



Azores Island Explorer

SAO MIGUEL ISLAND

The Dolphin & Whale
connection

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Prices

From £695 per person
(based on 2 sharing)

Solo travellers from
£965

This holiday combines all the best activities the Azores has to offer on land and at sea. Based on Sao Miguel Island, you will be taken out with expert marine biologist guides in search of the majestic dolphins and whales. You will visit Furnas volcanic village, a region that easily rivals Iceland and New Zealand for spectacular displays of geothermal activity. Bathe in the rich mineral pools, meander through the botanical gardens and sample the traditional "Cozido" stew cooked underground. This holiday also includes a visit to the spectacular Sete Cidades lakes. After a morning jeep tour taking in breathtaking views, you have lunch in a local restaurant and then be taken to our activity centre. Here you can choose to kayak and cycle around the craters and lakes or stroll around this natural, wonderful environment at your own pace. On this holiday you will participate in various activities as well as enjoying stunning wildlife and nature experiences. Our guests repeatedly say that this holiday has been one of their most incredible, leaving lasting memories

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: After a leisurely morning exploring the local town with its stunning architecture and walking around the botanical gardens, head down 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 marine life in the Azorean ocean, how we work and how best to spot the whales.

Day 3: After a relaxing morning by the hotel pool, you can head down to the harbour for your second half day whale and dolphin watching. We schedule your trips to sea early in the week and if there is any weather disruption you will be able to take your land tours early and re schedule your trip to sea.

Day 4: Today you will be taken on a full day jeep and activity tour to stunning Sete Cidades with amazing views across the lakes. After lunch in a local restaurant, you can kayak on the lakes surrounded by 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 and explore this natural, wonderful environment at your own pace.

Day 5: Have a relaxing morning in the hotel pool or browse some of our on line resources to learn about whales and dolphins. 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 additional half day tour at the lakes and enjoy another one of the many activities on offer.

Day 6: You will be collected from your hotel this morning for a full day tour to the geothermal village of Furnas where you will see steaming fumaroles and geysers and learn about the volcanic history of the island and local culture. You will enjoy bathing in mineral rich geothermal hot springs set in award winning botanical gardens. You will also sample the traditional "Cozido" at lunch time in a local restaurant – a meat or vegetable stew cooked geothermally underground.

Day 7: Free day or take another half day at sea whale and dolphin watching giving you more chances of sighting the giant whales or visit the local lava caves.

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 right). Set in the heart of Ponta Delgada with indoor and outdoor pools, this hotel has great facilities with spacious rooms (some with balcony/sea view). After exploring the nearby botanical gardens you can take advantage of their spa facilities and delicious buffet restaurant.

If you would like to add more trips to sea, island activities or land tours to this itinerary, simply contact us. To find out more click [HERE](#)

Upgrade to the harbour Hotel Marina Atlantico with private balcony & ocean views from £145pp

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


What's Included?

- Two half day trips to sea whale and whale watching with a choice of boats
- Full day geothermal tour to Furnas with "Cozido" lunch included
- 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 on the boats
- 7 nights B & B accommodation
- All airport transfers

How to book

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