

Blue Whale Discovery Departs March-June

Prices

From £865 per person
(based on 2 sharing)

Solo travellers from
£1215

Blue whale discovery is one of our bestselling set itinerary tours. As the season of rebirth begins, the Azores come alive with enchanting beauty. Marvel at the grandeur of the blue whales as you view them in their natural habitat whilst learning more about them and their conservation from our experts. April, May and June is the best time to see the baleen whales as they stay awhile offshore feeding on the nutrient rich waters. Our special lookouts ensure we have some of the best sightings worldwide. This holiday will create cherished memories of a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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“WE WERE ON THE CATAMARAN AND A HUGE GASP WENT UP FROM EVERYONE ON BOARD: A FIN WHALE SWAM IN FRONT OF THE BOAT, RAISED ITS HEAD AND OPENED ITS MOUTH OUT OF THE WATER TO FEED. IT WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS, BUT THAT SIGHT IS ENGRAVED ON MY MEMORY”

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Choose your boat

Choose from either a large stable catamaran for great vantage points, toilet facilities and indoor/outdoor seating, or our faster hard-hulled rigid inflatable boat (RIB) for an exhilarating ride and to get close to the action quickly



Specialists in whale and dolphin wildlife holidays working with the best expert marine biologist guides and responsible boat operators

Itinerary

Day 1: Transfer to the hotel from the airport. If there is time, you can explore the local area and enjoy dinner in one of the excellent restaurants near the old town centre or at the marina.

Day 2: On the second day, after a leisurely morning spent exploring the town's architecture and botanical gardens. Head down to the boat base where you will embark upon your first half-day trip when you have the best opportunity to see the majestic blue, fin and humpback whales in their natural ocean habitat. The ocean's secrets shall be shared with you, and the best ways to spot them revealed!

Days 3-4:
Each of these days has the possibility for new adventure. The final itinerary is decided by our experts upon your arrival, we leave these days open to allow for tours to be scheduled for the best possible weather conditions and sightings.

Day 5: Free day and a chance to immerse yourself in the island's wonders. Whether it be trekking through the mountains or gliding along the water in lakes set in volcanic craters, the choice is yours to make.

Day 6: An enchanting geothermal tour awaits where you will see hot springs, geysers, and bubbling mud pools. You will bathe in hot springs set in stunning award winning botanical gardens. A dip in the hot thermal lake can be a truly magical experience.

Day 7: A free day, unless you choose to add another tour, you could venture upon the waves once more, seeking to glimpse the giants of the sea, or explore the local lava caves. Speak to us about adding an extra tour to your holiday.

Day 8: Departure day. Transfer to the airport from your hotel.



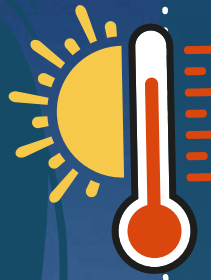
Getting There

Fly to Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel Island. Direct flights available from London, many European cities, USA and Canada. Indirect flights via Portuguese mainland (Lisbon/Porto).



Hotels

This holiday comes with 7 nights at the 4* Sao Miguel Park Hotel (pictured below right). Set in the heart of Ponta Delgada with indoor and outdoor pools, this hotel has great facilities with spacious rooms (standard or balcony/sea view). After exploring the nearby botanical gardens you can take advantage of their spa facilities and delicious buffet restaurant.



Climate

The Azores temperate climate and the ocean breezes ensure the islands are cooler than mainland Europe in the summer. This makes it the perfect holiday destination!

Winter average temp: 16-19°C
Spring/Summer average temp: 22-30°C

This holiday includes a full day tour to the incredible volcanic village of Furnas. This geothermal wonder features bubbling mud pools, geysers and hot mineral pools for bathing. Ask us if you would like to spend longer here!



What's Included?

- Three half day trips to sea at the optimum time to see migrating blue, fin & humpback whales in addition to resident species.
- Full day geothermal tour to Furnas with "Cozido" lunch included.
- Talks from local marine biologists
- 7 nights accommodation
- Services of local personnel at our boat base
- All airport transfers

How to book

SIMPLY FILL OUT OUR QUOTE FORM BELOW OR CONTACT US BY EMAIL OR PHONE TO SPEAK TO ONE OF OUR SPECIALIST TRAVEL ADVISERS



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