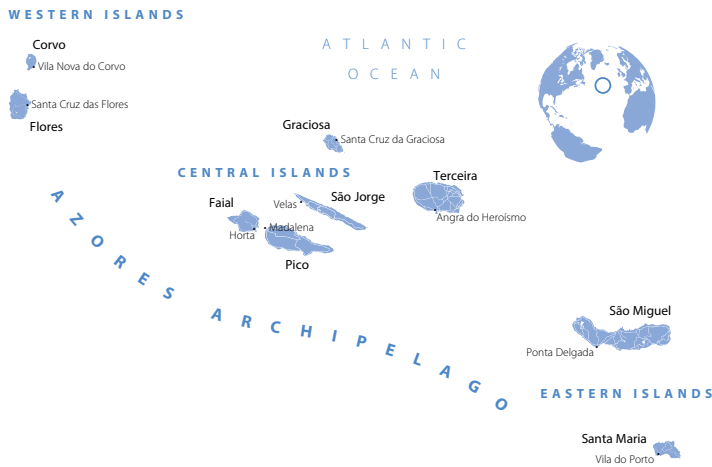


The Azores

The nine Portuguese islands of the Azores are situated in the Atlantic Ocean between Europe and North America. They are separated into three groups: the Eastern group of São Miguel and Santa Maria; the Central group of Terceira, Graciosa, São Jorge, Faial and Pico; and the Western group of Flores and Corvo.

The archipelago is a true paradise for nature lovers. Vast craters nurturing glistening blue lakes, sheer black cliffs falling into the ocean, lush countryside, lofty mountain peaks and hot mineral springs and geysers combine to create truly spectacular scenery found nowhere else in the world.



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Eastern Islands - See pages 50-57

São Miguel is the largest of the nine islands of the archipelago. It is a land of lakes nestled in volcanic craters that are many kilometres wide.



Santa Maria is the oldest island of the archipelago. The island is primarily known for its white sand beaches, distinct chimneys, and dry warm weather.



Western Islands - See pages 64-65

Flores and Corvo, the westernmost islands of the Azores and indeed Europe, will mesmerise any visitor who travels to their shores.



Central Islands - See pages 58-63

Terceira is the location of the historical capital of the archipelago; the Azores' oldest city and UNESCO World Heritage Site - Angra do Heroísmo.



Graciosa, the northernmost of the Central group of islands in the Azores, is a tranquil island, harder to reach and therefore untouched by time.



São Jorge is an island for walking, for exploring the little settlements on the fajãs along the coast by car and for admiring the stunning scenery.



Pico is dominated by its volcano, at 2351m it is the highest point in Portugal. There is no mistaking that the Black Island, as it is referred to, is volcanic.



Faial is the resting place of transatlantic sailors and has a cosmopolitan feel. The atmosphere at Peter's Café, on Horta's harbour-front, encapsulates the very essence of nautical adventure.



Daily temperatures (°C)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
14	14	14	15	17	18
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
22	24	22	18	17	16

Average rainfall (mm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
110	95	75	50	50	25
Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
25	25	50	95	110	110