

An aerial photograph of a lush green valley on Sao Miguel Island. The foreground is dominated by a dense forest of tall, thin trees. A winding road runs through the lower part of the forest. In the middle ground, a large, calm lake is nestled in a valley. The background shows rolling green hills and a distant town under a sky with soft, orange and pink hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

# Whale Tails and Walking Trails

**SAO MIGUEL ISLAND**

The Dolphin & Whale  
connection



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## Prices

From £635 per person  
(based on 2 sharing)

Solo travellers from  
£875



This holiday encompasses the magnificence of the islands interior and the majesty of the ocean. You will have two half day voyages to sea whale and dolphin watching and two half day guided hikes.

Follow in the footsteps of the first settlers as you trace your way across ancient foot paths and animal trails taking in dramatic coastlines, shimmering blue and green lakes, yawning calderas and misty, ancient sub-tropical forests. In recent years great care has been taken to restore these pathways so that you can marvel at glittering waterfalls, witness nature's bounty of flowers plants and trees and look down into the depths of the deep green crater lakes as you hike along the rim of a volcano, all untouched for millennia.

The Azores are a perfect year-round destination. Located in the northern hemisphere, they enjoy a mild climate 12 months of the year. The ocean around the Azores islands is teeming with resident and transient whales and dolphins. It is one of the best places in the world to see blue whales in the spring and an abundance and variety of species all year.



# Itinerary

## Day 1:

As the journey begins, you will be greeted at the airport and escorted to your hotel, where you can rest and prepare for the adventures that await.

## Day 2:

After a tranquil morning spent exploring the splendours of the local town and wandering through the botanical gardens, embark on your first half-day voyage towards the wonders of the ocean, where you will witness the majesty of whales and dolphins. You will be provided with an onboard briefing on the marine life that thrives in the Azorean Ocean, and how to identify them.

## Day 3-6:

The itinerary for the following days will be confirmed upon arrival, to ensure the best possible weather and sea conditions for your whale and dolphin watching excursions. Over the next few days, you shall experience the thrill of embarking on two half-day walks along the coastline or the island's inner depths, in addition to one more morning or afternoon trip to the ocean. With your expert guide, you can decide the routes and durations for each day's adventures.

## Day 7:

It's time to explore the geysers located in the heart of the island's interior at Furnas. Here, you will discover a picturesque, hot thermal swimming lake surrounded by botanical gardens, crafted a century ago by the esteemed Kew gardeners. Immerse yourself in the mineral-rich waters and learn about the geothermal activity on the island. Take this opportunity to unwind, reflect on the wonders you have experienced thus far, and appreciate the beauty of nature.

## Day 8:

Depending on your departure time, there may be time for one final shopping spree or an additional morning boat trip. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home, enriched with memories of a remarkable adventure.

## 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 to the perfect destination year round!


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


## What's Included?

- Two half day trips to sea dolphin and whale watching
- Two half day guided walking tours
- Talks from local marine biologists
- 7 nights accommodation
- Services of local personnel at our boat base who co-ordinate your entire holiday program
- All airport transfers from/to Ponta Delgada airport.

## 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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