

# Island Explorer

## Sao Miguel Island Azores

### FAMILY HOLIDAY

Perfect for active families

#### 2024 Dates:

30 March – 13 April

25 May – 01 June

& weekly throughout the  
summer holidays

#### Prices From: Adult

£955, teen £765

child £395

“

ON MONDAY WE DID THE INLAND TOUR OF SETE CIDADES, CYCLING ROUND THE CRATER AND KAYAKING ON THE LAKE. THERE WAS ONLY OUR FAMILY AND TWO GUIDES, WHO WERE BOTH REALLY INFORMATIVE, AND THIS WAS A FANTASTIC INTRODUCTION TO THE ISLAND. THE VIEWS FROM THE TOP WERE CLEAR AND IT WAS A REALLY GREAT ADVENTURE – I WOULD THOROUGHLY RECOMMEND THIS TRIP FOR FAMILIES..

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This exciting set itinerary adventure for families takes you into the interior of the island as well as enjoying time on the ocean with the dolphins and whales. Our local guide will take you on day trips of discovery to the truly fascinating geysers, bubbling with the geo thermal activity that created these islands in the middle of the Atlantic ocean over 20 million years ago. Enjoy time on the lakes where you can kayak as well as seeing whales and dolphins at sea in their natural habitat. This exciting itinerary caters for every member of the family and will create some wonderful life long memories.

You will stay in our superb family accommodation and have free time to relax by the pool, don hiking boots or explore the amazing lava caves and botanical gardens in Ponta Delgada. Leaving no stone unturned, the variation of activities on this holiday will keep you and your family engaged and excited at all times!.







# Itinerary

“ THE ISLANDS WERE BOTH MAJESTIC AND MAGICAL. WHENEVER WE TURNED A CORNER SOMETHING ELSE BEAUTIFUL GREETED US. WE SAW WHALES OR DOLPHINS ON ALL OF OUR SEA TRIPS AND CANNOT WAIT TO REPEAT THE EXPERIENCE ”



## 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).



### Day 1

Arrival day – You will be met at the airport and taken to your hotel.

### Day 2

Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring the local town and walking around the stunning botanical gardens. You could even take a dip in the sea at the marina before heading to the boat base for your first half day whale and dolphin watching trip to sea. You will be given the onboard briefing all about the Azores marine life, how we work and how best to spot the whales.

### Day 3

Overall itinerary of the week will be announced when you arrive so that your trips to sea, whale and dolphin watching, are taken during the best possible weather and sea conditions. Today will be either a morning or afternoon boat trip, giving you some free time to explore and enjoy lunch in one of the many cafes and restaurants around the marina and in the old town centre.

### Day 4

Today you will be taken on a full day jeep and activity tour to Sete Cidades with lunch in a local restaurant. Try your hand at kayaking as you gaze up and out of the crater at the stunning mountainside forests. If you prefer to stay on land you can opt for a cycling tour around the crater rim or take a stroll by the lake taking in the wonderful scenery.

### Day 5

Have a relaxing morning in the hotel pool. Watch our on line presentation “Discover Sperm Whales” where you will learn about the lives of these incredible mammals who live around the Islands and dive deep to find prey (squid) and also learn about the challenges facing the world’s oceans. If you wish, you can book an half day land tour to the “Fire Lake”, Lagoa do Fogo where you will see stunning views from the top of the crater and bathe in hot springs at Caldeira Velha natural park.

### Day 6

Full day geothermal tour to Furnas. You will be taken to see the Island’s hot springs, geysers & hot bubbling mud. Take a dip in the hot thermal lake surrounded by the tropical plants and trees of a magnificent garden which was designed by Kew gardeners over 100 years ago!

### Day 7

Free day or take another half day at sea whale and dolphin watching giving you more opportunity to see the giant whales or visit the local lava caves.

### Day 8

Departure. If you have time before your flight you can do some souvenir shopping. You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to the airport



# What's Included?

- Two half day trips to sea dolphin and whale watching
- Full day geothermal tour to Furnas with "Cozido" lunch cooked underground
- Full day jeep and activity tour to Sete Cidades with lunch in local restaurant and kayaking or cycling around the lakes
- Talks from local marine biologists
- 7 nights BB accommodation
- 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

For thrill seekers ask about adding our canyoning tour which will see you traversing through incredible scenery, A fun and memorable day out for the whole family!



## 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 with a playground nearby set in stunning botanical gardens!

# 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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