

**Azores Islands Hopping
10 days - 9 nights****Horta (Faial Is.), Pico Island, Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira Is.), Ponta Delgada (São Miguel Is.)
Eco-Tourism, Relaxation, Discovery****Day 1: Ponta Delgada [São Miguel Is.], Horta [Faial Island]**

After formalities at Ponta Delgada airport board your flight to Horta. Transfer to the hotel. We suggest a walking tour of "Sea City" downtown. Start at largo Dr. Manuel de Arriaga and pass through Peter Café Sport, Santa Cruz fortress (16th century) currently a hotel, Infante Square, Church of St. Francis (16th Century), Largo Duque D 'Ávila e Bolama and Jesuit College (Mother Church of the Most Holy Savior (16th century). Visit to the Horta Museum, Love of the Fatherland Society, Empire of the Nobles (18th century), Republic Square, Municipal Market, 25 of Abril Avenue, Horta's marina and visualization of the famous murals. Return to the hotel for accommodation.

Day 2: Horta

Departure for a full day tour, visiting the main tourist attractions of the island: Nossa Senhora da Conceição viewpoint, where we can admire the view over Almocharife Beach, Horta city, Marina, Monte Queimado and Monte da Guia. In the center of the island we have the Caldeira, one of the island's ex-libris. It has a diameter of about 3,280 feet, a depth of around 1,300 feet and is covered with laurel forest vegetation (Lauris Silva). It has been classified as a nature reserve since 1972. We continue to Praia do Norte and stop at Ribeira das Cabras viewpoint where we can see Fajã da Praia do Norte and part of the Capelo Peninsula volcanoes alignment. Lunch at a local restaurant. We continue to the area of Capelinhos Volcano, where the landscape, houses and fields were covered by the volcanic ash from the 1957/58 eruption. Visit to the Capelinhos Volcano interpretation center. Pass through the Capelo Forest Park, Capelo Handicraft School and return to the city of Horta. Overnight at the hotel. [B/L]

Day 3: Horta [Pico Island]

Transfer to the pier for a ferry trip to Pico Island. Discover the admirable Vineyard Culture Landscape, classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. We continue to S. Mateus and visit the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus Milagroso in the church of S. Mateus which is one of the oldest on the island. Visit to a craft house and then to a traditional cheese shop. Then we will go to Lajes do Pico, the first place on the island to be populated and where we will visit the whaling museum. Continue to S. Roque and stop at Lagoa do Capitão, one of the best known and the largest lagoons of Pico. Here we have a view of the village of S. Roque, the Pico Mountain and the island of S. Jorge. Descend to the village of S. Roque and continue towards the parish of Bandeiras. We will go to Arcos do Cachorro, where we can observe magnificent sea caves. Return to Vila da Madalena and ferry back to Horta. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. [B/L]

Day 4: Horta, Angra do Heroísmo [Terceira Island]

Transfer to Horta Airport to board your flight to Angra do Heroísmo. Transfer from Lajes Airport to hotel in Angra do Heroísmo. Rest of the day at Leisure. Accommodation at the hotel. [B]

Day 5: Angra do Heroísmo

Discover the south and east coast of the island. Stop at Monte Brasil, a volcanic peninsula with viewpoint to the city of Angra. Then visit one of the oldest churches on the island (1455) and the Empire of the Divine Holy Spirit in São Sebastião. We will go up to Serra do Cume (stop at a viewpoint overlooking one of the largest boilers in the Azores – "Patchwork" landscapes. Stop for a Regional Lunch. After lunch visit to Algar do Cravão (empty volcano). Next visit to the sulfur furnas (fumaroles field). Continuation towards the Biscoitos Natural Pools. Stop at Raminho viewpoint with the possibility of sighting three other islands of the central group. Visit to a cheese factory and tasting at the end of the visit. Return to Angra do Heroísmo. Accommodation at the hotel. [B/L/T]

Day 6: Angra do Heroísmo, Ponta Delgada [São Miguel Island]

Transfer to Angra do Heroísmo Airport to board you flight to Ponta Delgada. Arrival at Ponta Delgada Airport and transfer to the hotel located in the island's capital. Ponta Delgada is a modern city that

retains its original design with its narrow streets full of traditional shops, markets and “delicatessen” shops. Accommodation at the hotel. [B]

Day 7: Ponta Delgada

The best way to explore the wild side of the island of São Miguel is definitely our tour to the west of the island, where we not only invite you to take alternative routes, but also show you one of São Miguel's biggest tourist attractions: Sete Cidades! The panoramic views that characterize this excursion offer you countless photo opportunities as you travel the northern ridge of this gigantic volcanic crater, with the Sete Cidades Lake and its different colors as a backdrop. Come and enjoy the “Vista do Rei” viewpoint over the entire lagoon, passing by its banks, on a promenade that still shows you the narrowest part of the island from a completely different angle. Stops at Vista do Rei and Lagoa de Santiago viewpoints and Silêncio Bay, Parish of Sete Cidades to visit the Pineapple Plantations. Return to Ponta Delgada. Free afternoon. Accommodation at the hotel. [B]

Day 8: Ponta Delgada

Departure to Furnas Valley (one of the main motivations for visiting the Azores) which is inserted in one of the three active central volcanoes of S. Miguel island. Here the smell of sulfur and bubbling fumaroles are characteristic. Stop at the Furnas Lagoon where the famous Furnas Stew is cooked on the ground, which we will have the opportunity to taste at lunch in one of the local restaurants. On the west bank of Furnas Lagoon is the Chapel of Our Lady of Victories, an impressive example of the neo-Gothic style, unique throughout the archipelago. In the afternoon, visit the volcano boilers and the village. The next stop is Terra Nostra Park, a bicentennial garden with unique species and a splendid thermal pool (bathing possibility). The park is a unique repository of trees, plants and other plants species from around the world. Return to the hotel at the end of the day. Accommodation. [B/L]

Day 9: Ponta Delgada (Cetacean watching)

Enjoy a fun boat trip to see and learn about majestic whales and fun dolphins, the great diversity of sea life from turtles, to fish and also birds. It is also an opportunity to see the breathtaking coastline of these Volcanic Islands and discover the best kept secrets of Azorean Sea Life. This adventure begins with a 20-minute briefing with an introduction to Cetaceans (Whales and Dolphins), their natural habitat, communication and behaviors. A Naturalist / Marine Biologist Guide will always be available throughout the tour to inform you of everything you are observing and to answer all your questions. Cetaceans are sighted from land by our Watchman, who provides their VHF radio location information to the vessels, which then head there. So have fun and enjoy the coast of the island in the company of the Atlantic Whales and Dolphins! Free Afternoon. Accommodation at the hotel. [B]

Day 10: Ponta Delgada, USA

Maybe some free time for last minute shopping. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up for your transfer to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/T] = Breakfast, Lunch and Tasting



Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Ponta Delgada
- Airfare Ponta Delgada, Horta, Hangra do Heroismo, Ponta Delgada including taxes & 20 Kg of luggage
- All airport transfers
- 9 nights' accommodation:
 - Horta 3 nights
 - Angra do Heroismo 2 nights
 - Ponta Delgada 4 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 4 lunches (drinks included)
 - 1 cheese tasting
- Faial Island:
 - Walking tour of Horta
 - Full-day island tour
 - Excursion to Pico Island
- Terceira Island:
 - Half-day island tour
- São Miguel Island:
 - Morning excursion to Sete Cidades
 - Full-day excursion to Furnas Valley

- Cetacean Watching

- Private vehicle for excursions and transfers
- English-speaking driver-guide
- English-speaking guide for walking tours
- Entrance fees where required by program
- Ferry from Faial to Madalena (Pico Island) + Return
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Taxes related to international airfares
- Travel insurance
- Meals and beverages not mentioned under inclusions
- Guide service
- Porterage service
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Other services not mentioned in the program

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Island	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class			
Horta	Faial	Azoris Faial Garden	4
Angra do Heroismo	Terceira	Terceira Mar Hotel	4
Ponta Delgada	São Miguel	Azoris Royal Garden	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$2,179 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• Airfare

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• Program

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

• Other options

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sight-seeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private

guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

Group Quotations

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.