

## São Miguel Activities 2018

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

### Azorean Rural Experience (Ginetes) - Half Day

This half-day experience centres on a traditional family-run farm in the village of Ginetes and provides an insight to the history, culture and lifestyles of rural farming communities on São Miguel.

Take a scenic ride (by minibus) through Ginetes to the viewpoint of Escalvado, from where there is a splendid panorama over the western coast and the parish of Mosteiros. Make a nice walk to 'Fonte do Sapateiro' (1km – easy walk). Return to the farm where you can try your hand at making corn or wheat bread and learn all about the local handicrafts.

**Price is £38 per adult and £21 per child (6-11yrs) - No transfers included**

#### Notes

- Excursion provider: Quinta das Raiadas
- Departs: Every Thursday
- Half Day: 3 hours 15 minutes (09:30 to 12:45) – lunch not included but can be added at a supplement on request
- Meet beside the church in Ginetes at 09:30 (free parking at Quinta das Raiadas)
- If transfers are included from Ponta Delgada, pick-up from hotel at 08:30
- Pick-up from hotels outside Ponta Delgada possible at a supplement on request
- Children aged 2-5yrs go free when accompanied by two adults
- Minimum 6 and maximum 12 people

### Azorean Rural Experience (Ginetes) - Full Day

This full-day experience centres on a traditional family-run farm in the village of Ginetes and provides an insight to the history, culture and lifestyles of rural farming communities on São Miguel.

Take a scenic ride (by minibus) through Ginetes to the viewpoint of Escalvado, from where there is a splendid panorama over the western coast and the parish of Mosteiros; and to the Sabrina Islet viewpoint. Return to the farm for a guided tour where you can try your hand at milking a cow, making corn or wheat bread and learn all about the local handicrafts. After lunch, visit to the lighthouse viewpoint and then relax at the thermal Spa at Ferraria.

**Price is £72 per adult and £38 per child (6-11yrs) - No transfers included**

#### Notes

- Excursion provider: Quinta das Raiadas
- Departs: Every Friday
- Full Day: 7 hours (09:30 to 16:30) - a 3-course lunch is included with soft drinks
- Meet beside the church in Ginetes at 09:30 (free parking at Quinta das Raiadas)
- If transfers are included from Ponta Delgada, pick-up from hotel at 08:30
- Pick-up from hotels outside Ponta Delgada possible at a supplement on request
- Children aged 2-5yrs go free when accompanied by two adults
- Spa includes a Sauna, Jacuzzi, Turkish bath, indoor pool and outdoor thermal pool (sea water c.38°C) – so don't forget your bathing suit
- Minimum 6 and maximum 12 people

**Bike Tour (Sete Cidades) and Rock Climbing (Ferraria)**

Enjoy a morning mountain bike ride near Sete Cidades Lake followed by an afternoon session of rock climbing and a relaxing thermal bath at Ferraria – in a natural rock pool heated by hot springs.

**09:00 - Meet at Picos de Aventura's base in Ponta Delgada.** Transfer to Sete Cidades for the beginning of the tour. Collect your mountain bike and cycle along trails through beautiful landscapes of dense and exuberant vegetation with views of the lakes and even the ocean.

**12:00 - Lunch (picnic) included.**

**13:30 - Rock Climbing and thermal bath at Ferraria** (classified as a natural monument).

**15:30 - Return to Ponta Delgada (arrival around 16:30).**

**Price is £66 per adult and £33 per child (6-11yrs)**

**Notes**

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura
- Departs: Wednesdays
- Duration: 7½ hours
- Bike trails are selected depending on each person's fitness level and technique
- Minimum number 4 people - subject to change or cancellation
- Safety equipment provided: Helmets, bike repair kit and harness
- Equipment required: Comfortable warm clothing including long trousers (for climbing) and extra t-shirt and/or sweater, running shoes, swim suit, towel, light rain jacket, backpack, hat, sunglasses, sun lotion, water, snack and a camera
- Recommended Equipment: MTB Gloves, hydration bag, clip shoes and pedals, cat feet (climbing shoes) and a magnesium bag

**Bike Tour (Sete Cidades) and SPA (Ferraria)**

Enjoy a morning mountain bike ride near Sete Cidades Lake followed by an afternoon of relaxing at the thermal Spa at Ferraria.

**09:00 - Meet at Picos de Aventura's base in Ponta Delgada.** Transfer to Sete Cidades for the beginning of the tour. Collect your mountain bike and cycle along trails through beautiful landscapes of dense and exuberant vegetation with views of the lakes and even the ocean.

**12:00 - Lunch (picnic) included.**

**13:30 - SPA Experience in Ferraria.** Spa Experience includes a Sauna, Jacuzzi, Turkish bath, indoor pool and outdoor thermal pool (sea water c.38°C).

**15:30 - Return to Ponta Delgada (arrival around 16:30).**

**Price is £80 per adult and £40 per child (6-11yrs)**

**Notes**

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura
- Departs: Wednesdays
- Duration: 7½ hours
- Bike trails are selected depending on each person's fitness level and technique
- Minimum number 4 people - subject to change or cancellation
- Safety equipment provided: Helmets, bike repair kit and harness
- Equipment required: Comfortable warm clothing including extra t-shirt and/or sweater, running shoes, swim suit, towel, light rain jacket, backpack, hat, sunglasses, sun lotion, water, snack and a camera
- Recommended Equipment: MTB Gloves, hydration bag, clip shoes and pedals.

**Bike Tour and Botanical Garden Visit (Furnas)**

Hop on a mountain bike and pedal along volcanic trails through beautiful landscapes of dense vegetation, lakes and even the ocean. After lunch, enjoy a walk through Furnas botanical gardens.

**09:00 - Meet at Picos de Aventura's base in Ponta Delgada.** Transfer to Furnas for the beginning of the tour. Collect your mountain bike and cycle along trails through beautiful landscapes of dense and exuberant vegetation with views of the lake en route.

**12:00 - Cozido lunch in a local restaurant included.** Opportunity to taste the traditional dish of the Azores, consisting of a variety of meats and vegetables, slowly cooked by underground vapours at Furnas hot springs.

**13:30 - Visit the Terra Nostra Park.** This is one of the most beautiful botanical gardens of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, where you can find species of flora from different regions of the world. After a brief guided tour of the botanical gardens, there is an opportunity to bathe in thermal waters in the outdoor pool.

**15:30 - Return to Ponta Delgada via the North coast (arrival around 16:30).**



can get wet, swim suit (Furnas thermal pool – optional), towel, light rain jacket, backpack, hat, sun lotion, strengthening food/water and a camera

- Recommended Equipment: Lycra shirt, neoprene gloves and shoes and a waterproof bag (for smart phone and camera)

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### Canoeing and Bike Tour (Furnas)

Take a canoe out on Furnas Lake and revel in the sheer magnitude of being in a sleeping volcano surrounded by green lush slopes and hot springs. After lunch, hop on a mountain bike and pedal along volcanic trails through beautiful landscapes of dense vegetation, lakes and even the ocean.

**09:00 - Meet at Picos de Aventura's base in Ponta Delgada.** Transfer to Furnas Lake for 10:00am start on a canoe.

**12:00 - Lunch in a local restaurant included**

**13:30 - Mountain biking in Furnas.** Collect your mountain bike and cycle along trails through beautiful landscapes of dense and exuberant vegetation with views of the lake en route.

**15:45 – Return to Ponta Delgada (arrival around 16:30).**

**Price is £66 per adult and £33 per child (6-11yrs)**

#### Notes

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura
- Departs: Saturdays
- Duration: 7½ hours
- Canoes are large enough for two adults and a child under 10yrs
- Bike trails are selected depending on each person's fitness level and technique
- Minimum number 4 people - subject to change or cancellation
- Safety equipment provided: Bike helmet and repair kit and paddle vest (canoeing)
- Equipment required: Comfortable warm clothing including extra t-shirt and/or sweater, trainers or casual footwear that can get wet, swim suit, towel, light rain jacket, backpack, hat, sun lotion, strengthening food/water and a camera
- Recommended Equipment: MTB Gloves, hydration bag, clip shoes and pedals, lycra shirt, neoprene shoes, waterproof bag (for smart phone and camera)

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### Canoeing and Botanical Garden Visit (Furnas)

Take a canoe out on Furnas Lake and revel in the sheer magnitude of being in a sleeping volcano surrounded by green lush slopes and hot springs. After lunch, enjoy a walk through Furnas botanical gardens.

**09:00 - Meet at Picos de Aventura's base in Ponta Delgada.** Transfer to Furnas Lake for 10:00am start on a canoe.

**12:00 - Cozido lunch in a local restaurant included.** Opportunity to taste the traditional dish of the Azores, consisting of a variety of meats and vegetables, slowly cooked by underground vapours at Furnas hot springs.

**13:30 - Visit the Terra Nostra Park.** This is one of the most beautiful botanical gardens of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, where you can find species of flora from different regions of the world. After a brief guided tour of the botanical gardens, there is an opportunity to bathe in thermal waters in the outdoor pool.

**15:45 - Return to Ponta Delgada via the North coast (arrival around 16:30).**

**Price is £56 per adult and £28 per child (6-11yrs)**

#### Notes

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura
- Departs: Saturdays
- Duration: 7½ hours
- Canoe are large enough for two adults and a child under 10yrs
- Minimum number 4 people otherwise subject to change or cancellation
- Safety equipment provided: Paddle vest (canoeing)
- Equipment required: Swim suit, waterproof footwear, towel, sun lotion, hat, sunglasses, windbreaker jacket, change of clothes to wear after the activity, backpack, water and snack.
- Recommended Equipment: Lycra shirt, neoprene gloves and shoes and a waterproof bag (for smart phone and camera)

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### Canyoning

Canyoning is an exciting combination of walking, scrambling, climbing, jumping, abseiling and swimming in some of the most spectacular scenery of cliffs on the island of São Miguel. It has become a very popular extreme sport with fans all over the world and provides a unique experience in the middle of nature and at the same time moments of pure adrenaline.

**Price is £66 per adult (Half Day) or £96 (Full Day)**

**Notes**

- Excursion provider: Azorean Active Blueberry
- Pick-up from all properties in Ponta Delgada at 09:00
- Departs: Daily
- Half Day: 4 hours (including 2 hours in the canyon) – Level of difficult (easy)
- Full Day: 7 hours (including 4 hours in the canyon) - Level of difficult (medium)
- Location: Nordeste (northeast) or Ribeira Grande (north)
- Suitable for children aged 6 years and upwards
- Minimum 2 people - subject to change or cancellation
- Equipment included: Neoprene wetsuit and socks, canyoning shoes, helmet and harness
- Equipment required: Towel, swim suit, shoes that can get wet – preferably mountain boots or running shoes, hair-bands, warm clothing and a bottle of water



**Coasteering**

Coasteering is a combination of swimming, climbing and jumping in some of the most spectacular scenery of cliffs and waterfalls on the island of São Miguel. The volcanic island coastline hides areas that few ever get to see. This adventure involves scrambling and traversing the tide line, snorkelling and swimming, climbing or cliff jumping into salty water.

**Price is £76 per person (Half Day)**

**Notes**

- Excursion provider: Azorean Active Blueberry
- Departs: Daily
- Pick-up from all properties in Ponta Delgada at 09:00
- Duration: 4 hours (c.2 hours on the coastline)
- Suitable for children aged 6 years and upwards
- Level of difficulty: Easy
- Location: Central south coast
- Safety Equipment: neoprene wetsuit and socks, coasteering shoes, helmet, personal flotation devices (PFD) and group safety equipment
- Equipment required: Towel, swim suit, hair-bands and a bottle of water



**Diving**

Enjoy an unforgettable adventure filled with caves, volcanic drop-offs, underwater arches and an abundance of both Atlantic and Tropical fish life – parrot fish, groupers, sting and eagle rays, moray and conger eels, barracudas, amberjacks, turtles and dolphins. A fully equipped PADI dive centre is based in Ponta Delgada.

**Price for 2 dives from £76 per person (own equipment)**

**Price for 4 dives from £146 per person (own equipment)**

**Notes**

- Excursion provider: Azorean Active Blueberry
- Departure from Ponta Delgada at 09:00
- Daily activity (01Jan-31Oct)
- Equipment can be hired locally if required
- Suitable for all - from complete beginner to the most experienced, with boat dives.
- Dives include a 12 litre steel tank (200 BAR), weight belt, dive master guidance and boat transportation to and from the dive sites within a 6-mile radius
- Minimum age of 16yrs applies to all PADI programmes except for the Junior Open Water course which is 10yrs
- Medical certificates confirming fitness to dive is required for the Discover Scuba Diving, Licence Scuba Diver and Licence Open Water Diver courses – prices on request
- There are also PADI dive shops in Ponta Delgada





## Golf

Tee-off on one of two golf courses on São Miguel: Furnas, 4km from the Terra Nostra Garden Hotel, Furnas Lake Apartments and Quinta da Mó; or Batalha, a 20-minute drive (12km) from Ponta Delgada.

**Price is £44 per person for green fees (9 holes) all year and £69 per person (18 holes)**

**Furnas golf course** is located in the mountains (500m above sea level) with beautiful lakes, fairways surrounded by large trees and undulating greenways ■ 46 hectare golf course ■ Course length is 6232m maximum ■ 18 holes ■ Par 70 ■ Required handicap: 28 Men / 36 Women ■ Clubhouse with bar, restaurant, small pro-shop, TV room and complimentary WiFi ■ Two putting greens, a practice tee and chipping and pitching area.

**Batalha golf course** is a beautifully landscaped course with challenging fairways and greens overlooking the ocean ■ 100 hectare golf course ■ Course length is 6574m maximum ■ 27 holes ■ Par 72 ■ Required handicap: 28 Men / 36 Women ■ Clubhouse with bar, restaurant (golfers only), pro-shop, TV room and complimentary WiFi ■ Driving range, a putting green and chipping and pitching green.

- Excursion provider: Melo
- Obligatory to wear soft spike shoes on both courses. Shirts must have collar and sleeves. Jeans and tracksuits cannot be worn.
- Clubs and carts can be hired locally

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## Guided Island Tours

Sunvil is able to pre-book the following guided minibus tours on São Miguel.

### Furnas (Monday - Full Day)

- Lagoa ■ Caloura viewpoint ■ Vila Franca ■ Furnas ■ Santa Iria viewpoint

Morning departure along the south road towards Lagoa and Caloura viewpoint. Stop at Vila Franca (first capital of the island) for a short coffee break. Arrive at the valley of Furnas and visit the lake, hot springs and the natural ovens where meals are cooked by underground vapours. After lunch walk through the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden – opportunity to swim in a natural hot water pool, and visit the mineral water springs. Drive to the north coast and visit a tea plantation – one of the few in Europe, and then continue on to Santa Iria viewpoint. Return to Ponta Delgada.

### Sete Cidades & Lagoa do Fogo (Wednesday - Full Day)

- Fajã de Baixo pineapple plantations ■ Vista do Rei viewpoint ■ Sete Cidades Lake ■ Carvão viewpoint ■ Ribeira Grande ■ Caldeira Velha ■ Lagoa do Fogo viewpoint

Depart for Fajã de Baixo to visit the pineapple plantations, and continue on to the Vista do Rei viewpoint. Descend to the valley floor of Sete Cidades, passing by the green and blue lakes. Visit the Carvão Lake and then stop for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, proceed to Ribeira Grande with a brief stop in the town. Then continue in the direction of Caldeira Velha with its magnificent view of Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake), at an altitude of 900m. Return to Ponta Delgada.

### Nordeste (Friday - Full Day)

- Santa Iria viewpoint ■ Ribeira dos Caldeirões ■ Nordeste ■ Forest Park of Cinzeiro - Interpretation Centre of the Azorean Bullfinch ■ Ponta da Madrugada viewpoint ■ Povoação ■ Furnas

Morning departure towards the eastern part of the island with a stop at the Santa Iria viewpoint and its scenic north coast panorama. Continue along the north coast, stopping at the Ribeira dos Caldeirões with one of the few remaining water mills on the island and its magnificent waterfall. Next is Nordeste and a brief visit to this quaint village. Continue on to the Forest Park of Cinzeiro and visit the Environmental Interpretation Centre of the Azorean Bullfinch (Priolo) – the only endemic bird of the Azores. Stop for a pleasant picnic in the forest park. Return by the east coast with stops at Ponta da Madrugada viewpoint and the town of Povoação. A short stop at the crater lake of Furnas is included for the magnificent view and also to stretch your legs before returning to Ponta Delgada.

**Price (Monday & Wednesday) is £64 per adult and £32 per child (2-12yrs)**

**Price (Friday) is £70 per adult and £35 per child (2-12yrs)**

## Notes

- Excursion provider: Melo
  - Pick-up from hotels in Ponta Delgada: 08:50 (Marina Atlântico Hotel), 09:00 Vila Nova Hotel or 09:10 São Miguel Park Hotel - return to Ponta Delgada at 17:00
  - Transfers from hotels outside of Ponta Delgada at a supplement on request
  - Lunch and entrance fees to museums and parks included
  - Minimum 6 people
  - Itineraries are subject to change
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## 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.

### Monday – Pico da Vara

This 7.3km trail begins in Graminhais, a platform on the north rim of the largest caldera on the island. Set in a protected and sensitive area in terms of biodiversity, you might see an endangered species, the Azorean bullfinch. After the stop on the highest point of the island, time to decent and appreciate a cedar forest. **Grade 2/3 (Medium/Difficult)**

■ Depart Ponta Delgada at 09:00 and return at 17:00

### Tuesday – Rota da Agua

This 7.3km circular route begins in the picnic area of Remédios, Lagoa municipality. The trail has several tunnels along its length, therefore it is advisable to bring a torch. The trail passes an ancient aqueduct, in the shape of a tunnel and crosses several aqueducts that used to supply the ancient Alcohol Factory of Lagoa and nowadays supplies water to the municipality. **Grade 1 (Easy)**

■ Depart Ponta Delgada at 09:00 and return at 17:00

### Wednesday – Lagoa do Fogo

This 12km (4-5-hour) walk takes place in the south central area of São Miguel and includes a route along a levada. The high point is at Lagoa do Fogo, located at 575m, which is one of the most beautiful lakes in the Azores. **Grade 2 (Medium)**

■ Depart Ponta Delgada at 09:00 and return at 17:00

### Thursday – Ribeira Funda / Furnas

This 7.5km (3-hour) walk takes you to the north coast of São Miguel. Beginning in Lomba da Maia, the trail passes along contrasting landscapes of dense vegetation, running streams, old typical watermills and open areas allowing for amazing ocean views. You will also head down towards Praia da Viola beach where there will be an opportunity to swim. **Grade 2 (Medium)**

■ Depart Ponta Delgada at 09:00 and return at 17:00

### Friday - Cumeiras

This 12km (4-5-hour) walk takes place in the west of São Miguel. On the walk you will see some exotic and native species of Azorean flora. Part of the trail follows the water line of the caldeira of Sete Cidades, around the twin lakes known as Lagoa Verde and Lagoa Azul. Enjoy amazing panoramic views of the North and West coast of the island.

**Grade 1 (Easy)**

■ Depart Ponta Delgada at 09:30 and return at 17:00

### Saturday – Sete Cidades

This 7km (3-4-hours) walk is on the western side of the island in an area known for its beauty and its legends. The day starts at the Vista do Rei viewpoint and ends by the lake of Sete Cidades with some brief stops en route. Enjoy amazing panoramic views of the North and West coast with a stop at the Santiago Lake viewpoint.

**Grade 1 (Easy)**

■ Depart Ponta Delgada at 09:30 and return at 17:00

### Sunday – Faial da Terra

This 4km (1.5-hour) walk takes place in the southeast of the island, in Faial da Terra. The trail is lined by exotic and luxurious vegetation. During the walk you will stop by the beautiful waterfall of Salto do Prego where it is possible to take a swim.

**Grade 2 (Medium)**

■ Depart Ponta Delgada at 09:00 and return at 17:00

**Price for each walk is £56 per person (adult) and £42 per child (up to 10yrs)**

## Notes

- Excursion provider: Geofun
- Meeting point in Ponta Delgada (in front of the Tourist Office) at 09:00 (Mon-Thurs and Sun walks) or 09:30 (Fri-Sat walks). If staying in hotels outside Ponta Delgada a pick-up from your hotel is available on request (no charge)
- Guided walks with English speaking guide and picnic lunches included
- Minimum 2 people and maximum 8
- Recommended: Comfortable clothing, walking boots, swimming suit, towel, rain jacket, sun lotion, binoculars and a camera.





**Jeep 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 not often encountered by the average tourist. During the trip there will be several stops with time to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

**Nordeste (Monday full day)**

Take a tour to Nordeste on the eastern coast of Sao Miguel, known as the greenest part of the island.

- Ponta do Cintrão ■ Santa Iria viewpoint ■ Ribeira dos Caldeirões ■ Serra da Tronqueira ■ Salto do Cavalo

**Price is £71 per person**

**Lagoa do Fogo (Tuesday Half Day)**

Visit the central area of the island and the vast volcanic complex of Lagoa do Fogo.

- Baleeiros viewpoint ■ Caldeira Vehl ■ Lagoa do Fogo ■ Lagoa village ■ Ponta Delgada

**Price is £34 per person**

**Sete Cidades (Wednesday Full Day)**

Visit the unique sights on São Miguel’s west coast.

- Carvão viewpoint ■ Lakes of Empadadas ■ Sete Cidades Lake ■ Vista do Rei viewpoint ■ Mosteiros ■ Escalvado viewpoint ■ Ferrara ■ Ponta Delgada

**Price is £66 per person**

**Furnas (Friday Full Day)**

See the mystic Furnas valley and surrounding area with its amazing volcanic formations.

- Caloura ■ Vila Franca do Campo ■ Castelo Branco ■ Furnas Lake ■ Pico do Ferro ■ Ribeira Grande ■ Ponta Delgada

**Price is £66 per person**

**Notes**

- Excursion provider: Trilhos da Natureza Acores
- Pick up from all hotels in Ponta Delgada at 09:15
- Pick-up from hotels outside of Ponta Delgada at a supplement on request
- No child reductions
- Minimum 2 people
- Escorted by an English speaking driver/guide
- Full day tours (7 hours) including lunch
- Half day tours (3½ hours)
- Itineraries are subject to change



**Private Taxi Tours**

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

**Lagoa do Fogo (Half Day)**

Depart to Ribeira Grande with a brief stop. Then continue by the mountain road towards Lagoa do Fogo, at an altitude of 900m, where you will have a magnificent view of the island. Continue southwards to the village of Lagoa, and visit a traditional ceramic factory (closed on weekends). Return to Ponta Delgada.

**Price is £92 per taxi**

**Sete Cidades (Half Day)**

Depart to Sete Cidades Lake by the mountain road. After visiting the lakes, you will stop at the ‘Vista do Rei’ belvedere from where there is a panoramic view over the lakes and the surrounding area. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping en route at a pineapple plantation.

**Price is £92 per taxi**

**Sete Cidades & Lagoa do Fogo (Full Day)**

Depart for Fajã de Baixo to visit the pineapple plantations and then proceed to Sete Cidades Lake by the mountain road. Stop at the ‘Vista do Rei’ belvedere from where there is a panoramic view over the lakes and the surrounding area before descending down to the valley floor of the crater lakes to take a leisurely walk along the shores of the green and blue lakes. Then take the north coastal road to Ribeira Grande (brief stop). Continue in the direction of Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake), at an altitude of 900m, with a stop at Caldeira Velha. Return to Ponta Delgada.



### Formigas Islets

09:00 Departure from the marina of Vila Franca do Campo. Visit the Natural Reserve of the 'Formigas Islets', located about 40 nautical miles off the coast of São Miguel. Located 43km northeast of Santa Maria and southeast of São Miguel, the islets are of special biological interest and an expansive (35.42 km<sup>2</sup>) natural reserve.

23:00 Arrive back at the marina of Vila Franca do Campo.

**Price is £215 per person (based on minimum 6 people)**

### Weekend at Santa Maria

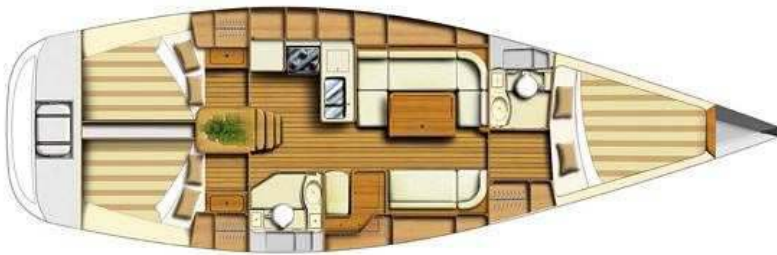
Friday: 20:00 Departure from the marina of Vila Franca do Campo

Saturday: Free day to visit the island of Santa Maria

Sunday: Return to São Miguel

**Price is £322 per person (based on minimum 6 people)**

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### Notes

- Excursion provider: Azoresailing
- Departs: Daily (all year)
- Meeting point at the Marina at Vila Franca do Campo
- Insurance for passengers is included in the price
- The boat, a Dufour 40, has 3 double cabins for guests and 2 small cabins for the crew. One guest cabin has private bathroom. There is a kitchenette for guests to prepare meals and a shared bathroom
- Overall length: 12.32 m/40'50"
- Hull length: 12.06 m/39'70"
- Max beam: 3.90 m/12'10"
- Empty weight: 7,800 - 7,900 kg / 17,380 - 17,160 lbs
- Draft: 1.65 - 2.10 m/5'5" - 6'11"
- Sail surface: 89 m<sup>2</sup> /885 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Water capacity: 330 L/87 gl
- Fuel capacity: 160 L/42 gl
- Versions: 2 / 3 cabins and saloon
- CE certification: cat. A

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### Swimming with Dolphins

Swim with dolphins in the blue Atlantic waters around São Miguel Island. The four species of dolphin that are regularly sighted here are Common, Bottlenose, Risso and Atlantic Spotted.

**Price is £66 per adult and £33 per child (6-11yrs) – all year**

Picos de Aventura from Ponta Delgada

**Price is £85 per person (01Jun-30Sep)**

Terra Azul from Vila Franca do Campo - recommended if staying in Caloura, Vila Franca do Campo or Furnas

### Notes

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura (Ponta Delgada base) or Terra Azul (Vila Franca do Campo base)
- Meeting point for Picos de Aventura is the whaling base in Ponta Delgada departing at 08:30 (daily) or 13:00 (daily)
- Meeting point for Terra Azul is the whaling base in Vila Franca do Campo departing at 08:30 (daily) or 12:30 (daily)
- Duration: 2-3 hour trip (in the water for c.10-minutes) with a short briefing by the skipper (c.15-minutes)
- Two people allowed in the water at a time (only free diving permitted)
- Contact with the dolphins is not permitted
- Minimum 2 crew members on board at all times. The final decision to dive rests with the skipper on the day
- Maximum of 6 people per boat (including crew members) from Ponta Delgada, and 10 people per boat (including crew members) from Vila Franca do Campo
- Minimum child age is 6 years (accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- Location is c.10 miles from shore

- Wetsuits and snorkelling life vest (without fins or tube) are provided
- Guests can hire the whole boat for a private excursion at a supplement on request
- Pre-booking in July and August is recommended

**Important: For experienced, confident swimmers only**



**Whale and Dolphin Watching Trips**

A mere glimpse of a dorsal fin can have you beaming for hours. So why not hop on a Zodiac or Catamaran in search of cetacean activity – 24 of the planet's 80 species of whales and dolphins have been sighted off the coast of the Azores.

**By Zodiac (rib boat)**

**Price is £52 per adult and £26 per child (4-11yrs) – all year**

From Ponta Delgada with Picos de Aventura

**Price is £53 per adult and £27 per child (4-11yrs) – all year**

From Ponta Delgada with Futurismo

**Price is £56 per adult and £44 per child (4-10yrs) – all year**

From Vila Franca do Campo with Terra Azul – recommended if staying in Caloura or Furnas

**Notes for Zodiacs (rib boats)**

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura (Ponta Delgada base), Terra Azul (Vila Franca do Campo base) or Futurismo (whaling base no.26)
- Picos de Aventura: Meeting point is Portas do Mar Marina (whaling base) in Ponta Delgada departing daily at 08:30 or 13:00
- Terra Azul: Meeting point is the whaling base in Vila Franca do Campo departing daily at 08:30 or 12:30
- Futurismo: Meeting point is Portas do Mar Marina (no.26) in Ponta Delgada departing daily at 08:30 or 12:30
- Duration: 2-3 hour excursion with a pre tour briefing (c.10 minutes) by a marine biologist
- Zodiac boats (small, rigid hull inflatables carrying up to 24 people) are used
- Minimum child age is 4 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
- Recommend that you take a raincoat, cap or hair-band, sun cream, trousers (rather than a skirt), flat shoes and a bottle of water
- \*Note (Picos de Aventura only): Should you be unlucky enough not to see any whales and/or dolphins on your excursion, then you can book another day with the local supplier (free of charge and dependent on availability) or claim back a full refund which Sunvil will provide on your return to the UK
- Important: Children aged 3yrs or under, pregnant women or any person suffering from back problems are not allowed on the Zodiac boats

**By Catamaran**

**Price is £53 per adult, £27 per child (6-12yrs) and Free for children aged 5 years or under – all year**

From Ponta Delgada with Futurismo

**Notes for Catamarans - Futurismo**

- Excursion provider: Futurismo (Ponta Delgada base)
- Meeting point is Portas do Mar Marina (no.26) in Ponta Delgada departing daily at 08:30 or 12:30 (Nov-Mar) and 09:00 or 13:30 (Apr-Oct)
- Duration: 2-3 hour excursion with a pre tour briefing (c.10 minutes) by a marine biologist
- Two Catamarans - Cetus (max. capacity 77 people) and 4 Ventos (max. capacity 65 people), are used and both have toilets onboard
- Children aged 5 years or under go free of charge
- 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
- Recommend that you take a raincoat, sun cream, flat shoes and a bottle of water

**By Catamaran**

**Price is £53 per adult, £27 per child (6-12yrs) and Free for children aged 5 years or under – Apr-Oct**

From Ponta Delgada with Picos de Aventura

**Notes for Catamarans - Picos de Aventura**

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura (Ponta Delgada base)
- Meeting point is Portas do Mar Marina (whaling base) in Ponta Delgada departing daily at 08:30 or 13:00
- Duration: 2-3 hour excursion with a pre tour briefing (c.10 minutes) by a marine biologist

- One Catamaran - max. capacity is 100 people is used and have toilets onboard. Adapted for clients with reduced mobility
- Children aged 5 years or under go free of charge
- 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
- Recommend that you take a raincoat, sun cream, flat shoes and a bottle of water