

An aerial photograph of a scenic landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills and a large, calm lake with a vibrant greenish-blue hue. The middle ground is dominated by dense, dark green forests covering the slopes of hills. In the background, more green hills and mountains are visible under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and vibrant, suggesting a healthy, natural environment.

Things to do

Ponta Delgada


**The Dolphin & Whale connection**





# NATURE & WILDLIFE

## GRUTA DO CARVÃO

Nestled in the western corner of Ponta Delgada city is the magnificent Gruta do Carvão, the grandest lava tunnel on São Miguel island. Stretching a whopping 1912 meters, this underground wonderland is split into three thrilling sections. It was classified as a Natural Monument of the Azores by the Regional Government in May 2005 and is a popular attraction. It can be a great rainy day activity, just make sure you call/email ahead to book!

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Age: 7



## JARDIM BOTANICO ANTONIO BORGES

Just a short walk from downtown Ponta Delgada lies the Jardim Antonio Borges, a botanical garden. This tranquil paradise in Sao Miguel welcomes visitors for free. Explore the vast grounds showcasing native plants, caves, and ponds. At the heart of it all, stands an ancient tree that seems right out of a fairy tale. With plenty of shade to offer, the Jardim Antonio Borges is a perfect retreat on a sunny Portuguese afternoon.

 *R. de São Joaquim 22, 9500-180 Ponta Delgada, Portugal*


 *Entry is free and there is a cafe within the gardens*




## SANTUARIO DO SENHOR SANTO CRISTO DOS MILAGRES

You can visit the most important religious building in the Azores, still home to nuns of the order of Saint Francis. The exterior may look unassuming but do not be fooled, this church holds a treasure of religious art and craftsmanship.

Inside in the Ecce Homo image which is the centre of the religious festival Santo Cristo dos Milagres that transforms Ponta Delgada each year into an island full of festivity

 *Av. Roberto Ivens, 9500-238 Ponta Delgada, Portugal*


 *<https://senhorsantocristo.com/>*





## PLANTACAO DE ANANAS DOS ACORES

The Azorean Pineapple Plantation is a delightful spot located just a few minutes from the centre of Ponta Delgada, on the island of São Miguel.

Here, you can explore the plantation and find out how the Azorean Pineapple is grown! A fascinating place for children and adults alike - here you will find Azorean Pineapple for sale as well some of the best local artisan products and crafts on display.

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# HISTORY & CULTURE

## FORT OF SÃO BRÁS

Forte de São Brás in Ponta Delgada is a military fort by the sea, built in the 16th century and expanded in the 18–19th centuries. It houses the Azores Military Museum, showcasing WWII machinery, weapons, uniforms, and authentic tunnels. Visitors can explore the outside walls for free or pay a small fee to enter the museum for a historical experience.

 *São Brás Fortress, Avenida Infante Dom Henrique (Avenue), 9500-150 Ponta Delgada*


 *Phone: +351 296 308 634*


 *The Museum is open to the public from Mondays to Sundays, from 10:00am to 6:00pm, except for holidays.*




## LAVA JAZZ

Crafted for jazz enthusiasts, embodying the concept of "Your Living Room away from home," this project was inspired by a passion for local artists and a desire to provide a luxurious experience for visitors. Featuring a resident jazz band, blues band, singer-songwriters, and more, this venue treats its guests to live music starting at 9:30 pm. Offering beverages and food, it's a delightful spot to unwind and enjoy an evening.

 *Av. Roberto Ivens, 9500-239 Ponta Delgada, Portugal*


 *Phone: +351 917 350 418*


 *website: [lavajazzbar@atalhosdelava.com](mailto:lavajazzbar@atalhosdelava.com)*




## THE GIN LIBRARY

Welcome to The Gin Library situated within the Solar Branco Eco Estate, showcasing a collection of more than 1,400 gins, making it Europe's largest gin display. Explore a diverse selection of gins that rotate weekly, enjoy gin masterclasses, and tastings that feature Azorean, Portuguese, and premium British gins, all complemented with locally sourced garnishes.

 *The Solar Branco Eco Estate, 9500-604 Ponta Delgada, Portugal*


 *16+ only*


 *Phone: [+351 919 076 779](tel:+351919076779)*




## MUSEU CARLOS MACHADO

Established in 1880, the Carlos Machado Museum is dedicated to safeguarding and exhibiting the extensive and diverse heritage of the Azores. Focusing on religious and sacred art, this museum, the largest in the Azores, encompasses a wide range of subjects such as natural history, ethnology, and art. Admission is just 3 euros, offering a great opportunity to delve into history and seek shelter on a rainy afternoon.

 *R. de Sant'Anna 7, 9500-040 Ponta Delgada*

 *Phone: +351 296 202 930/931*

 *website: <https://museucarlosmachado.azores.gov.pt/en/>*







# PLACES TO EAT




## A TASCA - RESTAURANT

If you would like to experience some traditional Azorean cuisine in a vibrant location then this tapas restaurant is for you. Take advantage of the local and fresh options available and try some of their special creations. Popular with locals and tourists alike, it is recommended to pre-book to ensure you get a table at this popular restaurant.

 *Rua do Aljube # 16, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel 9500-018 Portugal*


 *Phone: +351 296 288 880*


 *€15-25 average meal*

## ROTAS DA ILHA VERDE

In 2006, one of Ponta Delgada's most charming restaurants was established. Rotas started as a quaint house transformed into a warm and inviting dining spot. Over time, it has evolved into a hub for vegetarian cuisine, emphasizing natural ingredients. Their dishes feature fresh, locally sourced products, carefully selected each morning from the nearby market. The vegetables, spices, herbs, and fruits are handpicked for the evening menu. Drawing inspiration from the market, their menus rotate every two months to offer a varied culinary experience.

 *Rua Pedro Homem 49, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel 9500-099 Portugal*

 *website: <https://www.rotasdailhaverde.com/>*


 *Phone: +351 296 628 560*



## MICHEL RESTAURANT

Michel Restaurant in Ponta Delgada is highly regarded and definitely worth a visit to sample a combination of traditional and fusion dishes. Many people highly recommend this restaurant for its varied and delicious menu, especially the seafood and puff pastry options. The cozy and intimate ambiance, coupled with an elegant flair, appeals to guests looking for a delightful dining setting. It is recommended to make reservations ahead of time to avoid long wait times due to the restaurant's popularity.


 *Rua Eng. José Cordeiro, 55-57, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel 9500-311 Portugal*


 *Phone: +351 296 700 385*

 *website: <https://michelrestaurant.com/>*

## MERCADO DA GRAÇA

If you enjoy exploring local Azorean produce then this farmers market is the place for you. The Azores is famous for many things, it's pineapple, cheeses and wines, amongst others. This local farmers market is the perfect place for foodies to pick up some souvenirs or sample local specialities. Best visited in the morning for the freshest produce!

 *R. do Mercado 15, 9500-349 Ponta Delgada, Portugal*

 *Closed on Sundays*

