

Blue Whale Discovery

Sao Miguel Island, Azores

FAMILY HOLIDAY

2024 Dates:

Easter holidays
May half term

Prices From: Adult
£935, teen £745, child
£395, infant £145

Join us this spring at the best time to see the iconic blue, fin and humpback whales passing close to the islands to feed on the nutrient rich waters! This Azores family adventure takes you to a stunning destination with incredible adventures for children. Relax knowing every aspect of your trip has been planned with your little (or big!) ones in mind. From our family friendly hotel (triple/quad rooms) to the fun and educational marine biologist talks on the boat, children and teens alike will be thrilled with what's on offer. You will also have the opportunity to meet and spend time with other families by the hotel pool, whilst whale and dolphin watching and exploring.

This holiday takes you and your little "Octonauts" out to the open seas to see the "Ocean Giants" and teaches you all about the biology of these incredible creatures and the creation of the islands, that took place over 20 million years ago. The water is teeming with life in spring and you will be visiting at the time of the annual baleen whale migration, so jump aboard and ride out for your chance to witness some of the most spectacular whale watching worldwide.

You will also discover the incredible secrets of the volcanic geothermal village of Furnas! Here you will slip into hot mineral pools, be amazed at bubbling mud and steaming geysers and explore the stunning region around Furnas Lake (pictured right).



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SO LOVELY TO HAVE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS TAKEN CARE OF. OUR TEENAGER REALLY ENGAGED WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC MARINE BIOLOGISTS & IS NOW TALKING OF A POSSIBLE CAREER.... ALL OF US WERE THRILLED TO BE OUT ON THE OCEAN SURROUNDED BY DOLPHINS AND WHALES.

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WE FELT LIKE OUR MONEY WAS SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY. THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST FAMILY HOLIDAYS WE HAVE EVER BEEN ON. ALL OF US ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY..THE ISLAND IS SO STUNNING THAT THE CHILDREN WANTED TO LEARN, EXPLORE AND PLAY RATHER THAN LOOKING AT THEIR SCREENS! WE ALL RETURNED HOME RELAXED WITH A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival day. Our transfer will greet you at the airport and take you to your hotel. While the young ones delight in the swimming pool, you can unwind and prepare for the adventures ahead.

Day 2: Enjoy a tranquil morning or venture into the old town to explore the local shops. During your first half-day trip to sea in the afternoon, our onboard marine biologists will offer much information about the local wildlife and the blue, fin and humpback whales that you are likely to see at this time of year.

Days 3 & 4: These days will be filled with the magic of the sea, with either morning or afternoon voyages. The schedule will be chosen in line with the weather, and our expert land based look outs will direct the boats to ensure that you get the best possible sightings of these majestic whales.

Day 5: A free day to spend time with family. If adventure beckons, you could glide upon the waters kayaking and cycle around the volcanic craters and lakes at Sete Cidades or plunge into the thrilling depths with a canyoning tour.

Day 6: Today the journey leads to the geothermal tour of Furnas where you will be amazed at the hot springs, geysers, and bubbling mud! This volcanic village will treat you to a traditional lunch cooked underground with time to soak in the steaming geothermal pools rich in minerals.

Day 7: Another free day with endless possibilities. You could choose to be a marine biologist for the day to learn more about the wildlife at sea or you could take the family to see the "Fire Lake" - Lagoa do Fogo with panoramic views across both sides of this stunning island.

Day 8: Departure day. Depending on your flight, there may be some time to seek out some souvenirs before your transfer to the airport.

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).

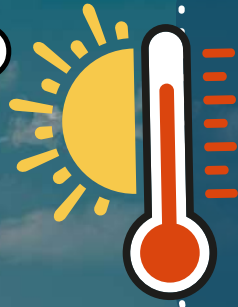


Did you know you can add our full day tour 'be a marine biologist for a day', where the whole family can learn more about these incredible creatures and listen to them underwater using a hydrophone!



What's Included?

- Three half day whale and dolphin watching trips to sea
- Full day geothermal tour to Furnas (includes bathing in hot thermal pools & lunch cooked underground)
- Talks on the boats from local marine biologists and trip preparation
- 7 nights accommodation (various family options)
- Services of local personnel at our boat base who co-ordinate your entire holiday program
- All airport transfers



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 destination for families.

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

The children will be fascinated to learn about the volcanic history of the islands, see geysers and bubbling hot mud pools and bathe in hot springs.



Hotels

This holiday comes with 7 nights at the 4* Sao Miguel Park Hotel (pictured left). Set in the heart of Ponta Delgada with indoor and outdoor pools, this hotel offers spacious family rooms. There are excellent facilities to keep the children entertained and a playground nearby set in stunning botanical gardens!

How to book

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