

Classic Azores – Terceira & Sao Miguel

8 days – 7 nights

**Angra do Heroísmo, Ilheu das Cabras, Algar do Carvão, Biscoitos, Sete Cidades, Furnas, Lagoa do Fogo, Caldeira Velha, Ribeira Grande, Ponta Delgada
Ecotourism, Relaxation, Discovery**

Day 1: Ponta Delgada, Angra do Heroísmo

After formalities at Ponta Delgada, board your flight to Lajes Airport, in Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island. Transfer to the hotel. After leaving the bags at the hotel, we head for a walking tour of the historic city center. The title “Very Noble, Faithful and Ever Present” attributed to the city of Angra do Heroísmo underlines the importance of this metropolis throughout Portuguese history. The importance of the bay of Angra, especially in the 15th and 16th centuries, and the importance of the city in the political-economic and religious chess of the Azores are portrayed in the urban part of the city. The historic center is a portrait of streets, alleys, churches, palaces, mansions, monuments, squares and gardens, which altruistic generations knew how to preserve and maintain even today against earthquake forces. The historic center of Angra do Heroísmo is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Before returning to the hotel, we suggest tasting one of the typical pastries, D. Amélia cheeses. Return to the hotel for accommodation.

Day 2: Angra do Heroísmo (Ilheu das Cabras)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the pier to depart from historic Angra Bay. We set off on a glass-bottom boat ride that allows you to see the sea floor. It is an experience that translates into a true journey through nature and will allow us to get to know the size of what remains of the crater of a volcano in the sea, the Ilhéus das Cabras, and to observe a sunken boat. After the activity, lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, 4-hour tour of Terceira Island, highlighting 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). Visit to the city of Praia da Vitória, stopping at the Serra do Facho viewpoint. Return to the center of Angra do Heroísmo. Accommodation at the hotel. [B/L]

Day 3: Angra do Heroísmo (Algar do Carvão & Biscoitos)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning before a 4-hour tour of Terceira Island, with the main focus on the interior of the island, north and west coasts. Visit to Algar do Carvão (empty volcano). Next visit to the sulfur furnas (fumarole 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. Free afternoon. and overnight at the hotel. [B/T]

Day 4: Angra do Heroísmo [Terceira], Ponta Delgada [Sao Miguel]

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Angra do Heroísmo Airport for a short flight to Ponta Delgada (PDL) on Sao Miguel Island. 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 5: Ponta Delgada (Sete Cidades & Whale Watching)

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 (3,281 feet). Then stop at the Vista do Rei viewpoint, known for the fact that on July 6, 1901, King D. Carlos and Queen D. Amélia came to the site. 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 offering many outdoor activities like spa or thermal baths. Return to the hotel and free afternoon. [B]

Optional tour: *Cetacean watching (2 ½- 3 hours)*

Depart for a whale watching experience (dolphin and sperm-whale), one of the most sought-after

activities by those visiting this island.

Day 6: 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 botanical species from around the world. Return to the hotel at the end of the day for accommodation. [B/L]

Day 7: 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, for a visit of 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/T]

Day 8: Ponta Delgada, USA

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

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



Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Ponta Delgada
- Round-trip airfare Ponta Delgada (SMG)/ Angra do Heroísmo (TER) in economy class, including taxes & 20 Kg of luggage
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation:
 - Angra do Heroísmo 3 nights
 - Ponta Delgada 4 nights
- Meals;
 - Breakfast daily
 - 3 lunches
 - 1 cheese tasting
 - 1 regional liqueur tasting
- Terceira Island:
 - Walking tour of Angra do Heroísmo
 - Glass Bottom Boat Trip to Ilheu das cabras (Islet of Goats)
 - Excursion to Algar do Carvão and Biscoitos
- São Miguel Island:
 - Excursion to Sete Cidades

- Optional Whale watching
- Excursion to Furnas
- Excursion to Lagoa do Fogo, Caldeira Velha and Ribeira Grande
- Private vehicle with for transfers and excursions
- English speaking driver-guide during visits
- English-speaking guide for walking tours
- Entrance fees as required

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	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Angra do Heroísmo	Terceira Mar Hotel	4
Ponta Delgada	Azoris Royal Garden	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices

From: \$1,595 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

Optional Whale Watching

Season	2/3 Pax	4/5 Pax	6/7 Pax
2021 Departures			
Apr	\$129	\$105	\$95
May – Sep	\$135	\$109	\$99
Oct	\$129	\$105	\$95

Prices are per person, are valid until October 2021 and may change without notice

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.