

DURGAN TRAVEL
SÃO MIGUEL – AZORES ISLANDS
OCTOBER 23 – 31, 2018

Day 1: Tuesday, Oct. 23rd ~ Boston – Ponta Delgada

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, available while in flight.

Day 2: Wednesday, Oct. 24th ~ Ponta Delgada, São Miguel

After a relatively short flight (under five hours) to the Azores, we arrive in the capital city of Ponta Delgada early in the morning. Upon arrival, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us board our private motorcoach and travel to our hotel. Our rooms will not be ready, but we can store our luggage and enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel. Following breakfast, a whale watch is included this morning for those who are interested. Some may wish to spend time in Ponta Delgada's beautiful downtown area. We will regather for lunch at Restaurante Momentos. In the afternoon, we will return to our hotel and check in. Tonight we will have a special welcome dinner out at a local restaurant with beer, wine, mineral water, coffee, and dessert included. Return to the hotel for overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Your accommodations from 10/24 to 10/31:

Hotel Marina Atlantico

Av. João Bosco Mota Amaral

n.º1, 767, 9500-767 Ponta Delgada, Portugal

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Amenities Include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, indoor pool

<http://www.bensaude.pt/hotelmariinaatlantico/en>

Day 3: Thursday, Oct. 25th ~ Nordeste

Following breakfast at our hotel, we visit the eastern part of São Miguel, the best kept secret and the oldest part of the island. Many consider the eastern part of the island is the most beautiful part of São Miguel. During the tour of Nordeste, we visit the waterfall of Achada. After, we will have time to explore the village of Nordeste. From Nordeste, we continue further to the south-east part of the island through Povoacao Village where we will have our lunch. After Povoacao, we head back to Ponta Delgada, driving along the south coast. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner - beer, wine and soft drinks are included with all dinners)

Day 4: Friday, Oct. 26th ~ Fogo – Caldeira Velha – Ribeira Grande

After breakfast we will follow the mountain road to Lagoa do Fogo, at an altitude of 3000 feet, to see the magnificent "Fire Lake". From there we head on to witness water in a different form at Caldeira Velha, where we will enjoy a nature walk and visit amazing hot springs. You may want to bring a bathing suit or at least wear pants that you can roll up, so you

can enjoy the naturally therapeutic waters. Then it is on to the small, charming town of Ribeira Grande on the north coast for a short visit. Ribeira Grande has amazing waves and has hosted major surfing competitions. Return to our hotel for dinner. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 5: Saturday, Oct. 27th ~ **Sete Cidades - Ferraria - Mosteiros**

Following 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. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll visit thermally-heated Ferraria, where even the ocean water is hot. You can take a dip in the natural hot-water swimming pool. On the way back to Ponta Delgada, we will visit the village of Mosteiros. Return to our hotel for dinner. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 6: Sunday, Oct. 28th ~ **Furnas**

After breakfast, we will take a full-day tour of Furnas. Our tour will include a visit to the tea factory, Lagoa das Furnas, the Hot Springs of Furnas, and Vila do Campo. 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 a kind! Cozido das furnas is only available in Furnas, and a must-do while in Sao Miguel! Return to our hotel for dinner. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 7: Monday, Oct. 29th ~ **Ponta Delgada**

After breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy a morning tour of Ponta Delgada, introducing us to all of the highlights of the area. Following lunch, we will enjoy an afternoon at leisure for shopping, browsing, or independent sightseeing. For a relatively small island, there are a multitude of activities available from golf, deep sea fishing, whale watching, and more. Some sights to explore include a vast marina, the local university, several beautiful churches, park, the Sao Bras fort, open-air cafes, and the city gates. Return to our hotel for dinner. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 8: Tuesday, Oct. 30th ~ **Day at Leisure**

After breakfast we will enjoy a full day of leisure. Reunite with the group for a special farewell dinner (dessert and coffee included). Return to our hotel for overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Wednesday, Oct. 31st ~ **São Miguel-Boston**

After breakfast and hotel checkout, return your key and paying any incidentals you may have incurred, you will be transferred to the airport to board your nonstop return flight to Boston. (Breakfast)

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