

Graciosa - The White Island - Activities 2023

Sunvil can pre-book a variety of activities on Graciosa – see full details below.
Please note that any pre-booked activity with Sunvil must be requested 14 days or more before departure.



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.

Guided Walk - Baía da Folga

This 2.1km (1 hour) walk begins in the centre of the village of Luz, near the local Holy Spirit chapel in the south of the Island and ends at Portinho da Folga. Along the trail you will pass through vineyards and coastal paths and have a chance to spot several plant species such as seaside goldenrods (*Solidago sempervirens*), African tamarisks (*Tamarix africana*) and endemic fescue (*Festuca petraea*).

■ Difficulty: Grade 1 (Easy)

Price is £31 per adult and £11 per child (6-12yrs) – minimum 2 people

Guided Walk – Serra Branca-Praia

This 8.7km (2.5 hours) trail begins in Pico da Caldeirinha at Serra Branca hills, and ends in the village of Praia. Before starting the descent, you will walk around Pico da Caldeirinha's volcanic cone and enjoy amazing views over almost the entire island. Along the trail you will walk along dirt paths amidst orchards and along the coast passing by several traditional windmills.

■ Difficulty: Grade 1 (Easy)

Price is £38 per adult and £13 per child (6-12yrs) – minimum 2 people

Guided Walk – Around Caldeira - Furna do Enxofre

This 10.8km (3 hours) trail begins and ends at the access path to Caldeira, in the southeast part of the island. You will walk around the Caldeira's perimeter and along the way make a short detour to visit Maria Encantada cave, which has several interesting geological formations. Further ahead you will come to the viewpoint overlooking the Caldeira. After walking around the perimeter there will be a visit to Furna do Enxofre (Sulphur cave), one of the most remarkable lava cavities of the archipelago.

■ Difficulty: Grade 1 (Easy)

Price is £41 per adult and £14 per child (6-12yrs) – minimum 2 people

Notes

- Pick-up from hotels in Santa Cruz at 09:00
- Departures: Daily – all year
- English speaking guide and transportation included



Private Taxi Tours

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

Graciosa (Half Day)

Depart from Santa Cruz da Graciosa towards the caldeira where you will visit the Furna do Enxofre or sulphur cavern located at the base of the crater. The view from the caldeira, overlooking small meadows and forests, is spectacular. Continue to the fishing village of Praia, Fenais and on to Carapacho to visit the thermal baths. Return to Santa Cruz da Graciosa via the west coast, stopping at Monte da Ajuda to enjoy the view over the capital.

Price is £243 per taxi

Notes

- Pick-up from hotels in Santa Cruz at 09:00
- Prices are based on a maximum of 3 people per taxi
- Half day (3 hours 30 minutes)
- English speaking guide can be provided at a supplement on request
- The Furna do Enxofre may be closed to public visits without prior notice
- Lunch and entrance fees to museums and parks are not included
- Itinerary subject to change



Boat tour around Graciosa

Enjoy a relaxing boat ride on clear and temperate waters with the opportunity to swim in beautiful inlets, whilst observing the beautiful coast and magnificent bays, caves and islets of Graciosa.

■ Duration: 2 Hours 15 minutes

Price is £36 per adult and £18 per child (6-12yrs) – *minimum 6 people*

Boat tour to Praia Islet

Enjoy a wonderful boat trip to the natural reserve of 'Ilhéu da Praia', guided by experienced guides this tour will explore the natural beauties of this reserve. The 'Ilhéu da Praia' is undoubtedly one of nature's greatest treasures with an enormous diversity of nesting birds, among them endemic species such as the Monteiro storm petrel. It is also an important nesting habitat for seabirds and serves as a resting area for migratory birds. You will also be able to see Cory shearwaters, Madeiran storm petrels, Common terns and Fruzz.

■ Duration: 2 Hours

Price is £21 per adult and £11 per child (6-12yrs) – *minimum 4 people*

Boat tour to Praia and Carapacho Islets

Depart from Porto de Abrigo da Praia da Graciosa and head towards the Ilhéus do Carapacho, following the coastline and passing by Ponta dos Fenais, Portela, Baía da Engrade, Ponta da Restinga, Ponta do Carapacho, Baía do Carapacho and Ilhéus do Carapacho, before reaching the Ilhéu da Praia. Besides the natural beauty of the islets you will see an abundant variety of seabirds and occasionally even dolphins.

■ Duration: 1 Hour 15 minutes

Price is £21 per adult and £11 per child (6-12yrs) – *minimum 5 people*

Notes

- Pick-up from hotels in Santa Cruz at 09:00
- Departures: Daily – all year
- Children 0-5yrs go free of charge
- Minimum number of passengers (as shown above) required to run the boat tours



Scuba Diving

The Azores are increasingly becoming known for their excellent diving possibilities. Graciosa is a perfect base, with its abundance of fish, fascinating wrecks and 20-30m visibility. This activity is only bookable locally.