



The Azores Islands 09 Nights



Summary

The Azores are famously known for their stunning backdrops, blue-green hued lakes, and volcanic craters — the land of hydrangeas. Choosing which Azores islands to visit can be overwhelming.

This itinerary will guide you through the Central and Eastern Islands, giving you the best outdoor activities and must-do activities.

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Overview

Interest: couples — family—Group

Level of Comfort: 3/5

Minimum # of passengers: none

Maximum # of passengers: none

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro
- **Language:** Portuguese
- **Dialing Code:** +351
- **Recommended vaccine :** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** many banks in the airport will exchange currencies, all rates are similar.

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Day 1: Arrive in Terceira

The first day in the Azores should be spent getting a real feel of these magical islands and their surroundings. Get a fun-filled start to your ten-day Azores trip by starting in Terceira.

“Terceira is known as the best party island amongst the Azores islands. The highlight of this town happens downtown in June, where the locals hold a massive street party of Sanjoaninas.

It’s also well known for its beautiful untouched hiking trails, enticed by volcanic landscapes.”

The island of Terceira is surrounded by a neat, well-paved road that circles the island and its main points of interest. We recommend staying in Angra do Herosimo, a colourful colonial town.

Optional Tour: Hike Monte Brazil

Overnight in Terceira

Day 2: Hike and Swim in The Natural Pools in Terceira

Breakfast at your hotel, you should be ready for the next adventure!

Hike in Serreta

One great way to start your morning off is with a 2h30m hike in Serreta. It’s a circular route around the Natural Reserve of Serra de Santa Bárbara and Mistérios Negros.

This trek offers picturesque scenery surrounded by the woods of Cedars and views of the impressive Pico Gaspar volcano. or you can take a guided tour to see the incredible landscapes this island has to offer: **Misterios Negros Hike.**

Swim in **the Biscoitos Natural Pools** & Explore the cradle of the island in a dormant volcanoes chimney — **the Algar do Carvão.** It’s a unique experience and certainly a highlight in Terceira.

The volcanos walls are filled with a surplus of minerals that have been around for thousands of years. Explore the caves by taking an underground caves tour, or visit the crater by yourself.

Overnight in Terceira.

Day 3: Snorkelling trip in Terceira

Breakfast at your hotel.

Terceira island is also known for its array of tropical sea life. What better way to see what the marine life has to offer than by grabbing your snorkels and flippers, and get on a boat tour to the nearby island.

You can also do a whale watching and jeep tour to get the most out of your island experience.

See the Miradouro Serra do Cume Viewpoint.

Overnight in Terceira.

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Day 4: Fly to São Jorge

After breakfast, it is time to reach Sao Jorge, you can either fly from Terceira, or go by ferry.

Arrive in São Jorge and settle into your chosen accommodation in Fajã dos Vimes, a charming little town with less than 100 people. Afterward, spend a relaxed rest of your day at the Simao Dias natural pools.

Overnight in São Jorge

Day 5: Hike in Sao Jorge

On day 5 why not start with one of the most truly breathtakingly beautiful hikes in Sao Jorge? The trail takes you to the impressive fajãs (lava flows) on the island.

Do the Caldeira de Santo Cristo hike, One of the top attractions on the Caldeira de Santo Cristo hike is the fajãs. Start your trek from the Caldeira de Santo Cristo and make your way down the mountain to the to Cumbres.

You will be hiking along a path surrounded by blue and purple hydrangea flowers, with the majestic cliffs and mountains all around you and the sea in front.

Santo Cristo is a small town, with zero transportation systems.

To get there you would need to walk by foot from the top of the mountain (Serra do Topo or by ATV). It's a lovely town with charming restaurants that is famous for its natural swimming pools that lead into the ocean.

From Santo Cristo, start your majestic hike towards Fajã dos Cubres, another small town. Along your hike you will come across stunning waterfalls where you can go for a refreshing swim.

The hiking time is only around 3-4 hours, but if you factor in time for swimming and food breaks it can easily become a full day activity.

Since the start and end point of your hike aren't the same you should organise with your accommodation to pick you up after your hike.

Overnight in Sao Jorge.

Day 6: Visit the coffee plantations and hike some more!

On day 6 you will be visiting the only place where coffee is grown in Europe, in Fajã dos Vimes.

Start your morning by taking a drive to Cafe Nuns. For any coffee lover, visiting the only coffee plantation in the whole of Europe is quite an achievement.

Here at Cafe Nunes, they grow and roast their coffee — and supply the locals. Try their espressos to kickstart your day.

While in Fajã dos Vimes, try this linear 1.5 hour hike. The hike travels along the South Coast of the island and ends in Portal.

This hike offers walks through vineyard terraces, dips into the Atlantic waters and possible viewpoints of the Pico Island.

Overnight in Sao Jorge

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Day 7: Ferry to Pico & go whale watching

Breakfast at your hotel. Time to continue your adventure to Pico Island!

Pico island is the second-largest island in the Azores. It's the most volcanic island and boasts incredible landscapes. This island is home to vineyards grown in lava rocks, historic volcanic caves and refreshing tidal pools.

Ferry boat from Sao Jorge to Pico Island. Rent a car to for flexibility to get around the island. Pico island is considered one of the best areas for whale and dolphin watching.

start a tour from Lajes do Pico harbour and start marking off some of the 28 cetacean species swimming around the Azores archipelago.

Most whale watching tours take up to 3 hours and include a briefing about the different species.

After a fun-filled day sightseeing and (hopefully) spotting one of nature's gentle giants, go to the Cella Bar for dinner. The Cella bar is a famous winery and restaurant, shaped like a wine barrel and offers the most exquisite dinners.

Cella Bar is in Madalena, the capital of Pico Island. This city is rife with fascinating things to do and see, such as natural bathing areas, cetacean sightings and is home to a vineyard declared as a World Heritage site by UNESCO.

Overnight in Pico Island

Day 8: Hike up Mount Pico

This is the highest peak in Portugal. It stands 2351 meters above sea level and offers a range of hiking trails.

Otherwise, if you are looking for a great alternative, the Caminhos de Santa Luzia is a fantastic hike (and less strenuous).

Overnight in Pico Island

Day 9: Day trip to Faial Island

Take a day trip to Faial Island with the Atlantico Line. This island is ideal for sailing, whale-watching and mountain biking.

One of the top attractions on Faial island is in Capelinhos, a volcano that last erupted in 1957.

Another stunning hike in the Azores is on Faial Island; the Cabeco do Canto. This hike offers impressive views.

After a day of exploring and using up those kilojoules, you sure can build a thirst. Visit Peter's Bar — the most famous sailor's bar!

Overnight in Pico Island

Day 10: Departure

Breakfast at your hotel. Time to say Good Bye to the Azores!

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