

Pico Activities 2020

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

All Terrain 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. During the trip there will be several stops with time to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Coast Route (Full Day)

Come and discover the stunning landscape of Pico Island by walking along its coastline. Visit the wine region with its beautiful vineyards – listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Experience the ancestral traditions of whaling and shipbuilding, as well as the beauty of the biodiversity of the Island.

- 10:00 - Madalena do Pico - Departure
- Lajido de Baixo - Santa Luzia
- Visit the village of Cais do Pico
- Visit Prainha Forest Park with nature trail
- 13:00 - Regional Lunch
- Nature Trail in the Protected Landscape Area of the Pico Island Vineyard
- 18:00 - Madalena do Pico - Arrival
- Guide and transportation in all-terrain vehicle, regional lunch and entrance to the museum included
- **Price is £79 per adult and £60 per child (2-12yrs)**

Mountain Route (Full Day)

Join this fantastic adventure on Pico Island and discover stunning landscapes in their purest state of preservation. Explore the largest volcanic cave, with amazing geological formations and walk the longest lava tube in Portugal. All this is included in an unforgettable journey into the history of a people, their culture and gastronomy.

- 10:00 - Madalena do Pico - Departure
- Stop with a visit to the Pico Lagoons
- Nature Trail
- 13:00 - Regional Lunch
- Off road trail on the central part of Pico Island
- Gruta das Torres (Lava tube), guided tour
- 18:00 - Madalena do Pico – Arrival
- Guide and transportation in all-terrain vehicle, regional lunch and entrance to the caves including all the equipment included
- **Price is £90 per adult and £68 per child (2-12yrs)**

Vineyard Route (Full Day)

Take a trip back in time and discover the old winemaking traditions that still remain in place today which make it an obvious choice as a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk through the vineyards and taste their exclusive wines.

- 10:00 - Madalena do Pico - Departure
- Stop at Cachorro
- Guided visit to the Lajido de Santa Luzia
- Santa Luzia - guided visit to the protected landscape of the vineyard (North Zone)
- 13:00 - Regional Lunch
- Criação Velha - guided visit to the protected landscape of the vineyard (South Zone)
- All terrain trail by the Maroiços of the Madalena do Pico

- Pico wine tasting with guided visit to the wine company
- 18:00 - Madalena do Pico – Arrival
- Guide and transportation in all-terrain vehicle, regional lunch and entrance to the museums included
- **Price is £90 per adult**

Wine & Food Route (Full Day)

Come and discover the unique gastronomy of Pico Island, as well as its wines, grown from the volcanic rock. Throughout the day you will delight in the singular tastes and wines whilst getting to know the traditions and culture of this unique island.

- 10:00 - Madalena do Pico - Departure
- Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture Interpretation Centre
- Santa Luzia - guided visit to the protected landscape of the vineyard (North Zone)
- 13:00 - Regional Lunch
- Guided visit to the Wine Museum
- Pico wine tasting with guided visit to the wine company
- Criação Velha - guided visit to the protected landscape of the vineyard (South Zone)
- 18:30 - Madalena do Pico – Arrival
- Guide and transportation in all-terrain vehicle, regional lunch, wine and cheese tasting and entrance to the museums
- **Price is £147 per adult**

Notes

- Pick-up from hotels in Madalena (Pico) at about 09:45
- Departures: Daily - all year
- Minimum 2 people
- Infants 0-2 years are free of charge
- Duration: 8 hours including lunch

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.

Lava Trail (Half Day)

This 9km walk (3 hours) passes through a fascinating landscape of lava fields in which the famous 'currais' (square or semi-circled, stone walls in which vines are cultivated) are found. These unusual vineyards, on Pico's north coast, produce an excellent Verdelho wine and are inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

- Difficulty: Grade 1 (Easy)
- **Price is £59 per person**

Criação Velha Trail (Half Day)

This 8km walk (2.5 hours) starts at Porto do Calhau, passing through vineyards towards a solitary windmill, from where there is a panoramic view over the vineyards, protected from the wind by lava rock walls. From here, the walk continues through pasture meadows following the coastline, offering some spectacular coastal and mountain views before ending at Areia Larga.

- Difficulty: Grade 1 (Easy)
- **Price is £38 per person**

Caminho das Voltas Trail (Half Day)

On the north coast of Pico is the small village of Santo Amaro, where the main ship building yard in the Azores can be found. This 6.3km walk (2 hours) twists and turns along the coastline of Pico and affords magnificent views over the ocean to São Jorge and of vineyards, rural scenes and Mount Pico. During the walk, you will have the opportunity to visit the maritime museum and the shipwright school in Santo Amaro (entrance fees payable locally).

- Difficulty: Grade 1 (Easy)
- **Price is £59 per person**

Caminho dos Burros Trail (Half Day)

This 11.2km (3.5 hour) hike to Topo offers an unique view to the south coast of the Island. Discover how Pico Island was originally formed whilst climbing (1022m) the oldest volcano on the Island.

- Difficulty: Grade 2 (Medium)
- **Price is £59 per person**

Notes

- Pick-up from hotels in Madalena (Pico) at about 09:00
- Departures: Daily - all year

- Briefing by a marine biologist (c.20-minute talk)
- Zodiac boats (small, rigid hull inflatable carrying up to 14 people) are used
- 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

Important: Children aged 5yrs or under, pregnant women or any person suffering from severe back problems are not allowed on the Zodiac boats.

Azorean biodiversity - Full Day

Join a tour where you will be able to birdwatch from land and sea; search for whales & dolphins in their natural habitat; stop for a picnic lunch; take a short walk on São Jorge Island; and have time to do some snorkelling.

Price is £104 per person (21Mar-10Apr and 12Sep-06Nov20), £114 per person (09May-10Jul and 22Aug011Sep20) and £135 per person (11Apr-08May and 11Jul-21Aug20)

Notes

- Departures: Fridays
- Duration: 8-hour
- Meeting point is Espaço Talassa's base in Lajes do Pico marina departing at 09:00
- Transfers to/from the whaling base are not included
- Minimum child age is 6 years (accompanied by a parent or guardian)
- Apr to Sep is the best period to see whales off Pico
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