

Price is £66 per adult (Half Day) or £101 (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: Açordiving
- 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



Fishing from São Miguel

The Azores are one of the world’s best locations for sport fishing.

Big Game Fishing

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, two putting greens 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



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 £72 per adult and £36 per child (2-12yrs)

Price (Friday) is £77 per adult and £39 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



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 09:30 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 - Cumeeiras

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 £48 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 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. 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 £74 per person

Price is £51 per adult and £39 per child (4-10yrs) – 01Jan-30Apr & 01Oct-31Dec

Price is £56 per adult and £44 per child (4-10yrs) – 01May-30Sep

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

Notes for Zodiacs (rib boats)

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura (Ponta Delgada base) or Terra Azul (Vila Franca do Campo base) (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
- 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 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

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 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