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We are the Octant Hotels Ponta Delgada

We live in a unique land, lost in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and the history of time.

This island, our home – whose green extends as far as the eye can see, with its lagoons, and a climate both mild and humid (which gives it its mysterious aura, made famous by so many novels) – brings together an infinite number of dimensions.

From flavors so characteristic of the Azores, with its teas, meats, cheeses and seafood, to the nature which surrounds and almost swallows us (dormant volcanoes with their calderas and fumaroles, deep lakes, a blue ocean full of life and breathtaking waterfalls). Here is where we abide, right in the middle of nature, culture, traditions and local flavors.

We exist within a balance of all these elements: between what we want to preserve from our cultural roots and the possibilities offered to us by the new world.

Despite holding on to tradition, there is also an effervescence in modern life we wish to seize – with walks through the city of Ponta Delgada, where we constantly see urban art, enjoying late afternoons at the Whale Watching Bar or the countless adventure sports this island has to offer.

We want to share all of this with you.

This Atlantic land.

“There is only one thing to do here: instead of looking outwards, it’s looking into our souls.”
Raul Brandão, *As Ilhas Desconhecidas (The Unknown Islands)*



Experience Map



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| 1 Caldeiras da Ribeira Grande
N 37°47'51.8" W 25°29'19.6" | 4 Ribeira dos Caldeirões, Nordeste:
Canyoning
N 37°50'32.1" W 25°16'01.2" | 7 Praia de Santa Bárbara:
Aulas de surf
N 37°49'07.4" W 25°32'29.9" |
| 2 O João e a Gena
N 37°45'32.9" W 25°43'24.7" | 5 Baía da Caloura: Coastering
N 37°42'44.6" W 25°29'48.9" | |
| 3 Os herdeiros de Ermelinda Gago
da Câmara
N 37°49'05.0" W 25°24'08.9" | 6 Ilhéu de Vila Franca do Campo:
Batismo de mergulho
N 37°42'54.6" W 25°25'47.9" | |

GPS: N 37°44'30" | W 25°39'28"

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Come and
EXPLORE



The flavors

The Azores have their own flavor.

They taste like the fertile hillsides that extend over the entire island, like pimenta da terra (red pepper paste) and like the teas that are still produced by hand. They taste like the countless liqueurs and jams made from age-old recipes. Like strong cheeses, bolo levêdo (sweet muffins), volcanic wines, aged meats and warm milk from recently-milked cows that roam free.

The Azores taste like volcanoes, the sea and pastures. They have a unique flavor, which we want you to experience.

All experiences must be booked in advance and are subject to availability. They may change due to weather and other conditions.



Wines and cheeses: A perfect combination

Let our suggestions guide you.

There are four varieties of cheeses, one white wine and one red wine. Explore the differences between them, while we explain the reasons behind these differences, the grape varieties used and the characteristics of each one of them.

Choose the tasting that best suits your personality.

1h / Min. 2 pax

From €45 /pax

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Wine and cheese tasting, bread and jams.



Peasant for a Day

Being a farmer was, and is, synonymous with an arduous profession, with contact with what the land offers us.

Embark on this adventure and meet the hosts, Mr. Eugénio and Mrs. Gorete, in their house full of life. At the end, besides getting to know life on the farm, you will also be able to taste some of its products.

4h / Max. 8 people

From €110 adult and child €65 up to 12 years

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Transfer, visit to the farm and tasting of local products.



A Basket Full of Flavours

Quinta dos Sabores is a life project that Inês and Paulo share, starting in 2002, they recovered the farm in what is now a 3 hectare property with a diversified production of organic vegetables.

This visit will give you the best of what the space has to offer, being able to pick various organic products creating a small basket to later taste.

The combination of high quality ingredients, in a warm and intimate atmosphere is the best that our land has to give us.

3h / Min. 4 / Max. 8 pax

From €85 /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer, basket of products, small tasting.



A different breakfast

Come and visit Mr. Ricardo's milk goats, where you can interact and meet all the adult animals and their young. Taking milk and feeding the animals is all part of the experience and of course a photo to remember later.

You can also enjoy a typical breakfast consisting of traditional delicacies of our land.

Be curious and come discover this extraordinary experience! The animals are waiting for you...

3h / Min. 2 pax

From €110 /pax

Ideal para: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Inclui: Transfer, visit to the farm, tasting of regional products.





Our People

What is truly unique about a place? It's not only about the landscapes, the seaside cliffs or the lush green of the forest. It's not just the number of waterfalls we come across or the exceptional climate.

A place is defined by its people. By its lifestyles. By the routines of those who experience the place, each day, as their own. Let us introduce you to our people, the people of São Miguel.



Quinta da Paródia

Quinta da Paródia combines agricultural production and animal husbandry with the offer of a range of recreational activities and educational entertainment. During guided tours of this educational farm, participants have the opportunity to interact with various domestic animals, ride a pony, collect eggs in the chicken coop, perform some agricultural tasks (seasonal) and play outdoors using the various leisure equipment available.

2h30 / Min. 5 pax / Max. 8 pax

From €225 /5 pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer, tour on the farm and light snack.

Wine Tasting

Quinta da Jardinete is a small family estate of about 5 hectares that was originally planted in 1989, producing classic style wines that express the qualities of our terroir, which is our volcanic type of soil, microclimate, and vineyard management. From the beginning we have had only one aim and that is to produce the best wine possible. Come and taste this very old tradition that is unique in the middle of the Atlantic.

2h / Min. 6 / Max. 8 pax

From €95 /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer, tour at Quinta da Jardinete, wine tasting and tapas.

All experiences must be booked in advance and are subject to availability. They may change due to weather and other conditions.



João and Gena: A day on the farm

Meet João and Gena, a farming couple who have implemented a circular production philosophy on their farm, which aims to regenerate the soil in a totally sustainable way.

Learn about their story, see what their daily chores, meet the animals (you can even milk the cows if you like) and finish with a light picnic made with local produce.

5h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 4 pax

From 125€ /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer, tour, contact with the pasture and cows, milking and tasting of products produced on the farm.



Back to the Roots

In this activity, while touring the organic farm, you will have a brief explanation of some vegetables, fruits and herbs that you will be planting, picking or even weeding with the help of Mrs. Inês and Mr. João.

Afterwards you can enjoy a tasting of the regional products prepared by the farm.

Come and learn how to be a farmer and enjoy a tasty tasting of fresh produce.

3/4h / Min. 4 / Max. 8 pax

From €115 /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer and regional products tasting.



The heirs of Ermelinda Gago da Câmara: Tea ceremony

Gorreana tea plantation is the oldest tea plantation in Europe and has been in the hands of the same family for more than 200 years.

Come with us to visit this plantation that any herbicides and pesticides are used, being a 100% organic.

From here comes green and black tea with various plants and that you will be able to taste during your visit.

2h30 / Min. 5 pax / Max. 8 pax

From €95 /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Shuttle, visit to the plantation and light picnic.



The Queen and her Margaridas

The Margaridas apiary is an old wine production area, where you can still see the old vines of different grape varieties. Today, the farm is inhabited by the bees that have a big diversity of flowers for their honey. Beekeeper Carolina, a passionate lover of these incredible creatures, will take visitors on a journey to the wonderful world of bees and who knows... you may even meet the Queen.

3h / Min. 2 / Max. 4 pax

From €120 /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Shuttle, beekeeping workshop, accessories and local product tasting.



Hot springs

The Azores are known as the land of volcanoes, fumaroles and scalding waters arising from the depths. These peculiarities gave rise to water sources with highly special characteristics (some with thermal properties).

Bathing in these waters, with the sense of relaxation they provide, is an experience not to be missed. Come with us and learn about the best locations to enjoy the warm waters of São Miguel.

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Hot springs: Octant Hotels Furnas by moonlight

When you go down the slope to enter the Furnas Valley you are always surprised by the vapours rising in the air, resulting from the intense volcanic activity there.

There are countless fumaroles and springs spewing out water: some hot, some cold, some carbonated, some not.

On this visit, we will have the opportunity to taste the Azores tea, the traditional stew and the famous sour waters. At the same time, you will be able to enjoy the exclusive thermal pools of the Octant Furnas Hotel. Dinner at À TERRA will be served by Chef Henrique Mouro who will welcome you with open arms.

8h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 8 pax

From €145 /pax

Ideal for: ❄️ / ❄️ / 🌊 / ❄️

Includes: Furnas tour, admission to thermal pools and dinner at the Octant Hotels Furnas.
Visit to Fábrica de Chá Gorreana (Tea Factory).



Nighttime thermal bath

Start by visiting the Pico do Ferro viewpoint, from where you will have a panoramic view of the volcanic crater of Furnas. Then we descend for a dinner including a tasting of regional products and, finally, you can enjoy a night swim.

5h / Min. 2 / Max. 6 pax

From €70 /pax

Ideal for: ❄️ / ❄️ / 🌊 / ❄️

Includes: Shuttle, certified tour guide, Furnas tour, dinner and admission to the Poça da Dona Beija thermal waters complex.



The most exclusive places

We want your visit to São Miguel to be a different experience from the one most tourists have, going beyond mere commercial itineraries and the most obvious choices.

This is why we have selected a collection of activities to help make your trip an unforgettable one.

All experiences must be booked in advance and are subject to availability. They may change due to weather and other conditions.



Let's take a picture!

Come explore the island of São Miguel without worrying about the close-up. Our photographer will capture every moment to remember later with a desire to return.

Indeed, a picture is worth a thousand words.

2h15 / Min. 1

Price on request

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Photographer and photographs.



Surprise picnic

São Miguel still has many places to be discovered – incredible views, waterfalls and lagoons where we hardly see anyone.

The best way to enjoy some of these places is with a picnic, whether for dinner or at lunch. We take care of everything: our Chef will prepare a gourmet meal, which we'll serve in a secret place.

5h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 8 pax

From €145 /pax

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Shuttle, gourmet picnic prepared by the Chef and beverages.

Sete Cidades Tour.



Big game tuna and swordfish

The Azores Sea is one of the favorite places for sport fishing lovers and we will show you why. As our sea is influenced by the Gulf Stream, sport fishing is a great success. Several species, during their migratory route, pass through our waters, large pelagics such as swordfish and tuna.

The boats are equipped with the latest navigation and safety technology. For a more sustainable practice, we are apologists for the “take and release” concept. We catch the fish to observe and take pictures and then release it alive again into the sea.

4h / Min. 1 / Max. 8 pax

From €600 /boat

Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐ / ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Fishing equipment and specialist.



Starlit dinner

This is the right experience for those looking for an unforgettable moment during their visit to São Miguel.

We start in the village of Porto Formoso, from where we set off on the Ladeira Velha trail, where we spot coastal landscapes and visit an old hot spring. At the end, we will be able to enjoy the beauty of the waterfall while enjoying a picnic dinner, lit by the sunset.

5h / Min. 2 / Max. 8 pax

From €145 /pax

Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Transfer and picnic prepared by the Chef.



The Special Sunset at Caloura

The south coast of the Azores has several villages with incredible views.

Take this trip through Livramento until you reach Caloura.

Here you can visit the exclusive Convento da Caloura, where you can enjoy the natural pool and a sunset dinner overlooking the islet of Vila Franca do Campo. A dinner specially prepared by our Chef Paulo Leite with regional ingredients.

8h / Min. 2 / Max. 8 pax

From €280 /pax

Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Visit to the viewpoints and Convent of Caloura and tasting dinner.



Village of Rocha da Relva

Rocha da Relva is a quiet trail that ends at the sea. It is a place where it is possible to wake up to the chirping of the birds and the sound of the sea beating against the rocks.

It is also where you can find summer houses, where people usually go to spend days with their family and animals. Come and enjoy a hike in the nature with a picnic and maybe with luck, a local will offer you homemade wine produced in this very village.

4h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 8 pax

From €145 /pax

Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐ / ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Transfer, guide and picnic.



*Live life to
the FULLEST*



For the more adventurous ones



Jeep tours

Our guides know all the nooks, crannies, roads, lagoons and trails of this island, which will make the trip unique and fun.

This is, without a doubt, the real discovery experience of São Miguel and you will not want to miss it. Come and explore Sete Cidades, Lagoa de Fogo, Furnas, Nordeste and Povoação for their authenticity and unique beauty.

Ah... and don't forget your swimsuit (you may need it at any moment!).

3h or 7h / Min. 2 / Max. 7 pax

From €40 /pax (half day)

From €70 /pax (full day)

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Jeep with driver and certified tour guide.



Buggy or ATV tour

We depart from the Octant Hotel Ponta Delgada towards the dirt roads of Sete Cidades or Ribeira Grande.

Get ready to feel the adrenaline peaks.

4h / Min. 1 / Max. 6 pax

From €80

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Buggy or Quad with driver and certified tour guide.

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E-bike

Have you ever ridden an electric bike? With several speeds and prepared off-road, with or without a guide, this is the ideal way to explore Sete Cidades (or other routes) and enjoy the fantastic views of the lakes and volcanoes.

3h or 7h / Min. 2
From €30 /pax
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐ / ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Electric bicycle, helmet, protective equipment and trailer for children (if applicable) – optional shuttle.



Canyoning

São Miguel has an endless number of streams. Venture into one of them: dive into crystalline waters, rappel down waterfalls and go down the natural slides you will find along the way.

3h or 6h / Min. 2
From €60
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Full set of equipment, tour guide, photos and video of the activity – optional shuttle.



Coasteering

Some places and landscapes in the Azores are accessible only to the most adventurous ones. Climb boulders, discover hidden caves, jump from clifftops and swim in the fantastic waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

3h / Min. 2
From €65
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Full set of equipment, tour guide, photos and video of the activity – optional shuttle.



Discover scuba diving

The Azorean sea is a unique place, with transparent waters, and there could be no better scenery than this to dive or take your first steps (or should we say strokes?) in scuba diving. There you will be able to observe several species of fish that live in the Azores or even explore the Liberty Ship Dori.

4h / Min. 2 / Max. 6 pax
From €50 /pax
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: All diving equipment and training.



Surfing lessons

The waves of the Azores have been famous for quite some time. If you want to give this sport a try, why not start here, in the chosen destination of so many surfers? Venture into the seas of the beaches of Santa Bárbara or Milícias.

3h / Min. 1
From €35 /pax
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: All surfing equipment and instructor.



Kayak tour

Do you like contact with nature? Leave in the morning to discover. You can be a secret beach, a lagoon, a bay or even a cave only accessible by sea.

3h / Min. 2 / Max. 8 pax
From 55€/pax in sea and 10€/pax in the lagoon
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: All kayaking equipment and certified tour guide.



Others experiences



Whale and Dolphin Watching

Whether by Catamaran or Zodiac, the destination is set: we go where the whales and dolphins are found. In all, there are 27 different species of cetaceans that can be sighted on the Azorean coast, so be prepared get ready to meet these magnificent animals!

3h / From €60

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Boat ride to the whales and dolphins. Marine Biologist on board.



Swimming with Dolphins

Indulge in our sea with the most social and spontaneous sea creatures. Encountering free dolphins in their natural environment is a unique experience. It will be, for sure, memories that you will keep for the rest of your life. In the Azores, we can swim with 5 different species of dolphins: bottlenose, common, risso's, spotted and striped.

3h / From €95

Includes: Boat trip to the dolphins and on-board Marine Biologist.

All experiences must be booked in advance and are subject to availability. They may change due to weather and other conditions.



Sailboat tour

What better way to appreciate all the magnificence of São Miguel than on this sailboat ride, where you will see the island just like it was seen by the first people who arrived here. Skipper Pedro will be your host on this trip.

3h / 4h / 8h
From €350 /tour
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Sailboat tour, welcome drink, azorean tapas and mineral water.



Coastal fishing tour

We'll take off by boat in search of the best fish of the Azores.

We'll give you the rod (and also a hand, which you'll need).

After that, all you have to do is wait.

4h ou 8h / Min. 2 / Max. 8 pax
From €450 /tour
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐

Includes: Boat ride, all required fishing tackle and mineral water.



Birdwatching

Many species of birds live both at sea and on land in the Acores archipelago. During the period of migrations it is possible to observe birds from America, Europe, as well as seabirds from the the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

For those who like animal life, this is undoubtedly an opportunity not to be missed.

3h / Min. 4 pax
From €49 /pax
Ideal for: 🦅 / ⭐

Includes: Wildlife guide, binoculars, raincoat and life jacket.



Horseback riding

Choose your destination – Lagoa das Setes Cidades, Janela do Inferno or Pinhal da Paz – and depart on horseback to discover the attractions of São Miguel.

To be agreed / Min. 2 / Max. 4 pax
From €30 /pax
Ideal for: ⭐ / ⭐ / 🦿 / ⭐

Includes: Horseback ride, instructor and necessary equipment.

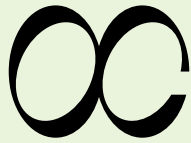


Ten things you won't want to miss when you stay with us

1. Delight yourself with a warm 'Bolo Lêvedo' at breakfast.
2. Getting lost on the road and get stuck at a cows traffic jam.
3. Take a walk by the Lagoa do Fogo.
4. Enjoy the sunset while drinking a cocktail at the Whale Watching Bar.
5. Discover the numerous waterfalls on the island of São Miguel.
6. Get to Lagoa das Sete Cidades through a secret path.
7. Relax at the Octant Hotels Ponta Delgada Spa after a day of exploring the island.
8. Share a plate of 'lapas' and 'cracas' from the Atlantic Ocean.
9. Visit the Furnas Valley and finish the day at the Octant Hotels Furnas thermal pool.
10. Go to the Vila Franca do Campo's islet and dive into the crystal clear waters of the sea.

Cancellation policy:

Cancellation 72 hours in advance will not be charged any value of the activity; Cancellation 48h in advance will be charged 50% of the value of the activity; Cancellation with less than 24h will be charged 100% of the value of the activity.



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