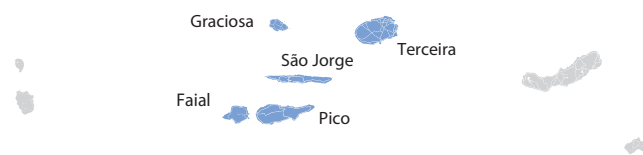




Terceira, Graciosa, São Jorge, Pico & Faial

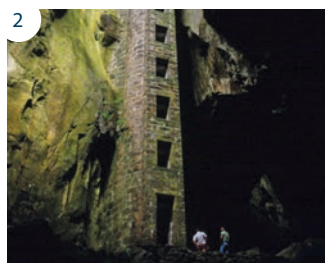
The Central Island group is made up of five stunning islands, each with unique characteristics. Terceira's capital, Angra do Heroísmo, with its origins in the late 15th century, is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Graciosa has a gentle, low-lying landscape that is relatively untouched by time.

São Jorge's craggy coastline plunges almost vertically into the ocean with unique, small flat areas (fajãs) at the base of the cliffs. Pico is famed for its vineyards - inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list. Faial's capital, Horta is a colourful harbour and port that attracts transatlantic yachts.



1 Cheese (São Jorge)

Try the delicious São Jorge cheese – you won't be disappointed. This hard/semi-hard cheese, not unlike cheddar, has a slightly peppery after taste.



2 Furna do Enxofre (Graciosa)

The best time to visit this volcanic phenomenon, an impressive lava cave, is between 11:00-14:00 hours when sunlight penetrates the narrow funnel by which the cave is entered.



3 Sanjoaninas (Terceira)

A festival in which the locals fill the streets of Angra do Heroísmo for ten days in June with parades, concerts, bull running, food stalls, fireworks and sporting events.



4 Whaling week (Pico & Faial)

The Semana dos Baleeiros unfolds with religious, cultural and musical events and various boating regattas celebrating the sea throughout one week in August.

Terceira

Angra do Heroísmo, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a picture book town of imposing townhouses and cobbled streets, seemingly untouched by time. The best views are from Monte Brasil (1,205m) across the harbour.

Azoris Angra Garden Plaza Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo

Centrally located in the historic town of Angra do Heroísmo, this modern property was in fact the first hotel (in 1968) to offer accommodation to visitors on Terceira. The hotel is ideally located opposite the main square of 'Praça Velha' and adjacent to the botanical gardens, from which there is a path that leads uphill (well worth the effort) to the 'Miradouro of Memory' with excellent views over the town of Angra.

Accommodation: 120 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, triple rooms, executive rooms, junior suites and a deluxe senior suite.

- Airport: 24km Lajes
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool
- Town centre location

Guide price from **£1,253 per person***



Do Caracol Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo

The Caracol is well situated on the western side of Angra do Heroísmo (20-minutes walk) and enjoys excellent views across the bay towards Monte Brasil at 1,205m. This stylish hotel, which has adopted an almost nautical theme in its choice of colours and design, is perfectly suited for both couples and families alike. A wide choice of leisure facilities and sporting activities make it the ideal choice for an extended stay on the island.

Accommodation: 100 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airport: 24km Lajes
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Spa
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,122 per person***

Pousada São Sebastião, Angra do Heroísmo

Set in a strategic position on the top of a cliff, this modern hotel is housed in an historic fortress. Originally constructed in 1555 on the demand of El-Rei D. Sebastião, the Pousada has retained many original features including the fortress walls, prison cells, governor's house and the cannon room. Whilst the addition of a new guest wing, modern and minimalist in design, offers relaxing public areas and accommodation of a high standard.

Accommodation: 29 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, superior rooms (two interconnect) and a suite.

- Airport: 24km Lajes
- Historic Design Hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal town location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,195 per person***



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Terceira & Graciosa

All flights to Graciosa go via Terceira and therefore make these two islands the perfect two-centre combination. Between them, the islands cater for all interests from golf, to exploring volcanoes, walking, swimming in natural rock pools and to visiting 19th century 'Imperias' - small chapels to the Holy Spirit.

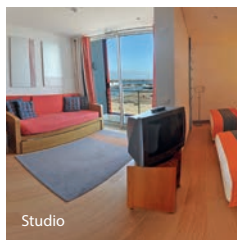
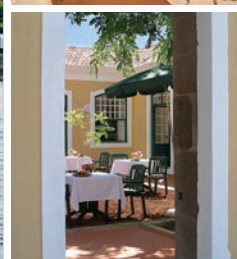
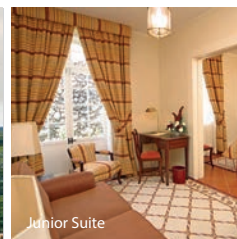
Quinta das Mercês, São Mateus

Positioned in the protected area of Monte Brasil and only a short distance from São Mateus fishing village (1km), this beautifully restored 18th century Manor House is the perfect base for a peaceful stay on the island. Offering a high standard of accommodation, the house has been tastefully decorated throughout in a style that reflects the elegance of the property.

Accommodation: 12 air-conditioned (ceiling fans) rooms including standard rooms, superior rooms, and a junior suite.

- Airport: 22km Lajes
- Manor House (4-star equivalent)
- Bed & Breakfast
- Car hire recommended
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,313 per person***



Praia Marina Hotel, Praia da Vitória

This 4-star property occupies a prime position within the town of Praia da Vitória, opposite a sandy, blue flag beach just 50 metres from the main square, and offers guests the luxury of a hotel with the amenities of a self-catering apartment. The public areas and bedrooms are of a high standard with modern furnishings. The studios, apartments and suites enjoy the addition of a fully equipped kitchenette. The property will suit both couples and families alike.

Accommodation: 31 air-conditioned units including standard rooms, studios, 1-bedroom apartments and suites.

- Airport: 5km Lajes
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal town location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£1,130 per person***

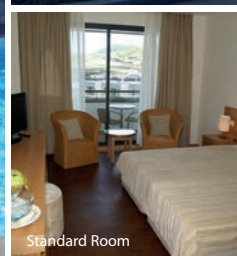
Graciosa Resort Hotel, Santa Cruz (Graciosa)

This modern building is the first 4-star hotel built on the island of Graciosa. Set within lawned gardens with an outdoor swimming pool, the hotel is situated in a quiet coastal area overlooking the Bay of Porto da Barra (5-minute walk). The town centre of Santa Cruz, the island's capital, is 1km away and can be easily explored on foot. Visit the few notable sights which are located near the pretty town square with its tree-lined streets and two central water reservoirs used by the locals in times of drought.

Accommodation: 52 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, senior suites and detached villas.

- Airport: 4km Graciosa
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,129 per person***



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São Jorge

This is an island for walking, for exploring the little settlements on the fajãs along the coast, for admiring the stunning scenery and visiting the two small port towns of Velas and Calheta. Don't forget to taste the famous São Jorge cheese!

Casa do António, Velas

Casa do António, located by the port, is 100 metres from the centre of the charming coastal town of Velas. The hotel, offering eight spacious guest rooms, has been completely renovated and finely decorated by the owner Antonio Pedroso. Antonio, a local artist (some of his work is on display at the hotel), and collector/restorer of antiques, is always at hand to help clients make the most of their visit to the island. We consider this to be the best accommodation on the island and would thoroughly recommend it.

Accommodation: 8 air-conditioned twin bedrooms including standard rooms, a triple room (ground floor) and a tower room (double bed).

- Airport: 8km São Jorge
- 3-star equivalent pension
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal town location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Harbour: 200m Velas

Guide price from **£1,113 per person***



Standard Room



Standard Room

São Jorge Garden Hotel, Velas

This modern, friendly hotel is well situated on the oceanfront of Velas, the island's capital which is located on São Jorge's southern coast. The hotel affords wonderful views of Mount Pico, across the water, which can be enjoyed from all the guestrooms, as well as from the panoramic breakfast room. Within a 5-minute walk guests can reach this small compact centre with its pretty square and park, a harbour with regular boat crossings to Pico and Faial, and a selection of restaurants and bars.

Accommodation: 58 air-conditioned standard rooms.

- Airport: 7km São Jorge
- 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal town location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Harbour: 1km Velas
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,120 per person***

Cantinho das Baganvilias, Queimada

The Cantinho das Baganvilias affords wonderful views along the coastline towards the capital, Velas and across the ocean to the neighbouring islands of Pico and Faial. The swimming pool, terrace and many of the self-catering apartments enjoy this stunning panorama. This owner-managed property, consists of nineteen spacious apartments each decorated in a simple, Scandinavian design. Light wood furnishings and bright fabrics are used throughout. Large floor to ceiling windows allow nature and natural light to flood through the interiors.

Accommodation: 19 air-conditioning apartments including studios and two-bedroom apartments.

- Airport: 1.5km Velas
- 4-star equivalent
- Self Catering
- Car hire recommended
- Coastal town location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,180 per person***



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Pico

Visit the fascinating whaler's museum at Lajes and the UNESCO World Heritage inscribed vineyards producing the famous Pico Verdelho grape. Walks are plentiful and, for the experienced walker (guide essential), the ascent to the summit of the volcano (2,351 m) is a must.

Baia da Barca, Madalena

Set in a quiet bay, the Baia da Barca is ideal for anyone wishing to escape the stresses of city life yet without being totally isolated. The village of Madalena is within easy reach (5-minutes walk) as is the port which runs a regular half-hour ferry crossing to Horta, Faial. This modern property affords wonderful views of the ocean and Mount Pico, Portugal's highest mountain and offers the highest standard of accommodation on Pico.

Accommodation: 10 air-conditioned apartments including one-bedroom units and two-bedroom duplexes.

- Airport: 8km Pico
- 4-star apart-hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal location
- Harbour: 700m Madalena
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,309 per person***



Casa do Ouvidor, São Roque

Perched on the hillside above the town of São Roque, on Pico's north coast, is Casa do Ouvidor. This rural property is well positioned in a quiet and scenic location with magnificent views across the Atlantic Ocean towards São Jorge. There are three spacious houses each individually decorated: Casa do Mar is inspired by the Atlantic and has a blue theme; Casa da Terra is decorated in earthy tones of green and brown; whilst Casa do Fogo is decorated in reds and pinks offering a more romantic setting.

Accommodation: 3 air-conditioned two-bedroom duplexes.

- Airport: 17km Pico
- Rural Houses (Turismo Rural)
- Car hire recommended
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Harbour: 2km São Roque
- Self Catering
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,322 per person***

Adegas do Pico, Prainha

The twelve traditional stone houses of Adegas do Pico are located in the fishing village of Prainha and enjoy panoramic views over the ocean and surrounding countryside. Each house has been lovingly renovated by owners Maria Serpa and Jose Maia in a warm, rustic style; and each is unique in size and design. Exposed stone walls, wood-beamed ceilings, antique pieces and outdoor terraces prominently feature. Guests can mix with the local community, albeit for a short time, and experience Azorean village life.

Accommodation: 3 one-bedroom houses, 5 two-bedroom houses and 4 three-bedroom houses.

- Airport: 24km Pico
- Harbour: 32km Madalena
- Harbour: 11km São Roque
- Car hire recommended
- Rural location
- Self Catering
- Traditional Stone Houses (Turismo Rural)

Guide price from **£1,276 per person***



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Faial

Faial, and nearby Pico (30 minutes by boat), are the centre for the growing interest in whale watching and the conservation of these magnificent mammals. Hire a car or taxi for an island tour, visit the spectacular caldeira and marvel at the magnificent views and changing facets of the island.

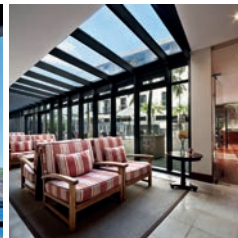
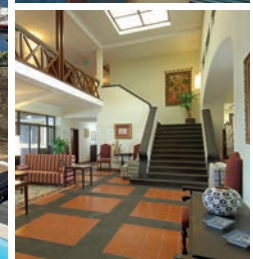
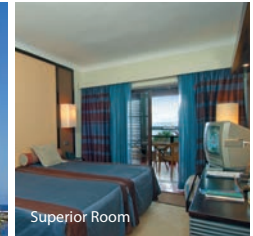
Pousada Forte da Horta, Horta

This elegant Pousada enjoys an enviable position in the centre of Horta's bustling harbour front. The property has been stylishly decorated and offers accommodation of a high standard. The Pousada is housed within the walls of an historic 16th century fort, captured by the English fleet lead by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1597. The spectacular views of the marina, ocean and Mount Pico from the upper floors of the hotel are the best on the island.

Accommodation: 28 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, superior rooms and 2 suites.

- Airport: 10km Horta
- Charm Pousada (4-star equivalent)
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal town location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,276 per person***



Do Canal Hotel, Horta

The hotel enjoys a prime location in the heart of Horta, opposite the marina and within easy walking distance of the popular 'Peter's Café'. This four-star property provides an ideal base for those wishing to explore the town's narrow streets, enjoy a day-trip to Pico and São Jorge or participate in a whale watching excursion (Apr-Oct).

Accommodation: 103 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, junior suites, and suites.

- Airport: 10km Horta
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal town location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,269 per person***

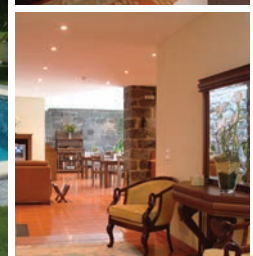
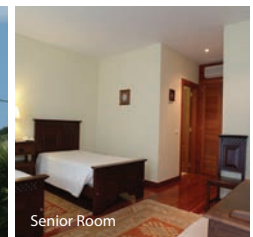
Quinta do Vale, Flamengos

Situated on the outskirts of Horta (3km), the Quinta do Vale is a delightful family run, country Manor House. The property has been beautifully restored to offer a high standard of accommodation of exceptional quality. Decorated throughout in traditional Portuguese style with dark wood furnishings, fine embroidered lampshades, curtains and tablecloths, this property is ideal for those wishing to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the island.

Accommodation: 8 air-conditioned rooms including junior rooms and senior rooms.

- Airport: 14km Horta
- Traditional Manor house (Turismo Rural)
- Bed & Breakfast
- Car hire recommended
- Rural location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,307 per person***



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Furnas, São Miguel



Madalena, Pico

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- 3-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- 2-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB
- 2-nights Talisman Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- All transfers, inter-island flights, entrance tickets (botanical garden and museums) and a Cozido lunch
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)

Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people.

Departures

Daily (Jan-Oct)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£1,806 per person*

Azores Three Island Tour (A)

São Miguel – Faial – Pico

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The islands of the Azores each have their own unique character and charm, so we recommend multi-centre holidays when possible to gain a wider understanding of what the archipelago has to offer.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Free time for lunch (not included).

In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Day Three – Full Day Tour (Furnas): Depart to Vila Franca do Campo, the first capital of São Miguel. After a short visit of the town, continue to the village of Furnas with time to explore the beautiful botanical gardens and hot springs. A traditional

Cozido lunch is included at a local restaurant before returning to Ponta Delgada by the north coast, visiting a tea plantation and Santa Iria viewpoint en route.

Day Four – FAIAL – Half Day Jeep Tour: Flight to Faial (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Afternoon tour of the island visiting the Caldeira, the highest point on the island at 1,043 metres; Capelinhos, the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores in 1957; and the interpretation centre which details the evolution of the eruption.

Day Five – PICO – Full Day Tour: Boat crossing (30-minutes) to Pico and the village of Lajes do Pico which was, for many years, the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores. Today, you can visit the Whaler's museum, home to a fascinating exhibition about the industry, which includes examples of the equipment used as well as many original photographs. Continue to the village of São Roque with a brief stop (lunch not included). Return to Madalena harbour, visiting the black rocks of Cachorro en route.

Day Six – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to Horta airport for your flight to São Miguel (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Seven: Day at leisure. Explore the town of Ponta Delgada, indulge in some shopping and/or participate in whale and dolphin excursion.

Day Eight: Transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the UK.



Sete Cidades Lake, São Miguel

Azores Three Island Tour (B)

São Miguel – Terceira – São Jorge

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

Discover the enchanting islands of the east and central archipelago, each with their own individual characteristics.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Half Day Tour of Sete Cidades: Visit the Sete Cidades Lakes with a stop at the 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to enjoy the magnificent view over the lakes and the surrounding area. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping en route at a pineapple plantation. Afternoon flight to Terceira (40-minutes).

Day Three – TERCEIRA – Full Day Jeep Tour: Enjoy an unforgettable drive along the island's best trails. Learn how wine is made in the village of Biscoitos. During lunch time, taste the delicious 'Alcatra', a dish of rump cooked for 12 hours at a typical restaurant. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão volcanic pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Day Four – SÃO JORGE: Transfer to Terceira airport for your flight to São Jorge (30-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Five – Full Day Island Tour: See the fabulous Fajãs de Ouvidor, Cubres and Caldeira Santo Cristo. Visit a local co-operative where they make traditional woven goods and decorative garments. Head to Calheta and Manadas where you will visit an impressive baroque 18th century parish church dedicated to Santa Bárbara. Continue to Urzelina to see the only ancient church tower that remains standing after the destructive 1808 volcanic eruption, and the park of Sete Fontes before returning to Velas.

Day Six – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to São Jorge airport for your flight to São Miguel (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Seven – Half Day Tour of Furnas: Visit the caldeiras in Furnas and continue to Pico do Ferro viewpoint for a different perspective over Furnas Lake. Then head along the coastal road towards Ribeira Grande with a stop at the Gorreana tea factory to taste the local black and green teas. Return to Furnas for a Cozido lunch, after visiting the area where the cozido is cooked in underground natural ovens.

Day Eight: Transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the UK.



São Jorge

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All transfers, inter-island flights, entrance tickets (botanical garden, caves and museums) and two lunches
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 1-night São Miguel Park Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 57
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB - Page 67
- 2-nights São Jorge Garden Hotel, Velas (São Jorge) BB - Page 69
- 2-nights Terra Nostra Garden Hotel, Furnas (São Miguel) BB - Page 59

Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people.

Departures
Daily (Apr-Dec)

Duration
7 nights

Guide price from
£2,045 per person*



Impérios, Terceira



Natural rock pool, Terceira



View of São Roque (Praia), Graciosa

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All inter-island flights, transfers with English speaking driver
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 2-nights Talisman Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) - See website
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) - Page 67
- 2-nights Graciosa Resort Hotel, Santa Cruz (Graciosa) - Page 68
- 1-night Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) - Page 55

Departures

Daily (Jan-Dec)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£1,657 per person*

Azores Three Island Tour (C)

São Miguel – Terceira – Graciosa

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The volcanic structure of the Azorean archipelago has endowed the islands with overwhelming beauty; vast craters housing gleaming lakes, sheer black cliffs rolling into the ocean, hot mineral springs and lush rolling valleys.

Each island has its own distinct landscape: São Miguel is made up of six volcanic complexes and municipalities; Terceira is formed from four volcanoes - one of which is the largest collapsed Caldeira in the Azores; and Graciosa, the second smallest island of the group, has an impressive lava cave, the Furna do Enxofre, that stretches 194m in length and 40m in height.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: On arrival in Ponta Delgada, transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Half Day Tour of Sete Cidades: After breakfast, depart from Ponta Delgada to Sete Cidades, an extinct volcano crater of 40sq.km, within which are two magnificent lakes, one deep blue in colour and the other emerald green. After visiting the lakes,

stop at the 'Vista do Rei' belvedere which offers the best panoramic view over Sete Cidades and the surrounding area. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping en route at a pineapple plantation. Afternoon at leisure.

Day Three – TERCEIRA: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for the flight to Terceira (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Free afternoon to explore the historic town of Angra do Heroísmo which dates back to the 15th century and has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. From the botanical gardens adjacent to the Hotel Angra Garden, there is a path that leads uphill to the 'Miradouro of Memory' offering superb views over the town.

Day Four – Full Day Jeep Tour of Terceira: Enjoy an unforgettable drive along the island's 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. Experience milking a cow or learn how wine is made in the village of Biscoitos. During lunch time, taste the delicious 'Alcatra', a dish of rump cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures at a typical restaurant, with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão volcanic pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Day Five – GRACIOSA: Transfer to Terceira airport for the flight to Graciosa (30-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Six – Half Day Private Taxi Tour of Graciosa: After breakfast, depart towards the Caldeira where you will visit the Furna do Enxofre, an impressive lava cave which stretches 194m in length and 40m in height, located at the base of the crater. Enjoy spectacular views from the volcanic crater, across small meadows and forests, before continuing to the fishing village of Praia, Fenais and on to Carapacho to visit the thermal baths. Return to Santa Cruz, stopping en route at Monte da Ajuda to enjoy the view over the capital.

Afternoon at leisure to relax at the Thermal Spa located 16km from the hotel or to take a leisurely walk into town (1km) or along the waters edge.

Day Seven – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to Graciosa airport for the flight to Ponta Delgada via Terceira (95-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Free time on São Miguel with the opportunity to indulge in some last minute shopping or simply relax.

Day Eight: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight home.

Azores Three Island Tour (D)

São Miguel – Santa Maria – Terceira

Itinerary: 11 days / 10 nights

Experience three of the nine Azorean islands with our set multi-centre itinerary.

São Miguel - the Green Island, is the largest island of the archipelago and has a green and fertile paradise, with a mountainous landscape. Santa Maria – the Yellow Island, also known as the 'island of the sun' is the warmest region in the Azores. The central mountainous area is heavily wooded with an abundance of plants, while its dramatic cliffs plunge into the ocean. Terceira – the Lilac Island, is where visitors can discover the rural island life and intriguing history, including the story of the 15th century UNESCO-listed Angra do Heroísmo.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two: Day at leisure. Enjoy the day by the pool and simply relax. The Caloura Hotel is located at the edge of the picturesque fishing harbour on a rocky promontory overlooking the sea and backed by small fields and vineyards. There is a small sandy beach 'Baixa d'Areira' 5-minutes walk from the hotel and natural pools on the headland to which the hotel has access.

Day Three – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Morning whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Transfers

to and from the whaling base in Vila Franca do Campo are included.

The most frequently spotted cetaceans are Sperm whale, Short-finned pilot whale, Common dolphin, Bottlenose dolphin, Atlantic spotted dolphin and Risso's dolphin.

Day Four: Day at leisure. Take a bus or taxi (20 minutes journey) to the capital, Ponta Delgada and explore the city on foot. Visit the city gardens, lively marina area, local market, museums and seek out some of the many colourful street art that adorns the walls of the city.

Day Five – SANTA MARIA: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your flight to Santa Maria (30-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Six – Full Day Tour: Depart from Vila do Porto to the small seaside resort of Anjos and its small chapel where Christopher Columbus attended mass on his return from America. Continue to the typical village of Santa Bárbara where it is possible to admire the simple and beautiful architecture of the traditional houses with their tall chimneys. Then proceed to the pretty village of Santo Espírito, surrounded by green pastures and hills, where you will visit the beautifully restored 17th century baroque church. Return to Vila do Porto via Maia, the Gonçalo Velho lighthouse that lies on a cliff top and the viewpoint overlooking the bay of São Lourenço.

Day Seven: Day at leisure. Check out the new fossil museum, located opposite the Charming Blue

Hotel in Vila do Porto, which explains the fascinating geological history of this volcanic island. Or, if you're feeling energetic, book an activity from guided walks and canyoning to diving and coasteering.

Day Eight – TERCEIRA: Transfer to Santa Maria airport for your flight to Terceira via São Miguel (65-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Nine – Full Day Jeep Tour: Enjoy an unforgettable drive along the island's 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.

Experience milking a cow or learn how wine is made in the village of Biscoitos. During lunch time, taste the delicious 'Alcatra', a dish of rump cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures at a typical restaurant, with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão volcanic pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Day Ten – TERCEIRA: Day at leisure. Explore the UNESCO World Heritage city of Angra do Heroísmo and visit the botanical gardens; attractive renaissance central square Praça Vehl; 19th century town hall with its chandeliers, tiled floors and occasional art exhibits and Monte Brasil which offers a superb view over the city.

Day Eleven: Transfer to Terceira airport for your return flight home to the UK via Lisbon.

* Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Heathrow, via Lisbon, to Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) and returning from Terceira, via Lisbon
- All transfers, inter-island flights, entrance tickets (Algar do Carvão - Apr-Sept only) and two lunches (Days 6 & 9)
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 4-nights Caloura Hotel, Caloura (São Miguel) BB - Page 60
- 3-nights Charming Blue Hotel, Vila do Porto (Santa Maria) BB - Page 62
- 3-nights Do Caracol Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB - Page 67

Departures
Daily (Feb-Oct)

Duration
10 nights

Guide price from
£1,601 per person*

Caloura





Sperm Whale

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- 1-night São Miguel Park Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 57
- 5-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB - Page 71
- 1-night São Miguel Park Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 57
- Inter-island flights between São Miguel and Faial
- Return transfers to hotels on São Miguel and Faial
- Three 3-hour whale and dolphin watching excursions with briefings by a marine biologist
- Pico full day private taxi tour (excluding lunch and entrance fee to museums/parks)

Departures

Daily (Apr-Oct)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£1,363 per person*

General Notes:

- Whale watching boats depart Horta marina at 08:30 or 14:30 (transfers not included)
- Zodiac boats are used - small, rigid hull inflatable carrying up to 12 people
- Minimum child age is 6 years (accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- 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
- Pregnant women or any person suffering from back problems, are not allowed on the Zodiac whale watching boats



Whale & Dolphin Watching Holiday (B)

Faial

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The whale watching season on Faial runs from April to October, with the height of the season being July and August. Each excursion starts with a briefing by a marine biologist, introducing the cetaceans of the Azores and discussing their habitat, communication and behavioural patterns.

The most frequently spotted cetaceans are Sperm whale, Short-finned pilot whale, Common dolphin, Bottlenose dolphin, Atlantic spotted dolphin and Risso's dolphin. And, if you're lucky, you may even get a glimpse of the False killer whale, Fin whale, Sei whale, Sowerby's beaked whale or Blue whale, which are occasionally seen in these waters.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – FAIAL: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for the flight to Faial (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Three – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Depart Horta harbour for a whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Free afternoon - explore the town of Horta with its harbour, world famous with transatlantic sailors. Try the local speciality 'Gin & Tonic' at Café Sport and visit the scrimshaw museum housed above the bar.

Day Four – PICO Private Taxi Tour: Today, we have included a full day taxi tour of the island of Pico - the second largest island in the archipelago and dominated by the steep, volcanic cone of Mount Pico - the highest mountain in Portugal. Departing from Horta Harbour, you will travel to Pico by boat (30-minutes). From here, your private taxi and English speaking driver will lead you on a sightseeing tour of the island. Your trip will include the village of Sao Roque on the north coast of Pico; the black rocks of Cachorro; Lajes do Pico - for many years, the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores; the island's Whaler's Museum (entrance fee not included) and a stop at a 'Verdelho' wine cellar. Return to Faial by boat.

Day Five – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Morning whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Free afternoon.

Day Six – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Free morning - why not experience the natural beauty of the blue island of Faial in a 4x4 wheel drive? Sunvil are able to pre-book a Jeep Tour of Faial which takes you on an unforgettable journey through the island's best trails. Driving through trees and pastures overlooking the Atlantic Ocean you will discover places and landscapes of rare beauty not often encountered by the average tourist.

In the afternoon, depart Horta Harbour for a whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours).

Day Seven – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to Horta airport for the flight to São Miguel (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Eight: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight to the UK.

Azores Four Island Tour

São Miguel – Terceira – Faial – Pico

Itinerary: 11 days / 10 nights

Our suggested multi-centre itinerary takes in four of the nine stunning islands of the Azores archipelago. Each island is unique in landscape and character, and will offer a varied and fascinating insight into their individual attributes.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Free time for lunch (not included). In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Day Three – Full Day Tour (Furnas): Depart 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 included). Return to Ponta Delgada by the north coast visiting a tea plantation and Santa Iria viewpoint.

Day Four: Day at leisure. Opportunity to explore the town of Ponta Delgada, indulge in some shopping and/or participate in whale watching or swimming with dolphins excursion (prebook through Sunvil or through our local representatives), or just relax.

Day Five – TERCEIRA: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your flight to Terceira (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Six – Full Day Jeep Tour: 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. Experience milking a cow or learn how wine is made in the village of Biscoitos. During lunch (included), taste the delicious 'Alcatra', a dish of rump cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures at a typical restaurant, with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão volcanic pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Day Seven – FAIAL: Transfer to Terceira airport for your flight to Horta (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Eight – PICO – Full Day Tour: Boat crossing to Pico (30-minutes). Travel along the north coast in the direction of Cachorro and Lajido on to São Roque to visit the whale factory and the natural swimming pools. From here you will take the mountain road towards Lake Capitaio (900m) and then to Lajes do Pico. 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. There will be a short stop for lunch (not included). Continue along the south coast to Mistérios de São João where there will be a short stop and then on to São Mateus to visit the church. From here you will

visit Criação Velha with its vineyards (awarded UNESCO World status) bordered by black volcanic rock and Mount Pico towering above. Return to Madalena for boat crossing to Faial.

Day Nine – FAIAL – Full Day Jeep Tour: Depart towards Caldeira, the highest point on the island from where you can enjoy wonderful views across the ocean to the neighbouring islands of Pico and São 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) and the fascinating Interpretation Centre (closed Mondays), before returning to Horta. Lunch included.

Day Ten: Day at leisure.

Day Eleven: Transfer to Horta airport for your return flight home to the UK.



Faial

* Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Heathrow, via Lisbon, to Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) and returning from Faial, via Lisbon
- All inter-island flights, transfers, boat tickets, entrance tickets (botanical garden/museums) and three lunches
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 4-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 55
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB - Page 67
- 4-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB - Page 71

Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people.

Departures

Daily (all year)

Duration

10 nights

Guide price from

£2,237 per person*





Horta, Faial



São Jorge



Alagoinha Waterfalls, Flores

* Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All transfers, inter-island flights, boat tickets, entrance tickets (botanical garden/museums) and three lunches (Days 6, 12 & 14)
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 2-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 55
- 2-nights Das Flores Hotel, Santa Cruz (Flores) BB - See website
- 4-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB - Page 71
- 2-nights São Jorge Garden Hotel, Velas (São Jorge) BB - Page 69
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB - Page 67
- 2-nights Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 55

Departures

Daily (Mar-Oct)

Duration

14 nights

Guide price from

£2,921 per person*

Azores Grand Tour (A)

São Miguel – Flores – Faial – Pico – São Jorge – Terceira

Itinerary: 15 days / 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.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Lunch (not included). In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Day Three – FLORES: Flight to Flores (90-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Four – Full Day Tour: This tour (excluding lunch) includes many island highlights passing by lush green pastures bordered with hydrangeas (Jun-Aug), impressive waterfalls and the unique 'organ pipe' rock formation 'Rocha dos Bordões'.

Day Five: Flight to Faial (50-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Six – FAIAL – Full Day Jeep Tour: This tour takes you to the vast Caldeira, which dominates the island's landscape before continuing to Capelinhos - the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores, and the Interpretation Centre which retells the drama. Lunch is not included.

Day Seven – PICO – Full Day Tour: Boat crossing (30-minutes) to Pico and the village of Lajes do Pico which was, for many years, the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores. Visit the Whaler's museum, home to a fascinating exhibition about the industry. Continue to the village of São Roque (lunch not included) and the black rocks of Cachorro.

Day Eight: Day at leisure.

Day Nine – SÃO JORGE: Boat crossing to the island of São Jorge (90-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Ten – Half Day Tour: Morning departure from Velas towards Beira where you will visit a cheese factory – tastings included. Continue to Calheta, Manadas and

Urzelina, stopping at several breathtaking viewpoints en route.

Day Eleven – TERCEIRA: Flight to Terceira (35-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Twelve – Full Day Jeep Tour: Driving along wooded areas and pastures often overlooking the Atlantic Ocean you will discover landscapes of rare beauty not often encountered by the average tourist. At lunch, taste the delicious 'Alcatra' - a Portuguese pot roast cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures, at a typical restaurant. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão lava pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Day Thirteen – SÃO MIGUEL: Flight to São Miguel (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Fourteen – Full Day Tour (Furnas): In Furnas you will have time to visit the beautiful 30-acre botanical gardens and the hot springs before stopping for lunch - Cozido meal included. Continue to the town of Ribeira Grande, visiting a tea plantation.

Day Fifteen: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight home to the UK.

Azores Grand Tour (B)

São Miguel – Faial – Pico – São Jorge – Terceira – Santa Maria

Itinerary: 15 days / 14 nights

To really appreciate the unique natural beauty of this Portuguese archipelago, we recommend a multi-island itinerary to make the most of your visit. Each island has a particular characteristic that makes them stand out from one another whether it be the landscape, transatlantic ports, lava caves, high peaks like Mount Pico, fabulous crater lakes or the local delicacies such as São Jorge cheese, Pico wine and São Miguel pineapples.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Lunch (not included). In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Day Three – Full Day Tour (Furnas): In Furnas you will have time to visit the beautiful 30-acre botanical gardens and the hot springs before stopping for lunch - Cozido meal included. Continue to the town of Ribeira Grande, visiting a tea plantation.

Day Four: Flight to Faial (1 hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Five – FAIAL – Full Day Jeep Tour: This tour takes you to the vast Caldeira, which dominates the island's landscape before continuing to Capelinhos - the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores, and the Interpretation Centre which retells the drama.

Day Six – PICO – Full Day Tour: Transfer to Madalena harbour for a boat crossing to Pico (30 minutes). Visit the whale factory, natural swimming pools, vineyards (UNESCO World status) bordered by black volcanic rock and viewpoints. Lunch (not included).

Day Seven – FAIAL: Day at leisure. Opportunity to explore the capital Horta.

Day Eight – SÃO JORGE: Boat crossing to the island of São Jorge (90 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Nine – Half Day Tour: Morning departure from Velas towards Beira where you will visit a cheese factory – tastings included. Continue to Calheta, Manadas and Urzelina, stopping at several breathtaking viewpoints en route.

Day Ten – TERCEIRA: Flight to Terceira (35 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Eleven – Full Day Jeep Tour: Driving along wooded areas and pastures often overlooking the Atlantic Ocean you will discover landscapes of rare beauty not often encountered by the average tourist. At lunch, taste the delicious 'Alcatra' - a Portuguese pot roast cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures, at a typical restaurant. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão lava pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Day Twelve – SANTA MARIA: Flight to Santa Maria via São Miguel (c.1 hour 20 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Thirteen – Full Day Tour: Visit the island's highlights: Anjos with its small chapel where Christopher Columbus attended mass on his return from America; Santa Bárbara with its beautiful architecture of traditional houses with tall chimneys; the village of Santo Espírito, surrounded by green pastures and hills; the lighthouse that lies on a cliff top; and the viewpoint overlooking the bay of São Lourenço.

Day Fourteen – SÃO MIGUEL: Flight to São Miguel (30 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Fifteen: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight home to the UK.

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All transfers, inter-island flights, boat tickets, entrance tickets (botanical garden/museums) and two lunches
- Guided excursions as stated (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 3-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 55
- 4-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB - Page 71
- 2-nights São Jorge Garden Hotel, Velas (São Jorge) BB - Page 69
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB - Page 67
- 2-nights Charming Blue Hotel, Vila do Porto (Santa Maria) BB - Page 62
- 1-night Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB - Page 55

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Departures
Daily (Mar-Dec)

Duration
14 nights

Guide price from
£2,824 per person*

Miradouro 'Boca do Inferno' over Sete Cidades, São Miguel

