

## Pico Activities 2020

Sunvil can pre-book a variety of activities on Pico – 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.

### All Terrain 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. During the trip there will be several stops with time to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

### Coast Route (Full Day)

Come and discover the stunning landscape of Pico Island by walking along its coastline. Visit the wine region with its beautiful vineyards – listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Experience the ancestral traditions of whaling and shipbuilding, as well as the beauty of the biodiversity of the Island.

- 10:00 - Madalena do Pico - Departure
- Lajido de Baixo - Santa Luzia
- Visit the village of Cais do Pico
- Visit Prainha Forest Park with nature trail
- 13:00 - Regional Lunch
- Nature Trail in the Protected Landscape Area of the Pico Island Vineyard
- 18:00 - Madalena do Pico - Arrival
- Guide and transportation in all-terrain vehicle, regional lunch and entrance to the museum included
- **Price is £79 per adult and £60 per child (2-12yrs)**

### Mountain Route (Full Day)

Join this fantastic adventure on Pico Island and discover stunning landscapes in their purest state of preservation. Explore the largest volcanic cave, with amazing geological formations and walk the longest lava tube in Portugal. All this is included in an unforgettable journey into the history of a people, their culture and gastronomy.

- 10:00 - Madalena do Pico - Departure
- Stop with a visit to the Pico Lagoons
- Nature Trail
- 13:00 - Regional Lunch
- Off road trail on the central part of Pico Island
- Gruta das Torres (Lava tube), guided tour
- 18:00 - Madalena do Pico – Arrival
- Guide and transportation in all-terrain vehicle, regional lunch and entrance to the caves including all the equipment included
- **Price is £90 per adult and £68 per child (2-12yrs)**

### Vineyard Route (Full Day)

Take a trip back in time and discover the old winemaking traditions that still remain in place today which make it an obvious choice as a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk through the vineyards and taste their exclusive wines.

- 10:00 - Madalena do Pico - Departure
- Stop at Cachorro
- Guided visit to the Lajido de Santa Luzia
- Santa Luzia - guided visit to the protected landscape of the vineyard (North Zone)
- 13:00 - Regional Lunch
- Criação Velha - guided visit to the protected landscape of the vineyard (South Zone)
- All terrain trail by the Maroiços of the Madalena do Pico





**Pico Mountain Hike**

For the more adventurous traveller a climb to the summit of Mount Pico can present the opportunity of a life time especially if you are blessed with clear skies. The peak, at 2,351 metres, offers spectacular views over the central islands of the archipelago. The ascent generally takes between 3½ and 4½ hours depending on how fit you are and weather conditions. The climb should only be attempted by strong walkers. The walk is not technically difficult but would involve some steep slopes along uneven paths and in places slippery vegetation and loose stones. The climb starts from 1200 metres. To climb the mountain you must be accompanied by a qualified guide.

- Price from Madalena is £76 per person (based on 2 people)
- Price from São Roque is £186 per person (based on 2 people)
- Price from Prainha is £91 per person (based on 2 people)

**Notes**

- Daily pick-up from hotels at 06:30
- Duration: 7 hours including 3-4 hours uphill
- Difficulty Level: High
- Accompanied by an experienced English speaking guide
- Equipment required: Comfortable clothing, walking boots, rain jacket, sun lotion, water, food supplies and a camera
- Prices for larger groups on request

**Private Taxi Tours**

Sunvil is able to pre-book the following private taxi tours on Pico with English speaking driver. Tours can also be tailor-made to suit the individual requirements of our clients, please telephone us for a quotation.

**Pico Island (Full Day)**

Depart from Madalena to the village of São Roque on the north coast of Pico, visiting the black rocks of Cachorro en route. Take the mountain road (altitude 900m) towards the village of Lajes do Pico, which for many years was the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores. Continue on to the Whaler’s Museum and home to a fascinating exhibition about the industry. Return to Madalena stopping at ‘Verdelho’ wine cellar en route.

- Price from Madalena is £168 per taxi
- Price from São Roque is £182 per taxi
- Price from Prainha is £196 per taxi

**Faial Island (Full Day)**

Depart from Madalena harbour to Faial Island (30 minutes by boat) – boat ticket not included. From Horta harbour take the mountain road towards Caldeira, the highest point on Faial 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 Pico by boat.

- Price from Horta harbour (Faial) is £216 per taxi

**Notes**

- Pick-up from hotels in Madalena (Pico) at about 09:00
- Meeting point on Faial (when coming from Pico) is Horta harbour
- Prices are based on a maximum of 3 people per taxi
- Full day (7 hours)
- Not included: Lunch and entrance fees to museums and parks and the boat crossing between Madalena (Pico) and Horta (Faial)
- A qualified English speaking guide can be provided at a supplement on request

**Whale & Dolphin Watching Trip**

Take a trip of a lifetime on board a Zodiac in search of cetacean activity – 27 of the planet’s 80 species of whales and dolphins have been sighted off the coast of the Azores.

**Price is £52 per person (21Mar-10Apr and 12Sep-06Nov20), £57 per person (09May-10Jul and 22Aug011Sep20) and £68 per person (11Apr-08May and 11Jul-21Aug20)**

**Notes**

- Departures: Daily 3-hour excursions
- Meeting point is Espaço Talassa’s base in Lajes do Pico marina departing at 09:00 or 14:00
- Transfers to/from the whaling base are not included
- Minimum child age is 6 years (accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- Apr to Sep is the best period to see whales off Pico

- Briefing by a marine biologist (c.20-minute talk)
- Zodiac boats (small, rigid hull inflatable carrying up to 14 people) are used
- We cannot guarantee that you will see a cetacean but it is unlikely that you should be so unlucky
- Pre-booking in July and August is recommended

**Important:** Children aged 5yrs or under, pregnant women or any person suffering from severe back problems are not allowed on the Zodiac boats.

**Azorean biodiversity - Full Day**

Join a tour where you will be able to birdwatch from land and sea; search for whales & dolphins in their natural habitat; stop for a picnic lunch; take a short walk on São Jorge Island; and have time to do some snorkelling.

**Price is £104 per person (21Mar-10Apr and 12Sep-06Nov20), £114 per person (09May-10Jul and 22Aug011Sep20) and £135 per person (11Apr-08May and 11Jul-21Aug20)**

**Notes**

- Departures: Fridays
- Duration: 8-hour
- Meeting point is Espaço Talassa's base in Lajes do Pico marina departing at 09:00
- Transfers to/from the whaling base are not included
- Minimum child age is 6 years (accompanied by a parent or guardian)
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