

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 small, calm lake is nestled within the valley. The background shows rolling green hills and a larger body of water 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
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Prices

From £895 to £1195
per person (low-high
season)

Solo travellers from
£965 to £1495



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

We have a good understanding of the hotels on the island and have chosen a collection of the best ones, perfect for families, couples, and solo travellers. Every hotel has been carefully selected and reviewed to guarantee a pleasant stay. The prices shown are for 3 or 4-star hotels, subject to availability.

Upgrade to the 5 star harbour front Azor Octant for a truly luxurious experience



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](#)

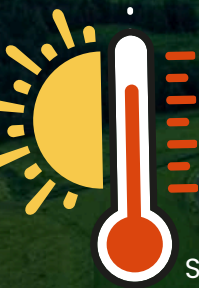
What's Included?

- 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.

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



How to book

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