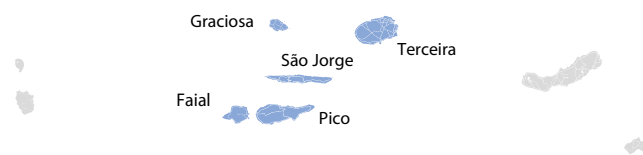




Terceira, Graciosa, São Jorge, Pico & Faial

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.



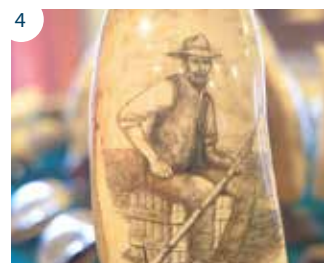
2 Furna do Enxofre (Graciosa)

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 Vehlá' 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 duplex suite.

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

Guide price from **£987 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 standard suites.

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

Guide price from **£939 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 **£976 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.

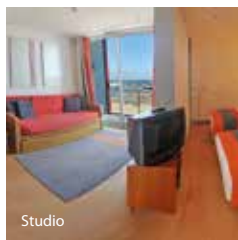
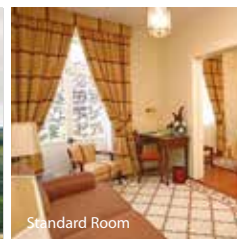
Quinta das Mercês, São Mateus

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 **£1,074 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: 32 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 **£960 per person***

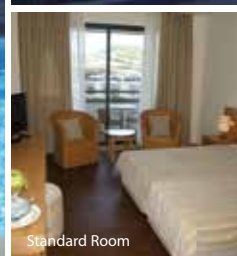
Graciosa Resort Hotel, Santa Cruz (Graciosa)

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 **£1,119 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 **£959 per person***



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 **£980 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 **£1,037 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 **£963 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 **£973 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 **£1,051 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.

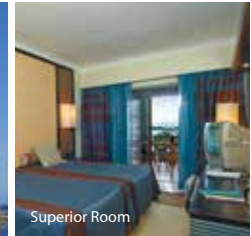
Pousada Forte da Horta, Horta

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 **£1,128 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, executive rooms and suites.

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

Guide price from **£996 per person***

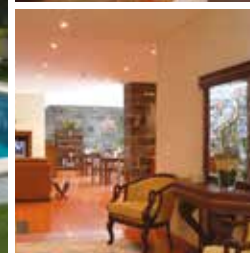
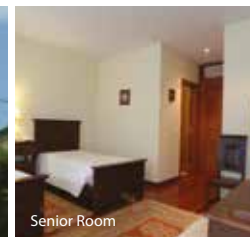
Quinta do Vale, Flamengos

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 **£1,047 per person***



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