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# **Santa Maria Activities 2019**

Sunvil can pre-book a variety of activities on Santa Maria— see full details below. These activities can also be booked locally through our local agent.

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

# Canyoning

Canyoning is an exciting combination of walking, scrambling, climbing, jumping, abseiling and swimming in some of the most spectacular scenery of cliffs and waterfalls in the island of Santa Maria. It has become a very popular extreme sport with fans all over the world and provides a unique experience in the middle of nature and at the same time moments of pure adrenaline.

## Price is £65 per person

#### **Notes**

- Excursion provider: Bootlá
- Daily pick-up from properties in Vila do Porto, São Pedro and Santa Bárbara 08:30
- Duration: 5 hours (including 2½ to 3½ hours in the canyon) depending on number of people
- Location: North coast
- Minimum 2 people
- Snack (energy bar and water) included
- Suitable for children aged 14 years and upwards. No previous experience required
- Equipment required: Towel, swim suit, hair-bands, shoes that can get wet (preferably mountain boots or running shoes), warm clothing and a spare pair of shoes for the journey home
- Safety equipment provided: Neoprene wetsuit and socks, helmet and harness
- Canyoning shoes and gloves can be hired locally for a supplement of £5.00 per person

# Canyoning, Coasteering and Jeep Tour (São Lourenço Adventure)

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São Lourenço is known as one of the most beautiful bays in the Azores. The adventure starts with beginner-level canyoning by eight stunning waterfalls – the highest is 18 metres. Then a little coasteering (swimming, climbing, and jumping) through turquoise sea water until you reach Ponta Negra beach. After lunch, there will be a Jeep tour along the Northern part of the island.

## ■ Price is £113 per person (May-Oct)

## Notes

- Excursion provider: Bootlá
- Daily pick-up from properties in Vila do Porto, São Pedro and Santa Bárbara 08:30
- Duration: 8 hours including 2 hours in the canyon; 1½ hours coasteering; 1 hour lunch; 2 hours Jeep safari; 1½ hours briefing and transportation
- Location: North coast
- Minimum 2 people
- Lunch included at a local restaurant in São Lourenço
- Suitable for children aged 14 years and upwards. No previous experience required
- Equipment required: Towel, swim suit, hair-bands, shoes that can get wet (preferably mountain boots or running shoes), warm clothing and a spare pair of shoes for the journey home
- Safety equipment provided: Neoprene wetsuit and socks, helmet and harness

■ Note: Canyoning shoes and gloves can be hired locally for a supplement of £5.00 per person

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## Coasteering

Coasteering is an exciting combination of swimming, climbing and jumping in some of the most spectacular scenery of cliffs and waterfalls in the island of Santa Maria.

# Price is £65 per person (May-Oct)

### **Notes**

- Excursion provider: Bootlá
- Daily pick-up from properties in Vila do Porto, São Pedro and Santa Bárbara 08:30
- Duration: 5 hours
  Location: North coast
- Minimum 2 people
- Light snack and water included
- Suitable for children aged 14 years and upwards. No previous experience required
- Equipment required: Towel, swim suit, hair-bands, shoes that can get wet (preferably mountain boots or running shoes), warm clothing and a spare pair of shoes for the journey home
- Safety equipment provided: Neoprene wetsuit and socks, helmet and harness

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# Diving

Santa Maria is a place of unique beauty for divers. The abundance and richness of underwater fauna provides unforgettable moments. The Pedrinha, the islet of Lagoinhas, the islet of São Lourenço, the islets of Formigas and the Dollabarat reef offer an abundance of both Atlantic and Tropical fish life – parrot fish, groupers, sting and eagle rays, moray and conger eels, barracudas, amberjacks, turtles and dolphins. A fully equipped PADI dive centre is based in Vila do Porto.

#### Prices are:

- 1 Dive is £58 per person
- 2 Dives is £108 per person
- 4 Dives is £208 per person

## Diving prices on request for:

- Dives at Formigas and Dollabarat (minimum 6 people)
- Snorkelling with Manta Rays

# Notes

- Excursion provider: Mantamaria
- Meeting point at Mantamaria Office at Vila do Porto harbour at 08:30
- Daily activity (01Jan-31Oct) minimum 6 people required between Oct-May
- Suitable for all from complete beginner to the most experienced, with boat trips
- Dives include a 12 litre steel tank (200-230 BAR), weight belt, dive master guidance and boat transportation to and from the dive sites
- Wetsuits not included but can be rented locally for 5.50 Euros each
- All divers have to carry valid diving and medical certificates confirming fitness to dive

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# **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. Our suggested walks incorporate some of the best scenic walks on the island.

## **Entre Serra e Mar (Half Day)**

This 9.5km (3.5 hours) walk starts and ends at the parish church of Santa Bárbara and passes typical houses and through rural landscapes. As you travel around the island you will notice the distinctive house chimneys, unique to Santa Maria and the varying number of colours used – the colours relate to the parish in which they are located. Following well used tracks, this walk offers excellent views of the bay of São Lourenço. **Grade 2 (Medium)** 

## Pico Alto / São Pedro (Half Day)

This 14km (4 hours) walk starts on the Pico Alto forest road (587m), the highest point on Santa Maria, with views over the whole island – São Miguel Island can also be seen on a clear day. You will pass through

the Barreiro da Faneca, a unique ecosystem made up of reddish clay soil known as the 'Red Desert of the Azores', and a forest of Japanese red cedar trees. Throughout the walk travellers are treated to views of Anjos, Ponta da Baleia, the Baía da Cré and the Lagoinhas Islet. **Grade 2 (Medium)** 

## Santo Espírito / Maia (Half Day)

This 6.8km (3 hours) walk begins in the parish of Santo Espírito passing through Maia and ending at the whaling factory in Ponta do Castelo. The route runs through the village and passes by the splendid waterfall of the Aveiro in Ribeira Grande, the Gonçalo Velho Lighthouse and through terraced vineyards. **Grade 2 (Medium)** 

# Price per walk is £38 per person

#### **Notes**

- Excursion provider: Bootlá
- Daily pick-up from all hotels at 09:00 or 14:00
- Guided walks with English speaking guide
- Minimum 2 people
- Recommended: Comfortable clothing, walking boots, swim suit, towel, rain jacket, sun lotion, binoculars and a camera

## **Jeep Tours**

Enjoy an unforgettable drive along the islands' best trails. Driving through trees and pastures often overlooking the Atlantic Ocean you will discover places and landscapes of rare beauty not often encountered by the average tourist. During the trip there will be several stops with time to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

# North Coast (Half Day)

■ Anjos bay ■ Barreiro da Faneca (Red Desert) ■ Santa Bárbara ■ Poço da Pedreira ■ São Lourenço Bay ■ Santo Espírito ■ Pico Alto ■ São Pedro

## South Coast (Half Dav)

Pedreira do Campo ■ Praia Formosa ■ Calçada do Gigante ■ Vigia da Baleia ■ Maia (Aveiro Waterfall) ■ Santo Espírito ■ Pico Alto ■ São Pedro

## Santa Maria (Full Day)

■ Anjos bay ■ Barreiro da Faneca (Red Desert) ■ Santa Bárbara ■ Poço da Pedreira ■ São Lourenço Bay ■ Santo Espírito ■ Maia (Aveiro Waterfall) ■ Calçada do Gigante ■ Pico Alto ■ Pedreira do Campo (fossils)

Price is £43 per person – Half Day Price is £81 per person – Full Day

## **Notes**

- Excursion provider: Bootlá
- Daily pick-up from properties in Vila do Porto, São Pedro and Santa Bárbara 09:00
- Escorted by an English speaking driver/guide
- Minimum 2 people
- Full Day: 9 hours including lunch
- Half Day: 5 hours
- Itineraries are subject to change

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## **Private Taxi Tours**

Sunvil is able to pre-book the following private taxi tour on Santa Maria. Tours can also be tailor-made to suit the individual requirements of our clients, please telephone us for a quotation.

# Santa Maria (Full Day)

Depart from Vila do Porto - the oldest town of the archipelago, to the small seaside resort of Anjos and its small chapel where Christopher Columbus attended a mass on his return from America. From Anjos, on a clear day it is possible to see the island of São Miguel on the horizon. Continue to the pretty village of Santa Bárbara where it is possible to admire the simple and beautiful architecture of the traditional houses of Santa Maria. The tour will proceed to a viewpoint overlooking the famous and unique landscape of São Lourenço Bay, a volcanic semi-crater covered in terraced vineyards and divided by basalt stonewalls. Then onwards to the pretty village of Santo Espírito, surrounded by green pastures and hills, and visit the beautifully restored 17<sup>th</sup> century baroque church. Return to Vila do Porto passing panoramic viewpoints over Maia Bay and the lighthouse at Gonçalo Velho.

Price from Vila do Porto is £142 per taxi (Full Day) or £86 (Half Day)

## **Notes**

- Excursion provider: Melo
- Daily departure (all year) from Vila do Porto at 09:00
  Prices are based on a maximum of 3 people per taxi
- Full Day: 8 hours
- Not included: Lunch and entrance fees to museums and parks
- Transfers from hotels outside of Vila do Porto are at a supplement on request
- A qualified English speaking guide can be provided at a supplement on request
- Itinerary is subject to change