



Furnas, São Miguel



Madalena, Pico

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- 3-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- 2-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB
- 2-nights Talisman Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- All transfers, inter-island flights, entrance tickets (botanical garden and museums) and a Cozido lunch
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)

Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people.

Departures

Saturdays (all year)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£1,599 per person*

Azores Three Island Tour (A)

São Miguel – Faial – Pico

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The islands of the Azores each have their own unique character and charm, so we recommend multi-centre holidays when possible to gain a wider understanding of what the archipelago has to offer.

Saturday – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Sunday – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Free time for lunch (not included).

In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Monday – Full Day Tour (Furnas): Depart to Vila Franca do Campo, the first capital of São Miguel. After a short visit of the town, continue to the village of Furnas with time to explore the beautiful botanical gardens and hot springs. A traditional

Cozido lunch will be taken at a local restaurant before returning to Ponta Delgada by the north coast, visiting a tea plantation and Santa Iria viewpoint en route.

Tuesday – FAIAL – Half Day Jeep Tour: Flight to Faial (1-hour). Afternoon tour of the island visiting the Caldeira, the highest point on the island at 1,043 metres; Capelinhos, the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores in 1957; and the interpretation centre which details the evolution of the eruption.

Wednesday – PICO – Full Day Tour: Boat crossing (30-minutes) to Pico and the village of Lajes do Pico which was, for many years, the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores. Today, you can visit the Whaler's museum, home to a fascinating exhibition about the industry, which includes examples of the equipment used as well as many original photographs. Continue to the village of São Roque with a brief stop (lunch not included). Return to Madalena harbour, visiting the black rocks of Cachorro en route.

Thursday – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to Horta airport for your flight to São Miguel (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Friday: Day at leisure. Explore the town of Ponta Delgada, indulge in some shopping and/or participate in whale and dolphin excursion.

Saturday: Transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the UK.



Sete Cidades Lake, São Miguel

Azores Three Island Tour (B)

São Miguel – Terceira – São Jorge

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

Discover the enchanting islands of the east and central archipelago, each with their own individual characteristics.

Saturday – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Sunday – Half Day Tour of Sete Cidades: Visit the Sete Cidades Lakes with a stop at the 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to enjoy the magnificent view over the lakes and the surrounding area. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping en route at a pineapple plantation. Afternoon flight to Terceira (40-minutes).

Monday – TERCEIRA – Full Day Jeep Tour: Enjoy an unforgettable drive along the islands' best trails. Learn how wine is made in the village of Biscoitos. During lunch time, taste the delicious 'Alcatra', a dish of rump cooked for 12 hours at a typical restaurant. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão volcanic pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Tuesday – SÃO JORGE: Transfer to Terceira airport for your flight to São Jorge (30-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Wednesday – Full Day Island Tour: See the fabulous Fajãs of Ouvidor, Cubres and Caldeira Santo Cristo. Visit a local co-operative where they make traditional woven goods and decorative garments. Head to Calheta and Manadas where you will visit an impressive baroque 18th century parish church dedicated to Santa Bárbara. Continue to Urzelina to see the only ancient church tower that remains standing after the destructive 1808 volcanic eruption, and the park of Sete Fontes before returning to Velas.

Thursday – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to São Jorge airport for your flight to São Miguel (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Friday – Half Day Tour of Furnas: Visit the caldeiras in Furnas and continue to Pico do Ferro viewpoint for a different perspective over Furnas Lake. Then head along the coastal road towards Ribeira Grande with a stop at the Gorreana tea factory to taste the local black and green teas. Return to Furnas for a Cozido lunch, after visiting the area where the cozido is cooked in underground natural ovens.

Saturday: Transfer to the airport for your return flight home to the UK.



São Jorge

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All transfers, inter-island flights, entrance tickets (botanical garden, caves and museums) and two lunches
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 1-night São Miguel Park, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB
- 2-nights São Jorge Garden Hotel, Velas (São Jorge) BB
- 2-nights Terra Nostra Garden Hotel, Furnas (São Miguel) BB

Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people.

Departures

Saturdays (all year)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£1,836 per person*



Impérios, Terceira



Natural rock pool, Terceira



View of São Roque (Praia), Graciosa

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All inter-island flights, transfers with English speaking driver
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 2-nights Talisman Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel)
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira)
- 2-nights Graciosa Resort Hotel, Santa Cruz (Graciosa)
- 1-night Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel)

Departures

Saturdays (all year)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£1,240 per person*

Azores Three Island Tour (C)

São Miguel – Terceira – Graciosa

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The volcanic structure of the Azorean archipelago has endowed the islands with overwhelming beauty; vast craters housing gleaming lakes, sheer black cliffs rolling into the ocean, hot mineral springs and lush rolling valleys.

Each island has its own distinct landscape: São Miguel is made up of six volcanic complexes and municipalities; Terceira is formed from four volcanoes - one of which is the largest collapsed Caldeira in the Azores; and Graciosa, the second smallest island of the group, has an impressive lava cave, the Furna do Enxofre, that stretches 194m in length and 40m in height.

Saturday – SÃO MIGUEL: On arrival in Ponta Delgada, transfer to your hotel.

Sunday – Half Day Tour of Sete Cidades: After breakfast, depart from Ponta Delgada to Sete Cidades, an extinct volcano crater of 40sq.km, within which are two magnificent lakes, one deep blue in colour and the other emerald green. After visiting the lakes,

stop at the 'Vista do Rei' belvedere which offers the best panoramic view over Sete Cidades and the surrounding area. Return to Ponta Delgada, stopping en route at a pineapple plantation. Afternoon at leisure.

Monday – TERCEIRA: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for the flight to Terceira (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Free afternoon to explore the historic town of Angra do Heroísmo which dates back to the 15th century and has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. From the botanical gardens adjacent to the Hotel Angra Garden, there is a path that leads uphill to the 'Miradouro of Memory' offering superb views over the town.

Tuesday – Full Day Jeep Tour of Terceira: 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. Experience milking a cow or learn how wine is made in the village of Biscoitos. During lunch time, taste the delicious 'Alcatra', a dish of rump cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures at a typical restaurant, with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão volcanic pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Wednesday – GRACIOSA: Transfer to Terceira airport for the flight to Graciosa (30-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Thursday – Half Day Private Taxi Tour of Graciosa: After breakfast, depart towards the Caldeira where you will visit the Furna do Enxofre, an impressive lava cave which stretches 194m in length and 40m in height, located at the base of the crater. Enjoy spectacular views from the volcanic crater, across small meadows and forests, before continuing to the fishing village of Praia, Fenais and on to Carapacho to visit the thermal baths. Return to Santa Cruz, stopping en route at Monte da Ajuda to enjoy the view over the capital.

Afternoon at leisure to relax at the Thermal Spa located 16km from the hotel or to take a leisurely walk into town (1km) or along the waters edge.

Friday – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to Graciosa airport for the flight to Ponta Delgada via Terceira (95-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel. Free time on São Miguel with the opportunity to indulge in some last minute shopping or simply relax.

Saturday: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight home.

Azores Four Island Tour

São Miguel – Terceira – Faial – Pico

Itinerary: 11 days / 10 nights

Our suggested multi-centre itinerary takes in four of the nine stunning islands of the Azores archipelago. Each island is unique in landscape and character, and will offer a varied and fascinating insight into their individual attributes.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Free time for lunch (not included). In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Day Three – Full Day Tour (Furnas): Depart to the village of Furnas, visiting the town of Vila Franca do Campo en route. Furnas is famed for its botanical garden, hot springs and Caldeiras - 1m deep holes dug into the hot earth in which the traditional Cozido is cooked (lunch included). Return to Ponta Delgada by the north coast visiting a tea plantation and Santa Iria viewpoint.

Day Four: Day at leisure. Opportunity to explore the town of Ponta Delgada, indulge in some shopping and/or participate in whale watching or swimming with dolphins excursion (prebook through Sunvil or through our local representatives), or just relax.

Day Five – TERCEIRA: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your flight to Terceira (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Six – Full Day Jeep Tour: 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. Experience milking a cow or learn how wine is made in the village of Biscoitos. During lunch time, taste the delicious 'Alcatra', a dish of rump cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures at a typical restaurant, with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão volcanic pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Day Seven – FAIAL: Transfer to Terceira airport for your flight to Horta (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Eight – PICO – Full Day Tour: Boat crossing to Pico (30-minutes). Travel along the north coast in the direction of Cachorro and Lajido on to São Roque to visit the whale factory and the natural swimming pools. From here you will take the mountain road towards Lake Capitaio (900m) and then to Lajes do Pico. At Lajes do Pico you will visit the whaler's museum with its fascinating exhibition illustrating whaling in the Azores which, until its ban in 1987, was the main industry on the islands. There will be a short stop for lunch (not included). Continue along the south coast to Mistérios de São João where there will be a short stop and then on to São Mateus to visit the church. From here you will

visit Criação Velha with its vineyards (awarded UNESCO World status) bordered by black volcanic rock and Mount Pico towering above. Return to Madalena for boat crossing to Faial.

Day Nine – FAIAL – Full Day Jeep Tour: Depart towards Caldeira, the highest point on the island from where you can enjoy wonderful views across the ocean to the neighbouring islands of Pico and São Jorge. On a clear day you can also see the island of Graciosa in the distance. From Caldeira the tour will continue to Capelinhos, the eerie site of the last volcano eruption in the Azores (1957), before returning to Horta. Lunch included.

Day Ten: Day at leisure.

Day Eleven: Transfer to Horta airport for your return flight home to the UK.



Faial

* Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Heathrow, via Lisbon, to Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) and returning from Faial, via Lisbon
- All inter-island flights, transfers, boat tickets, entrance tickets (botanical garden/museums) and three lunches
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 4-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB
- 4-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB

Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people.

Departures
Daily (all year)

Duration
10 nights

Guide price from
£2,055 per person*



Terceira



Horta, Faial

Serra do Cume, Terceira

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All transfers, inter-island flights, boat tickets, entrance tickets (botanical garden/museums) and three lunches
- Guided excursions (minibus and guide or taxi/ jeep with English speaking driver)
- 2-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- 2-nights Das Flores Hotel, Santa Cruz (Flores) BB
- 4-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB
- 2-nights São Jorge Garden Hotel, Velas (São Jorge) BB
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB
- 2-nights Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB

Departures

Saturdays (all year)

Duration

14 nights

Guide price from

£2,506 per person*

Azores Grand Tour (A)

São Miguel – Flores – Faial – Pico – São Jorge – Terceira

Itinerary: 15 days / 14 nights

The unique beauty of the Azores and the individual character of each island provide an opportunity to explore an area of spectacular natural scenery.

Saturday – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Sunday – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Lunch (not included). In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Monday – FLORES: Flight to Flores (90-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Tuesday – Full Day Tour: This tour (excluding lunch) includes many island highlights passing by lush green pastures bordered with hydrangeas (Jun-Aug), impressive waterfalls and the unique 'organ pipe' rock formation 'Rocha dos Bordões'.

Wednesday: Flight to Faial (50-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Thursday – FAIAL – Full Day Jeep Tour: This tour takes you to the vast Caldeira, which dominates the island's landscape before continuing to Capelinhos - the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores, and the Interpretation Centre which retells the drama. Lunch is not included.

Friday – PICO – Full Day Tour: Boat crossing (30-minutes) to Pico and the village of Lajes do Pico which was, for many years, the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores. Visit the Whaler's museum, home to a fascinating exhibition about the industry. Continue to the village of São Roque (lunch not included) and the black rocks of Cachorro.

Saturday: Day at leisure.

Sunday – SÃO JORGE: Boat crossing to the island of São Jorge (90-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Monday – Half Day Tour: Morning departure from Velas towards Beira where you will visit a cheese factory – tastings included. Continue to Calheta, Manadas and

Urzelina, stopping at several breathtaking viewpoints en route.

Tuesday – TERCEIRA: Flight to Terceira (35-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Wednesday – Full Day Jeep Tour: Driving along wooded areas and pastures often overlooking the Atlantic Ocean you will discover landscapes of rare beauty not often encountered by the average tourist. At lunch, taste the delicious 'Alcatra' - a Portuguese pot roast cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures, at a typical restaurant. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão lava pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Thursday – SÃO MIGUEL: Flight to São Miguel (40-minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Friday – Full Day Tour (Furnas): In Furnas you will have time to visit the beautiful 30-acre botanical gardens and the hot springs before stopping for lunch - Cozido meal included. Continue to the town of Ribeira Grande, visiting a tea plantation.

Saturday: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight home to the UK.

Azores Grand Tour (B)

São Miguel – Faial – Pico – São Jorge – Terceira – Santa Maria

Itinerary: 14 days / 15 nights

To really appreciate the unique natural beauty of this Portuguese archipelago, we recommend a multi-island itinerary to make the most of your visit. Each island has a particular characteristic that makes them stand out from one another whether it be the landscape, transatlantic ports, lava caves, high peaks like Mount Pico, fabulous crater lakes or the local delicacies such as São Jorge cheese, Pico wine and São Miguel pineapples.

Saturday – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Sunday – Two Half Day Tours (Sete Cidades and Ponta Delgada): Departure for Sete Cidades with a stop at 'Vista do Rei' belvedere to marvel at the magnificent view over the lakes. Lunch (not included). In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Ponta Delgada starting at the City Garden and continuing on foot to see the some of the highlights that the city has to offer.

Monday – Full Day Tour (Furnas): In Furnas you will have time to visit the beautiful 30-acre botanical gardens and the hot springs before stopping for lunch - Cozido meal included. Continue to the town of Ribeira Grande, visiting a tea plantation.

Tuesday: Flight to Faial (1 hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Wednesday – FAIAL – Full Day Jeep Tour: This tour takes you to the vast Caldeira, which dominates the island's landscape before continuing to Capelinhos - the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores, and the Interpretation Centre which retells the drama.

Thursday – PICO – Full Day Tour: Transfer to Madalena harbour for a boat crossing to Pico (30 minutes). Visit the whale factory, natural swimming pools, vineyards (UNESCO World status) bordered by black volcanic rock and viewpoints. Lunch (not included).

Friday – FAIAL: Day at leisure. Opportunity to explore the capital Horta.

Saturday – SÃO JORGE: Boat crossing to the island of São Jorge (90 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Sunday – Half Day Tour: Morning departure from Velas towards Beira where you will visit a cheese factory – tastings included. Continue to Calheta, Manadas and Urzelina, stopping at several breathtaking viewpoints en route.

Monday – TERCEIRA: Flight to Terceira (35 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Tuesday – Full Day Jeep Tour: Driving along wooded areas and pastures often overlooking the Atlantic Ocean you will discover landscapes of rare beauty not often encountered by the average tourist. At lunch, taste the delicious 'Alcatra' - a Portuguese pot roast cooked for 12 hours to intensify the flavours and textures, at a typical restaurant. Visit the ancient Algar do Carvão lava pit (open Apr-Sep only).

Wednesday – SANTA MARIA: Flight to Santa Maria via São Miguel (c.1 hour 20 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Thursday – Full Day Tour: Visit the island's highlights: Anjos with its small chapel where Christopher Columbus attended mass on his return from America; Santa Bárbara with its beautiful architecture of traditional houses with tall chimneys; the village of Santo Espírito, surrounded by green pastures and hills; the lighthouse that lies on a cliff top; and the viewpoint overlooking the bay of São Lourenço.

Friday – SÃO MIGUEL: Flight to São Miguel (30 minutes). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Saturday: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight home to the UK.

*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- All transfers, inter-island flights, boat tickets, entrance tickets (botanical garden/museums) and two lunches
- Guided excursions as stated (minibus and guide or taxi/jeep with English speaking driver)
- 3-nights Vila Nova Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- 4-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB
- 2-nights São Jorge Garden Hotel, Velas (São Jorge) BB
- 2-nights Azoris Angra Garden Hotel, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira) BB
- 2-nights Charming Blue Hotel, Vila do Porto (Santa Maria) BB
- 1-night Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB

Note: We cannot guarantee that you will be on a tour with other people.

Departures

Saturdays (all year)

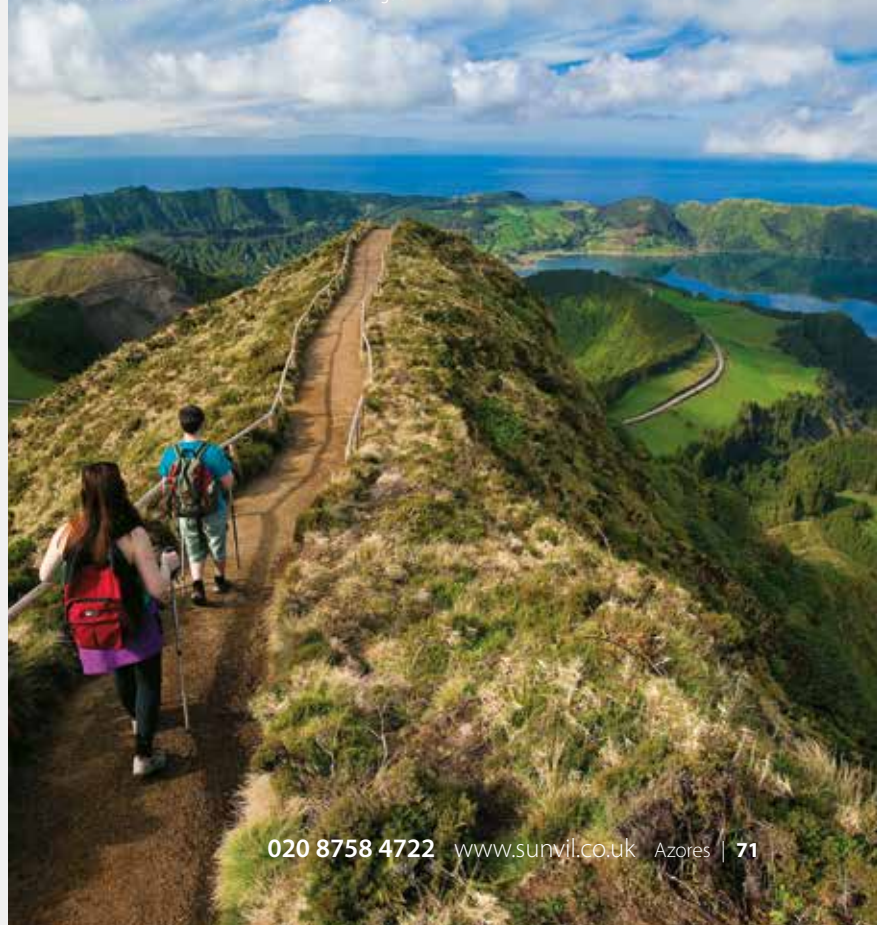
Duration

14 nights

Guide price from

£2,498 per person*

Miradouro 'Boca do Inferno' over Sete Cidades, São Miguel





Zodiac



Catamaran



*Guide prices based on 2-sharing include:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- Transfers (Marina Atlântico Hotel) or car hire (Quinta dos Curubás)
- 7-nights Marina Atlântico Hotel, Ponta Delgada (BB); Or 7-nights Quinta dos Curubás, Vila Franca do Campo (SC)
- Four 3-hour whale and dolphin watching trips including a briefing by a marine biologist

Departures

Daily (Apr-Oct)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£1,078 per person (Marina Atlântico Hotel)*
or £1,115 per person (Quinta dos Curubás)*

Whale & Dolphin Watching Holiday (A)

São Miguel

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

Experience the natural world up close on one of our 7-night whale and dolphin watching holidays on São Miguel. Top of the list for most visitors to the Azores is whale and dolphin watching. Twenty-four of the planet's 80 species of whales and dolphins have been sighted off the coast of the Azores making this one of the best places in the world to whale watch.

The most frequently spotted cetaceans are Sperm whale, Short-finned pilot whale, Common dolphin, Bottlenose dolphin, Atlantic spotted dolphin and Risso's dolphin.

Day One: On arrival transfer to the Marina Atlantico Hotel in Ponta Delgada or alternatively, collect your hire car and drive to the Quinta dos Curubás in Vila Franca do Campo.

Day Two – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Morning whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Free afternoon - explore the cobbled streets of Ponta Delgada.

Day Three – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Morning whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Free afternoon.

Day Four: Day at leisure. Take an escorted island tour or your self-drive vehicle to Sete Cidades, the extinct volcanic crater which has two lakes - one blue and the other green. The best place to enjoy the majesty of the lakes is from the view point 'Vista do Rei' which offers spectacular panoramic views.

Day Five – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Morning whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Free afternoon – time for a round of golf at Batalha (27 holes) or Furnas course (18 holes). Both courses are beautifully landscaped and offer challenging fairways in stunning surroundings.

Day Six – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Afternoon whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours).

Day Seven: Day at leisure. Book a fascinating Geological History Tour, which offers a unique insight into how the diverse landscape of the islands was formed. See, touch and learn the secrets of this volcanic archipelago in a fun and entertaining day trip around the island.

Day Eight: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your flight home to the UK.

General Notes:

- Ponta Delgada departures at 08:30 or 13:00 (Zodiac) and 09:00 or 13:30 (Catamaran); Vila Franca do Campo departures at 08:30 or 12:30
- Transfers to and from the whaling bases are not included
- Zodiac boats - small, rigid hull inflatables carrying up to 24 people
- Catamarans - either Cetus (max. capacity 77 people) or 4 Ventos (max. capacity 65 people) are used, both have toilets onboard. No minimum or maximum age limits. Children aged 5 years or under go free of charge
- Zodiacs: Minimum child age is 4 years (accompanied by a parent or guardian). Pregnant women or any person suffering from back problems are not allowed on these boats
- 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

Whale & Dolphin Watching Holiday (B)

Faial

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The whale watching season on Faial runs from April to October, with the height of the season being July and August. Each excursion starts with a briefing by a marine biologist, introducing the cetaceans of the Azores and discussing their habitat, communication and behavioural patterns.

The most frequently spotted cetaceans are Sperm whale, Short-finned pilot whale, Common dolphin, Bottlenose dolphin, Atlantic spotted dolphin and Risso's dolphin. And, if you're lucky, you may even get a glimpse of the False killer whale, Fin whale, Sei whale, Sowerby's beaked whale or Blue whale, which are occasionally seen in these waters.

Day One – SÃO MIGUEL: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – FAIAL: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for the flight to Faial (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Three – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Depart Horta harbour for a whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Free afternoon - explore the town of Horta with its harbour, world famous with transatlantic

sailors. Try the local speciality 'Gin & Tonic' at Café Sport and visit the scrimshaw museum housed above the bar.

Day Four – PICO Private Taxi Tour: Today, we have included a full day taxi tour of the island of Pico - the second largest island in the archipelago and dominated by the steep, volcanic cone of Mount Pico - the highest mountain in Portugal. Departing from Horta Harbour, you will travel to Pico by boat (30-minutes). From here, your private taxi and English speaking driver will lead you on a sightseeing tour of the island. Your trip will include the village of Sao Roque on the north coast of Pico; the black rocks of Cachorro; Lajes do Pico - for many years, the centre of the whaling industry in the Azores; the island's Whaler's Museum (entrance fee not included) and a stop at a 'Verdelho' wine cellar. Return to Faial by boat.

Day Five – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Morning whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours). Free afternoon.

Day Six – Whale & Dolphin Watching: Free morning - why not experience the natural beauty of the blue island of Faial in a 4x4 wheel drive? Sunvil are able to pre-book a Jeep Tour of Faial which takes you on an unforgettable journey through the island's best trails. Driving through trees and pastures overlooking

the Atlantic Ocean you will discover places and landscapes of rare beauty not often encountered by the average tourist.

In the afternoon, depart Horta Harbour for a whale and dolphin watching trip (3 hours).

Day Seven – SÃO MIGUEL: Transfer to Horta airport for the flight to São Miguel (1-hour). On arrival, transfer to your hotel.

Day Eight: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight to the UK.

General Notes:

- Whale watching boats depart Horta marina at 08:30 or 14:30 (transfers not included)
- Zodiac boats are used - small, rigid hull inflatable carrying up to 12 people
- Minimum child age is 6 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
- Pregnant women or any person suffering from back problems, are not allowed on the Zodiac whale watching boats

* Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- 1-night São Miguel Park Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- 5-nights Do Canal Hotel, Horta (Faial) BB
- 1-night São Miguel Park Hotel, Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) BB
- Inter-island flights between São Miguel and Faial
- Return transfers to hotels on São Miguel and Faial
- Three 3-hour whale and dolphin watching excursions with briefings by a marine biologist
- Pico full day private taxi tour (excluding lunch and entrance fee to museums/parks)

Departures
Daily (Apr-Oct)

Duration
7 nights / 8 days

Guide price from
£1,363 per person*

Sperm Whale





Furnas Botanical Gardens, São Miguel



São Miguel

* Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- 4-nights Terra Nostra Garden Hotel, Furnas BB
- 3-nights Azoris Royal Garden Hotel, Ponta Delgada BB
- All transfers included for hotels and walks
- Six half-day, self-guided walks including a guidebook for the walks with trail descriptions and maps

Departures

Daily (all year)

Duration

7 nights

Guide price from

£968 per person*

Grading of Walks: 1 for Easy and 2 for Medium

Walking Inside Volcanoes

São Miguel

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The volcanic structure of the island of São Miguel has bestowed it with overwhelming beauty; vast craters housing gleaming lakes, hot mineral springs and lush rolling valleys. Located on the eastern side of the archipelago, the island is made up of six volcanic complexes and municipalities.

Our suggested itinerary takes you on a self-guided walking tour of São Miguel, using a route-book for guidance, and passing through areas of geological interest.

It is also possible to extend the itinerary by 7-nights, taking in other volcanic points of interest such as the lava caves: Gruta das Torres on Pico; Furna do Enxofre on Graciosa; and Capelinhos on Faial, the site of the last volcanic eruption in the Azores.

Day One: Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Furnas Lake: Today you will walk to Furnas Lake (9.2km / 3 hours) where you will visit the Monitoring & Research Centre (entrance included) – a local project initiated to protect the ecosystem of the valley and improve the quality of the lake water. Afternoon transfer back to Ponta Delgada with stops at viewpoints and a tea plantation.

Day Three – Furnas - Lomba do Cavaleiro: This 8.4km (3½ hours) walk descends a track between green pastures until you reach a small stream. The trail then passes through a wood of Australian cheesewood, acacias and vinhática, crossing over a wooden bridge and following the stream as far as Ribeira Quente (opportunity to swim), where the trail ends. Grade 1

Day Four – Furnas - Salto do Prego: This 5km (2 hours) walk takes you past woods, orchards, the Salto do Prego waterfall where it is possible to swim, a deserted watermill and the deserted village of Sanguinho, uninhabited since 1970. Grade 2

Day Five – Furnas - Ribeira Funda: This 7.5km (3 hours) walk takes you to the North coast of the island. Take in the contrasting landscape passing

by dense vegetation, running streams, waterfalls and wonderful sea views as you walk down towards the beach of Praia da Viola. Grade 2. At the end of the walk, transfer by taxi to your hotel in Ponta Delgada. You will visit a panoramic viewpoint en route as well as a tea plantation.

Day Six – Ponta Delgada – Lagoa do Fogo: This 15km (4-5 hours) walk will follow a route along a Levada (a derivation channel) passing through mountains and valleys. You will head to the spectacular Lagoa do Fogo 'Fire Lake' - one of the most beautiful crater lakes in the Azores. The walk ends at a beach where you will have the opportunity to swim in the Atlantic waters. Grade 2

Day Seven – Ponta Delgada – Sete Cidades: This 7.5km walk (2 hours) passes the Vista do Rei viewpoint which offers the best panoramic view over Sete Cidades and the surrounding area before heading down to the lakes. Sete Cidades is an extinct volcano crater of 40 sq.km, within which are two magnificent lakes, one deep blue colour and the other emerald green. Grade 1.

Day Eight: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight to the UK.

Family Holiday (A)

São Miguel

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The Azores is the perfect destination for a family holiday. Experience an authentic Azorean family-run farm; taste the locally made cheese and marmalade; or even learn how to milk a cow.

Day One: On arrive at Ponta Delgada airport, transfer to your hotel.

Day Two – Half Day Tuk-Tuk Tour: Travel along the cobbled streets of the capital's historic centre, by electric tuk-tuk, visiting attractions including the Campo de São Francisco, where the main religious festivities of the island take place; the fortress of São Bras, whose main function was to defend the island against pirate attacks; the City Gates and the Church of São Sebastião. The tour also includes the city gardens where you can relax in a garden filled with impressively sized and peculiar shaped trees and visit one of the many dark sand beaches typical of these volcanic islands.

Day Three – Full Day Jeep Tour Furnas: A full day jeep tour to Furnas has been included today. Heading east from Ponta Delgada, taking the south coastal road, you will visit Vila Franca do Campo, the first capital of the island before reaching the rural village of Furnas. The natural surroundings of Furnas are lush and unspoiled with a large volcanic crater lake, hot springs and woodlands. Lunch is included at a local restaurant where you can taste the famous

Cozido, a sustainable meal fully cooked underground using the natural heat of the volcanic hot springs – a must for any visitor to the islands. The tour will also include a visit to a tea factory and stops at various viewpoints en route.

Day Four – Whale & Dolphin Watching Excursion: Enjoy a morning 3-hour whale and dolphin watching trip. The Azores is considered one of the destinations in the world for cetacean watching, and with a resident sperm whale population and twenty-four of the planet's eighty species of whale and dolphins spotted in the waters of the archipelago it is easy to see why. Your excursion is on board a zodiac boat and is led by a professional team of skippers, lookouts and biologists. Free afternoon.

Day Five – Full Day Azorean Rural Experience: Your excursion today is one of our most popular trips on São Miguel - The Azorean Experience. Based at a family-run farm in the village of Ginetes (transfers included), the experience provides an insight into rural farming; allows you to meet the resident farm animals; gives you the opportunity to milk a cow; teaches you how to prepare traditional Azorean dishes, bread and handicrafts. There is also a short journey to the Escalvado viewpoint, the Sabrina Islet viewpoint and to the Ferraria lighthouse. A light lunch is included (homemade soup, bread, local cheese, marmalade and soft drinks – water, juice and tea).

Day Six – Full Day Jeep Tour Sete Cidades & Sunset Sailing Trip: Afternoon departure, by jeep, to Sete Cidades - an extinct crater which has two lakes, one green and one blue. The lakes are one of the must-see attractions on São Miguel and one of the most photographed. Return to Ponta Delgada and head to the city's marina 'Portas do Mar'. Here you will board a catamaran for a memorable sunset voyage (c.3½ hour trip) along São Miguel's southern coastline.

Day Seven: Day at leisure. Time for some last minute shopping, or simply relax by the pool.

Day Eight: Transfer to Ponta Delgada airport for your return flight to the UK.



Tuk Tuk tour of Ponta Delgada

* Guide price based on 4-sharing includes:

- Flights from London Gatwick to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
- 7-nights Antillia Apart-Hotel, Ponta Delgada SC
- Return transfers from and to the airport
- City Tour of Ponta Delgada on a Tuk Tuk - 3 hours (Day 2) – max. 6 people per vehicle
- Jeep Tour of Furnas including lunch (Day 3)
- A 3-hour whale and dolphin watching trip including transfers to and from your hotel (Day 4)
- Azorean Rural Experience with lunch - transfers to and from Ginetes included (Day 5)
- Jeep Tour of Sete Cidades and Sunset Sailing Trip (Day 6)

Departures
Daily (Apr-Oct)

Duration
7 nights

Guide price from
£4,039 for a family of 4*

