

Ports & Excursions



Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal

Rising from the depths of the Atlantic, the rugged, volcanic Azores lie 800 miles off the coast of Portugal. Colonized by the Portuguese in the 16th century, the nine islands have provided a haven to Atlantic mariners for over five centuries. The Azores offer travelers spectacular landscapes that range from lush meadows fringed with brightly colored hydrangea to ancient caldera filled with lakes. And the many small villages and shops retain an otherworldly air and 18th-century charm.

Ponta Delgada is located on São Miguel, the largest of the nine Azores. The island's rich volcanic soil sustains fields of tobacco and tea, vineyards, and pineapple greenhouses. The Azores are also noted for fine crafts, particularly basketry and pottery.

Points of Interest

1 Sete Cidades & Crater Lakes

Two stunning crater lakes (one blue, one green) inhabit the caldera of an extinct volcano said to have once been the location of the legendary Sete Cidades (Seven Cities).

2 Ribeira Grande

One of the oldest settlements in the Azores, Ribeira Grande is a town of narrow cobblestone lanes and 16th-, 17th- and 18th-century buildings

3 Caldeiras (hot springs) & Furnas Lake

Located in the island's Furnas Valley, this geothermal wonderland features 22 steaming hot springs, geysers and hot mud pools which emit the smell of sulphur.

4 Terra Nostra Park

Located outside the town of Furnas, this breathtaking botanical garden features a stunning collection of tropical plants and trees, extensive grottoes and a canal that winds through the grounds.

5 Pineapple Greenhouses

Unique to the Azores, São Miguel has thousands of greenhouses used to cultivate and grow pineapple, a major island crop that thrives in the rich volcanic soil of the area.

6 Antonio Borges Botanical Gardens

The largest and most lush municipal garden on the island, it was established by local politician and merchant trader António Borges Medeiros, an avid 19th-century amateur botanist.

7 Nordeste

The island's least populated parish is one of the most stunning and lush, featuring "belvederes" - fully equipped areas for picnicking while enjoying breathtaking views of the ocean and countryside.

8 Outdoor Adventure

Some of the Azores' most beautiful spots are accessible only by 4WD. Journey into the island's heart as you travel unpaved trails and cross streams.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular

Ribeira Grande & Pineapple Greenhouse PDL-200 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal

You will visit:

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3.5
hours

from \$69.95

Indulge in an active, half-day guided exploration via motorcoach to the island's oldest town featuring Portuguese-influenced architecture. Marvel at a mist-swirled blue lake located in the heart of an extinct volcano. Tour a pineapple greenhouse to see firsthand how the luscious fruit is cultivated and marketed.



Crater Lakes, Gardens & Pineapple Greenhouse PDL-205 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal | Group Size: 45

You will visit:

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You will see:

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hours

from \$69.95

Indulge in a moderately active, half-day guided excursion via motorcoach to explore a lush, botanical garden. Travel to the rim of an extinct volcano to take in breathtaking vistas of two crater lakes. Tour a pineapple greenhouse to learn first-hand how this luscious fruit is cultivated and marketed.



Terra Nostra Gardens & Furnas Hot Springs PDL-210 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal | Group Size: 45

You will visit:

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hours

from \$74.95

Experience São Miguel's botanical and geothermal wonders during this active, half-day guided excursion via motorcoach. View the island's oldest town featuring 16th-century Portuguese architecture. Stroll through breathtaking botanical gardens lush with hydrangeas, camellias and subtropical trees. Visit a geothermal valley filled with hot springs, mud pools, and steaming geysers.



Crater Lakes Scenic Drive PDL-290 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal | Group Size: 45

You will visit:

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2
hours

from \$59.95

This tour is designed for passengers who prefer to see some sights from the motorcoach with little or no walking involved. Take in São Miguel's rugged beauty on this leisurely, 1.5-hour guided drive via motorcoach through the island. See houses built on lava. View a magnificent chapel and a renaissance fortress. Visit the famous Crater Lakes (one green, one blue) that inhabit an extinct volcano's caldera.



Crater Lakes, Sete Cidades & Wine Tasting PDL-310 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal | Group Size: 45

You will visit:

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3.75

hours

from \$89.95

Enjoy São Miguel's magnificent views on this active, half-day guided tour via motorcoach. Visit a volcano village and its rim for majestic vistas of Crater Lakes (one green, one blue) located in an extinct caldera. Indulge in a wine and cheese-tasting experience at one of your port city's 4-star hotels.



Crater Lakes, Sete Cidades & Wine Tasting (Guided in French)
PDL-314 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal | Group Size: 45

You will visit:



3.75
hours

from **\$89.00**

Enjoy São Miguel's magnificent views on this active, half-day guided tour via motorcoach. Visit a volcano village and its rim for majestic vistas of Crater Lakes (one green, one blue) located in an extinct caldera. Indulge in a wine and cheese-tasting experience at one of your port city's 4-star hotels.



Crater Lakes Scenic Drive (Wheelchair Confined Passengers)
PDL-291 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal | Group Size: 1

You will visit:



2
hours

from **\$59.95**

This departure is space set aside on lift-equipped vehicles for wheelchair-confined passengers - please be sure to read the Notes section of the tour description regarding requesting this space. This tour is designed for passengers who prefer to see some sights from the motorcoach with little or no walking involved. Take in São Miguel's rugged beauty on this leisurely, 1.5-hour guided drive via motorcoach through the island. See houses built on lava. View a magnificent chapel and a renaissance fortress. Visit the famous Crater Lakes (one green, one blue) that inhabit an extinct volcano's caldera.

Activities & Adventures



Sao Miguel 4x4 Tour
PDL-460 | Azores Islands (Ponta Delgada), Portugal | Group Size: 8

You will visit:



3.5
hours

from **\$119.95**

Head off the beaten path with this rigorous, half-day guided adventure via 4WD vehicle to explore rugged, volcanic São Miguel. Travel rough tracks and ford streams to view lava outcrops, indigenous forests, and meadows lined with colorful hydrangeas. Enjoy photo opportunities and learn about the sights that you encounter.