

**Classic Azores – São Miguel****7 days – 6 nights****Ponta Delgada, Sete Cidades, Furnas, Lagoa do Fogo, Caldeira Velha, Ribeira Grande, Island  
Northeast  
Nature, Relaxation, Culture****Day 1 – Ponta Delgada**

Arrival at Ponta Delgada Airport and transfer to the hotel located in the capital of the island. 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.

**Day 2 – Ponta Delgada (Sete Cidades)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Sete Cidades. Stop at the Grota do Inferno viewpoint, which has one of the most beautiful landscapes of the island due to its altitude (3280 feet). Then stop at the Vista do Rei viewpoint, known for the fact that there were, on July 6, 1901, King D. Carlos and Queen D. Amélia. Visit to Lagoa das Sete Cidades, one of the 7 wonders of Portugal, a place of excellence for lovers of sports in nature, and then visit the village of Mosteiros, a picturesque parish where the sunset is second to none. Finally, visit the Termas da Ferraria, a thermal complex where there are many outdoor activities, spa or thermal baths. Return to the hotel. Lunch and free afternoon. [B]

**Day 3 – Ponta Delgada (Furnas)**

Breakfast at the hotel. 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 at the hotel. [B/L]

**Day 4 – Ponta Delgada (Lagoa do Fogo, Caldeira Velha, Ribeira Grande)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Lagoa do Fogo. It is one of the largest lagoons of the Azores and the 2nd largest of São Miguel Island (visit conditioned by weather conditions). We descend towards Caldeira Velha, a natural monument with magnificent waterfalls and natural thermal pool. Next, we head to the Gorreana Tea Plantation (the oldest and currently the only factory in Europe) where you can visit the factory, the plantations and, of course, you can taste the tea! Lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, stroll through Ribeira Grande, a city of Baroque architecture, where we can discover the building where the Theater has been operating since 1922, the Manueline window and the Church of Nossa Senhora da Estrela. Visit to Capote Woman Factory for a regional liqueur tasting. Return to Ponta Delgada along the south coast of the island to visit a pineapple plantation with over 100 years of history. The Portuguese discovered the fruit at the time of the colonization of Brazil and brought it to the archipelago. Pineapple is produced here in glass greenhouses using traditional cultivation techniques. Arrival at the hotel. Accommodation. [B/L]

**Day 5 – Ponta Delgada (Whale & Dolphin watching)**

Breakfast at the hotel. 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, grab, have fun, and enjoy the coast of the island in the company of the Atlantic Whales and Dolphins! Free Afternoon. Accommodation at your hotel. [B]

### Day 6 – Ponta Delgada (Island Northeast)

Breakfast at the hotel. On this day we will visit the eastern part of the island. We will start the day heading to Salto do Cavalo which will offer a breathtaking view of the city of Furnas and Povoação and the opportunity to be on top of two volcanoes, one extinct and the other inactive. After that, a quick walk along one of the island's most beautiful roads, called “Plane Tree Avenue”, with the chance to pass through some outstanding streams. After that, we are ready to start the trek in the forest area to the beautiful waterfall. This will take approximately 1:30 hours for the full walk. Lunch on this path will take place at Ponta do Sossego Viewpoint, where you can enjoy a nice picnic while enjoying the amazing gardens and coasts of the Northeast. After lunch we will explore the small village of Nordeste and head to Ribeira dos Caldeirões, a beautiful waterfall park where we will have some time to explore the area before returning to Ponta Delgada. Accommodation at the hotel. [B/P]

*\*until 14 pax: this tour will be done in a Jeep*

*\*more than 24 pax: this tour will be done in a motor coach.*

### Day 7 – Ponta Delgada, USA

Breakfast at the hotel. Airport transfer.

Note: The Program is subject to change, depending mainly on weather conditions, which are very unpredictable in the Azores Islands [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/P] = Breakfast and Picnic Lunch



#### Your Tour Includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Ponta Delgada
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 6 Nights' accommodation
- Meals:
  - Daily breakfast
  - 2 lunches (drinks included)
  - 1 picnic lunch
- Full-day Jeep tour (Northeast)
- Visits to:
  - Caldeira Velha
  - Parque Terra Nostra
  - Furnas
- Whale Watching (2 ½ - 3 hours)
- Tastings of local liqueurs and regional products
- Transportation by private vehicle
- Driver/Guide during the Tour
- Entrance Fees
- Local taxes

**Tour does not include:**

- Taxes related to 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	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>First Class</b>		
Ponta Delgada	Azoris Royal Garden	4

Hotel will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

**From: \$1,159 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 sightseeing 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.

**Tour Code:** PT09PDL21OT

**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.