

Price is £54 per adult and £27 per child (6-11yrs)

Notes

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura
- Departs: Saturdays
- 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: Bike helmet and repair kit
- Equipment required: Comfortable warm clothing including extra t-shirt and/or sweater, trainers, swim suit, towel, light rain jacket, backpack, hat, sun lotion, water and a camera
- Recommended Equipment: MTB Gloves, hydration bag, clip shoes and pedals



Birdwatching

This tour will appeal to beginners and long-time bird enthusiasts alike. Escorted by an ornithologist, you will observe birds and learn about their behaviour and diet all within a magnificent landscape.

The Azores islands are an excellent destination for birdwatching. Here, you can find two of Europe's rarest birds: The Azores Bullfinch, *Pyrrhula murina*, endemic to a small area of São Miguel and the Mosteiro's storm-petrel, *Oceanodroma monteiroi*, breeding on the two islets south of Graciosa Island.

Other species seen here are the Atlantic Canary, *Serinus canaria*, an exclusive species from Macaronesia, as well as several subspecies such as the Common Chaffinch, *Fringilla coelebs moreletti*, the São Miguel Goldcrest, *Regulus regulus azoricus*, the Azores Woodpigeon, *Columba palumbus azorica*, and the Buzzard, *Buteo buteo rothschildi*.

Currently, the Azores holds the largest colony of Cory's Shearwater, *Calonectris diomedea borealis*, and one of the largest colonies of Roseate tern, *Sterna dougallii*, worldwide. Altogether, the archipelago has over 30 bird species which nest, and also, due to the islands central position in the Atlantic Ocean you may also observe migratory birds coming from America and Eurasia.

The number of species seen in the islands is close to 400, including a few which are extremely rare and even some which have been newly sighted in the Western Palearctic.

Price is £81 per person (based on 2 people)

Notes

- Excursion provider: Gerbybirding Azores
- Pick-up from hotels in Ponta Delgada at 08:30 (return 17:00)
- Pick-up from hotels outside Ponta Delgada at a supplement on request
- Departs: Daily (avoid weekends as too many people around the lake)
- Minimum 2 and maximum 8 people – subject to change or cancellation
- Suitable for all – recommended for children aged 8yrs and over
- Included: 9-seater minibus, English speaking guide, picnic and lunch
- Best time to observe resident and migrating birds is between Sep-May
- If clients want to see the Priôlo (Azores Bullfinch) please request this at the time of booking



Canoeing

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. It is also possible to visit the thermal hot springs where the local stew 'Cozido' is cooked underground in large pots.

10:00 or 14:00 – Meet at the parking area (west) at Furnas Lake. Transfers not included.

Note: Transfer to and from Furnas can be arranged at a supplement on request

Price is £27 per adult and £14 per child (6-11yrs) without transfers

Price is £36 per adult and £18 per child (6-11yrs) with transfers from Ponta Delgada

Notes

- Excursion provider: Picos de Aventura
- Departs: Daily
- Duration: 2 hours
- Canoes are large enough for two adults and a child under 10yrs
- Minimum number 4 people and maximum 18 - subject to change or cancellation
- Safety equipment provided: Life jacket
- Equipment required: Comfortable warm clothing including extra t-shirt and/or sweater, trainers, swim suit

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, 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 £68 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 4 dives from £139 per person (own equipment)

Notes

- Excursion provider: Açordiving
- Departure from the Açordiving base in 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

If you really want an exciting experience in the Azores try Big Game Fishing. There are two seasons and two types of fishing. One is for Tuna fishing that normally starts in May and ends in June but it can vary depending on water temperatures. Then Marlin fishing starts in June and goes to the end of September.

Price is £489 per boat (Half Day) or £870 (Full Day) – May-Sept

Notes

- Excursion provider: Seazores
- Daily departures from Ponta Delgada - meet at Portas do Mar harbour (Ponta Delgada) at 08:30 or 15:00
- Half day (4 hours) departs at 08:30 or 15:00
- Full day (8-hours) departs at 08:30
- Boat: 2012 Yamaha 23-foot (7m) with Yamaha engine 150hp
- Level: Medium/Hard
- Minimum 1 person and maximum 4
- Tuna (Bigeye, Albacore, Yellowfin or Bluefin) between May-Jun; Marlin (Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Spearfish, Dorado and Wahoo) between Jun-Sep
- Price includes: 2 crew members, all fishing gear, fishing licence, drinks (soft drinks and water) and sandwiches on board

Coastal Fishing

Coastal fishing can be done all the year round although the best season is between May and January. Depending on the time of the year you can expect to catch Yellowmouth Barracuda, Parrotfish, Greater Amberjack, Barred Hogfish, White Seabream and Bluefish.

Price is £326 per boat for 3 people (Half Day) or £544 (Full Day) – all year

Notes

- Excursion provider: Seazores
- Daily departures from Ponta Delgada - meet at Portas do Mar marina (Ponta Delgada) at 08:30 or 15:00. *Note: Seazores kiosk is called 'GetOut! Outdoors' and is located in front of the entry gate that gives access to the boats at Portas do Mar marina)*
- Half Day: 4 hours - departs at 08:30 or 14:30
- Full Day: 8-hours - departs at 08:30
- Boat: 2012 Yamaha 23-foot (7m) with Yamaha engine 150hp. Sail out 30-500m from shore.
- Level: Easy
- Maximum 4
- Price includes: 2 crew members, all fishing gear, fishing licence, drinks (soft drinks and water) and sandwiches on board



Geological History Tour

Experience the fabulous Geological History Tour of São Miguel, expertly escorted by an enthusiastic English speaking geologist. A unique insight into these stunning green islands which will give you a new and clear perspective of just how these diverse landscapes were formed. See, touch and learn the secrets of this volcanic archipelago in a fun and entertaining day trip around the island.

Price is £68 per adult and £49 per child (8-10yrs)

Notes

- Excursion provider: Geofun
- Departs: Fridays
- Meeting point in Ponta Delgada (in front of the Tourist Office) at 09:30 (return 17:00)
- Minimum 2 people and maximum 12
- Suitable for children aged 8yrs upwards
- Optional extra: Caving – not suitable for those with walking difficulties
- Included: 10-seater Jeep Defender or 9/12-seater minibus, picnic lunch, safety equipment (caving option) and pick-up from and to all hotels outside Ponta Delgada (excluding Nordeste)



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 £38 per person for green fees (9 holes) all year and £65 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
- 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 £70 per adult and £35 per child (2-12yrs)

Price (Friday) is £76 per adult and £38 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.

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 - 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 £53 per person (adult) and £46 per child (up to 10yrs)

Notes

- Excursion provider: Geofun
- Meeting point in Ponta Delgada (in front of the Tourist Office) at 09:00 (Tues-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 £68 per person

Lagoa do Fogo (Tuesday Half Day)

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

■ Baleiros viewpoint ■ Caldeira Vehla ■ Lagoa do Fogo ■ Lagoa village ■ Ponta Delgada

Price is £32 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 ■ Ferraria ■ Ponta Delgada

Price is £63 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 £63 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

Photo Tours

These small group tours allow clients to choose the pace of the day, with the emphasis on capturing the natural beauty and cultural heritage of the island. Led by a professional photographer, beginners and amateur photographers are welcomed and catered for on each tour.

Lagoa do Fogo / Salto do Cabrito / Caldeira Velha (Full Day)

Visit Fire Lake (Lagoa do Fogo), walk along the beach and enjoy the unique landscape of this dormant volcano. The tour continues on to Salto do Cabrito with its ancient ruins, windmills and ice cold waterfalls. The day ends at the Mata da Caldeira Velha, with an opportunity to bathe in the warm thermal waters of this unique setting.

Serra Devassa / Lagoa das Sete Cidades (Full Day)

The tour takes place in the protected landscape area of Sete Cidades with a leisurely walk along the crater with views of several lakes and ending on the shores of Sete Cidades Lake. You will reach the heights of Pico das Éguas, at an altitude of 873m, from where you will be able to see the whole island.

Cascata da Ribeira do Rosal / Lagoa das Furnas (Full Day)

Photograph the natural beauty of Ribeira do Rosal, with its waterfall, dense vegetation and rugged rock faces. The day ends with a walk through the idyllic Terra Nostra Park, where you can take a dip in the warm waters of the garden's thermal hot spring pool.

Sunset at Mosteiros (Half Day)

Take a trip to the north-western point of the island and make the most of the glorious sunsets that create a beautiful glow over the beach and headland. The tour ends with some local wine and cheese tasting.

- **Price is £72 per person (adult) and £36 per child (3-10yrs) – Full Day**
- **Price is £44 per person (adult) and £22 per child (3-10yrs) – Half Day**

Notes

- Excursion provider: FUNtastic Azores Tours (Rua Arcanjo Lar 61, Sao Miguel - Tel 00351 91 927 9770)
- Daily pick-up from all hotels in Ponta Delgada at 09:15, or 19:00 (Sunset at Mosteiros in summer)
- Full Day: 8-9 hours
- Half Day: 3-4 hours
- Lunch (picnic or local restaurant) included
- Cascata da Ribeira do Rosal / Lagoa das Furnas includes a Cozido lunch and entrance fee to the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden
- Suitable for amateur photographers
- Minimum 2 people
- Equipment required: Good walking shoes/boots (a lot of walking), camera (any model) and tripod

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 £88 per taxi

One Day Sailing

09:00 Departure from the marina of Vila Franca do Campo. Sail (8 hours) along the south coast of São Miguel, stopping at one of the many magical bays for a refreshing swim.
17:00 Arrive back at the marina of Vila Franca do Campo.

Price is £98 per person (based on minimum 6 people)

Half Day Sailing - First Sailing Experience

09:00 or 14:00 Departure from the marina of Vila Franca do Campo. Sail (4 hours) along the south coast of São Miguel.
13:00 or 18:00 Arrive back at the marina of Vila Franca do Campo.

Price is £72 per person (based on minimum 6 people)

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 km²) natural reserve.
23:00 Arrive back at the marina of Vila Franca do Campo.

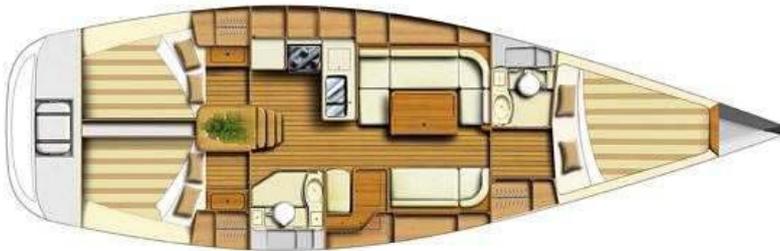
Price is £205 per person (based on minimum 6 people)

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 £308 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 m² /885 ft²
- Water capacity: 330 L/87 gl
- Fuel capacity: 160 L/42 gl
- Versions: 2 / 3 cabins and saloon
- CE certification: cat. A

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 £68 per adult and £34 per child (6-11yrs) – all year

[Picos de Aventura from Ponta Delgada](#)

Price is £78 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 13:30 (Mon-Tues or Thurs-Sat)
- 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 8 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 £50 per adult and £25 per child (4-11yrs) – all year

From Ponta Delgada with Futurismo or Picos de Aventura*

Price is £52 per adult and £36 per child (4-10yrs) – all year excluding 16Dec16-14Feb17

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 (Nov-Mar) and 08:30 or 13:00 (Apr-Oct)
- 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 £50 per adult, £25 per child (6-12yrs) and Free for children aged 5 years or under – all year

From Ponta Delgada with Futurismo

Notes for Catamarans

- 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