



AZORES DAILY ITINERARY OCTOBER 14-22, 2017

DAY 1 - BOSTON~PONTA DELGADA: We depart Boston's Logan International Airport on our transatlantic Azores Airlines flight to São Miguel, the most populous of the Portuguese Azores Islands. **Meal and beverage service**, as well as stereo headsets, will be available while in flight.

DAY 2 - PONTA DELGADA, SÃO MIGUEL: Upon arrival in Ponta Delgada, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us board our private motorcoach to take us to our hotel, the Hotel Marina Atlantico, for morning check-in and breakfast with time to relax and get acclimated. The afternoon is at your leisure. We'll enjoy a **special welcome dinner**, with beverages included! Overnight.

***PLEASE REFER TO THE HOTEL SHEET FOR DETAILS ON YOUR HOTELS.**

DAY 3 - PONTA DELGADA: *After breakfast* we will enjoy a half day tour of Ponta Delgada, featuring the "Portas da Cidade," the "Three Squares", the Matriz church, and the Convento da Esperanca, where we will visit the Sanctuary of Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres and see the jeweled statue. We will return to the **hotel for lunch**. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy the city. Tonight, we'll enjoy **dinner** out at the local restaurant, Marinero, with beverages included. Return to our hotel for overnight.

DAY 4 - FURNAS: After **breakfast**, we will take a full-day tour to Furnas. Our tour will include a visit to the Gorreana tea factory, Lagoa das Furnas, and the Hot Springs of Furnas. Additionally, we'll stop at Pico do Ferro, where you can actually see that the town of Furnas is inside a volcanic crater. During our tour, we will enjoy a very special **lunch**, called *cozido das furnas*. This is "cavern stew," cooked by the volcanic heat of the ground. It's one of kind! *Cozido das furnas* is only available in Furnas, and it's a must-do while in Sao Miguel! As befitting this special meal, we'll have wine and water included with *lunch* in this case. After this sumptuous lunch, we'll "walk it off" with a tour of Furnas' beautiful Terra Nostra Garden (<http://www.parqueterranostra.com/>) featuring a thermal pool and amazing flora and fauna. Later, we will return for **dinner** at the hotel, with beverages included. Overnight.

DAY 5 -SETE CIDADES-PINEAPPLE PLANTATION: After **breakfast**, we will embark on our tour of Sete Cidades (*The Seven Cities*), one of the most beautiful settings in the Azores, composed of two lakes in the center of an extinct volcanic crater. We will stop at Vista do Rei for a view of the two lakes from above. Our **lunch** stop will be at Cavalo Branco near Bretanha, once inhabited by fishermen of French descent. We'll also visit a pineapple plantation and see how pineapples are grown here complete with a pineapple liqueur tasting event prior to heading back to Ponta Delgada. **Dinner** tonight will be at the local restaurant, Sao Pedro, with beverages included. Overnight at our hotel.

DAY 6 - SAO MIGUEL-TERCEIRA: After **breakfast**, we will check out of our hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight to Terceira. Upon arrival at Lages Airport, we will be assisted and transferred from the airport to our hotel, the Terceira Mar. After check in, we will have free time prior to **dinner** (with beverages) at the hotel this evening. Overnight.

DAY 7 - ANGRA DO HEROISMO: After **breakfast**, we will enjoy a morning tour of Angra do Heroismo, introducing us to all of the highlights of the area, including Town Hall, the Public Garden, a Jesuit Convent which is now the Residence of the Governor, Cathedral, and Bettencourt Palace. Following lunch at the hotel, we will enjoy a boat cruise out from Angra do Heroismo's magnificent marina to visit Ilheu das Cabras, the volcanic islets of the Azores archipelago. The cruise will be a mix of fun, adventure, discover, and science, enjoying the natural beauty and wildlife present there. Return to land (and our hotel) to freshen up prior to **dinner**, which will be held this evening at the local restaurant, Adega Lusitania, with beverages included. Return to our hotel for overnight.

DAY 8 - TERCEIRA ISLAND TOUR: After **breakfast**, we will head out on a full-day tour of the island. Our first stop will be at Pico das Cruzinhas Belvedere for a mountaintop view of the city and outskirts. We then cover the eastern end of the island seeing typical rural settlements and the striking contrast of fine green grass surrounded by lava stone walls. We'll then visit S. Sebastiao and visit their church, which is famous for its frescoes and its ornate imperio (shrine to the Holy Spirit). We'll have **lunch** here with beverages included. Continue on to Praia da Vitoria for a walk in Terceira's second largest municipality. We'll then continue on for a visit to Serra do Cume for a spectacular view of the land and sea, and then on to Biscoitos, famous for its wild bulls and being a marvelous wine region, where we will have a visit to a wine cellar. Return to the hotel and join the group for **dinner** this evening at the hotel with beverages included. Overnight.

DAY 9 - TERCEIRA~BOSTON: After **breakfast** and you have checked out of the hotel, we will transfer to the airport to board our Azores Airlines non-stop return flight to Boston.

*PLEASE NOTE:
ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*