

# PORTUGAL · AZORES ENCHANTING ATLANTIC ARCHIPELAGO

JUNE 15-22, 2026

*Discover the natural beauty of the Azores, an enchanting Portuguese archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean! Admire the volcanic landscapes of Sao Miguel and immerse yourself in the enchanting culture of Ponta Delgada. Discover the natural beauty of the Sete Cidades crater, the geological wonders of the Furnas Valley, and the glistening waters of Lagoa do Fogo!*

DATE	ITINERARY & IMPORTANT NOTES
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<b>June 15</b>	Arrive and transfer to the hotel in Ponta Delgada.
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Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure, soaking up the striking Gothic architecture of the capital of the Azores. Take a stroll along the waterfront or pay a visit to the Carlos Machado Museum to learn more about the history of these volcanic islands. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada.



<b>June 16</b>	
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Breakfast at the hotel. Get ready for an action-packed day of sightseeing in the Furnas Valley, known for its volcanic activity and hot springs. Set off to Vila Franca do Campo, once the capital of the Azores, where you can sample the delicious traditional pastries known as 'Queijadas da Vila'. Next, descend into the Furnas Valley, starting with a visit to Terra Nostra Park, a shining example of the romantic 18th-century gardens of the Azores. Afterwards, head to the Caldeiras, situated next to the famous Furnas Lake, to watch a cooking demonstration where you'll learn how

to cook using the natural heat of the caldeiras. Tuck into traditional *cozido* for lunch at a local restaurant before exploring more of the sights of the Furnas Valley as you learn about everyday life in this volcanic environment. On the way back to Ponta Delgada, stop at the Pico do Ferro Viewpoint for unforgettable views of this unique landscape. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada.

<b>June 17</b>	
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Breakfast at the hotel. Today, set off to Lagoa do Fogo, a fascinating volcanic crater lake in the center of the island. Journey down the south coast in the direction of Pico da Barrosa and admire the captivating views of the lake from the viewpoint. Descend to Caldeira Velha, before heading to historic Ribeira to enjoy a walking tour of its old town. Admire the quaint architecture and stop to sample the traditional local liqueurs, famous to the area. Return after your tour to Ponta Delgada via the picturesque north coast of the island. The rest of the day will be free at leisure to keep discovering the island at your own peace. Why not head down to the harbor to wonder around and check out the striking 3-arched city

gates before grabbing a bite to eat. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada.



#### June 18

Breakfast at the hotel. Set off this morning for the epic natural wonder of Sete Cidades, a three-mile-long volcanic crater lake, home to all kinds of fascinating sights. Begin with a tour of a pineapple plantation to observe the fascinating growing phases of this delicious tropical fruit and to taste a local pineapple liqueur. Continue to the stunning Pico do Carvao, which boasts brilliant views across the central part of Sao Miguel island. At Vista do Rei viewpoint you can enjoy the incredible landscapes across Sete Cidades. Descend into the crater to admire Lagoa de Santiago before returning to Ponta Delgada. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to continue exploring the island. Maybe head down to one of the many lively cafes in the center along the charming cobblestone streets. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada.



#### June 19

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, enjoy a day at your leisure. Take some time to relax after several jam-packed days of sightseeing, or try going for a hike on this mountainous island. Alternatively, we recommend an optional whale and dolphin watching excursion\*. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada.

\*Optional whale and dolphin watching excursion: Enjoy a fun 3-hour boat trip to observe the exciting marine life of the Azores. The huge sperm whales, sei whales and fin whales are the most common in the area, as are the graceful bottlenose dolphins.

Note: please be aware that dolphin and whale sightings are not always guaranteed.





**June 20**

Breakfast at the hotel. Take today at your leisure to explore the delights of the island. Get to know the local culture, enjoy the unique climate of this Atlantic archipelago and take some time for sightseeing. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada.

**June 21**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is your last day on the islands so make the most of it! Enjoy today at your leisure to continue discovering what this enchanting island has to offer. Why not take advantage of the many walking paths to explore the untouched natural landscapes or pay a visit to the tranquil António Borges Botanical Gardens? You can head downtown to the shopping area to pick up some souvenirs, and have a bite to eat in one of the many restaurants available. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada.

**June 22**

Breakfast at the hotel.  
It's time to bid farewell to the spectacular Azores.



## IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Start/Finish City: Ponta Delgada, John Paul II Ponta Delgada Airport
- Price: USD \$1699.00 per person in a shared room
  - Roommate matching is available!
- Deposit Amount: \$250.00 per person
- Final Payment Due: 60 days prior to departure, April 15, 2026
- Includes:
  - 7 nights accommodation in Charm category hotels.
  - 7 breakfasts and 1 lunch
  - Visits and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary with an English-speaking guide.
  - Tours to Furnas Valley, Sete Cidades & Lagoa do Fogo.
- Services not included:
  - International Airfare
  - Drinks, tips, city tax and any other services not mentioned in what's included.
  - The tourist tax in Ponta Delgada is €2 per person, per night of stay.
- Travel Insurance is required. Jill can help you with this part if needed.
- Transfers and pre/post accommodations not included in the price but can be booked for an additional fee.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE CONTACT JILL!

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