

# Family Holidays

SAO MIGUEL ISLAND AZORES



The Dolphin & Whale connection

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# Blue Whale Discovery

2025 Dates:

Easter holidays  
May half term

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being quoted on case  
by case basis

## Sao Miguel Island, Azores

### FAMILY HOLIDAY

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).

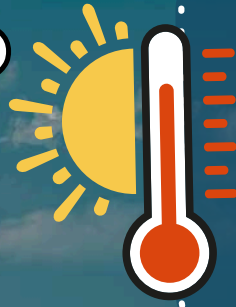


Did you know you can add our full day tour 'be a marine biologist for a day', where the whole family can learn more about these incredible creatures and listen to them underwater using a hydrophone!



# 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
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# 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

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# How to book

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# Ocean Discovery

## Sao Miguel Island, Azores

### FAMILY HOLIDAY

2025 Dates:

Weekly throughout  
summer holidays

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Join us this summer for a family adventure in the Azores - the perfect destination for a summer holiday! This holiday will take 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.

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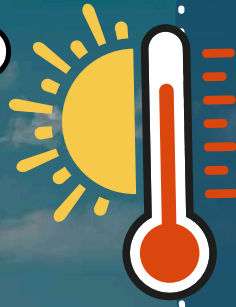


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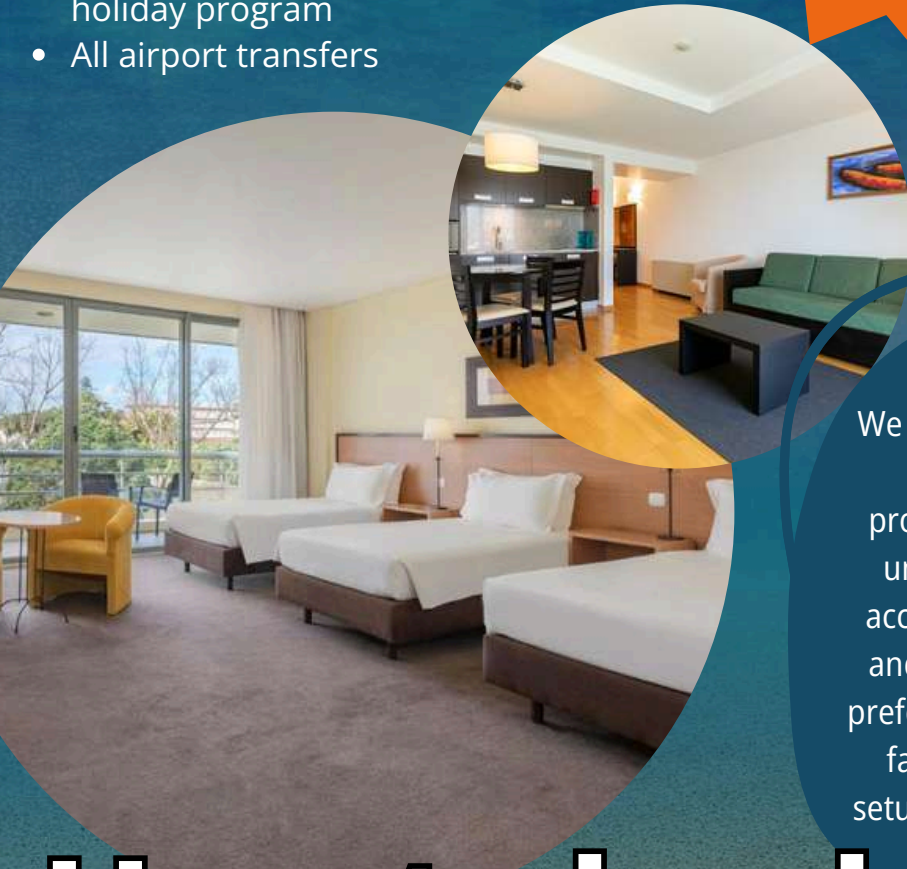


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Perfect for active families

# Island Explorer

## Sao Miguel Island Azores

### FAMILY HOLIDAY

2025 Dates:

Easter Holidays  
May bank holiday week  
& weekly throughout the  
summer holidays

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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 ”

## 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

## Getting There

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# 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
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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!



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