights, transfers, entrance tickets (botanical garden and museums) and Cozido lunch.
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver).
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14 Nights	Accommodation	Location
3	Hotel Vila Nova	Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel (see page 15)
2	Hotel das Flores	Santa Cruz, Flores (see page 62)
4	Hotel do Canal	Horta, Faial (see page 55)
2	Hotel Sao Jorge Garden	Velas, Sao Jorge (see page 44)
2	Hotel Terceira Mar	Angra do Heroismo, Terceira (see page 33)
1	Hotel do Colegio	Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel (see page 16)