



Best of the Azores - 10 Days Itinerary

DAY 1: Faial Island

Upon your arrival to the Island of Faial you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the Blue Island's beautiful streets.





DAY 2: Pico Group Journey from Faial: Vineyards, Volcanoes & Island Heritage

Today, you'll set off by ferry to the island of Pico to explore its dramatic volcanic scenery and the UNESCO-listed Landscape of the Vineyard Culture, a remarkable testament to centuries of winemaking traditions.

Your journey begins in São Mateus with a visit to the Sanctuary of Bom Jesus Milagroso—one of the island's oldest and most revered churches, rich in history and spiritual significance. From there, we stop at a local artisan house where you can admire and purchase handmade crafts that reflect the cultural identity and heritage of the island.

Continuing along the southern coast, we arrive in Lajes do Pico, the island's earliest settlement. Here, you'll have the chance to visit the Whalers' Museum, a compelling tribute to Pico's whaling past (please note: the museum is closed on Mondays).

Our route then takes us inland toward Lagoa do Capitão, the largest lagoon on the island. This scenic stop offers sweeping views of Pico Mountain, the village of São Roque, and even the distant island of São Jorge on clear days.

As we descend into São Roque, we continue to the parish of Bandeiras for a visit to the Arcos do Cachorro, a stunning coastal formation of sea caves and lava arches carved by the Atlantic's relentless waves.

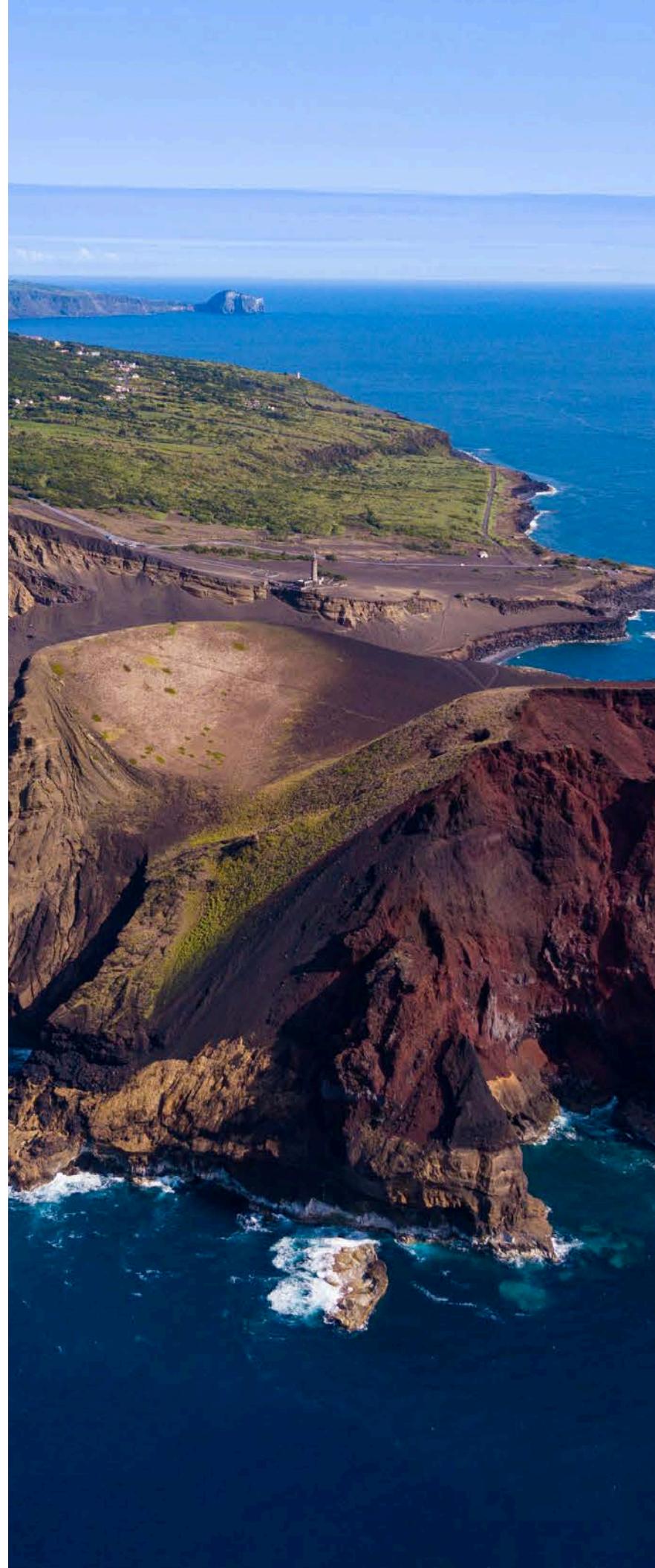
The tour concludes at the harbor for your return ferry. Upon arrival, a transfer will be waiting to take you back to your hotel.

DAY 3: Faial Group Journey: Volcanoes, Craters & Coastal Wonders

Your full-day tour of Faial begins with a scenic drive through the charming city of Horta, known for its vibrant marina that draws sailors from around the globe. From there, you head to the panoramic viewpoint of Espalamaca, where you'll enjoy sweeping views over the harbor and the surrounding landscapes.

The journey continues inland to the island's dramatic Caldeira—a massive volcanic crater at the heart of Faial, offering breathtaking vistas of its lush, unspoiled terrain. As you descend toward the center of the island, take in the pastoral scenery dotted with grazing cattle.

The afternoon takes you to the island's western edge and the stark, lunar-like landscape of Capelinhos, the site of Faial's last volcanic eruption in 1958. A traditional lunch will be served at a local restaurant before concluding the day with a stop at a rural site featuring a reconstructed farmhouse, offering a glimpse into the island's agricultural past.



DAY 4: Island of Terceira



Upon arriving to the Island of Terceira, you will be transferred to the hotel for an early check-in.

The remaining day is at leisure to explore the city of Angra, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. This small town was the Capital city of Portugal during the Liberal Wars and the capital of the Azores for almost a century.



DAY 5: Full Day Terceira: Lilac Island Discovery – Group Journey

Today, set out on a full-day adventure to discover the diverse landscapes, vibrant traditions, and rich history of Terceira—affectionately known as “The Lilac Island” for the soft hues that color its horizon.

Your journey begins with a scenic drive through the UNESCO World Heritage city of Angra do Heroísmo, where centuries of history are reflected in its elegant architecture and charming streets. From there, ascend to Monte Brasil, a dramatic volcanic peninsula formed by an ancient underwater eruption. At Pico das Cruzinhas, the highest point of Monte Brasil, you’ll enjoy panoramic views over Angra and the island’s southern coastline—a perfect introduction to the island’s natural beauty.

The tour continues along the island’s eastern side, where you’ll pass through traditional villages dotted with colorful “Impérios”—small chapels dedicated to the Holy Spirit, uniquely decorated and a symbol of Terceira’s deep-rooted religious and communal traditions. Along the way, admire the island’s distinctive rural architecture and well-preserved homes that speak to its cultural identity.

A stop in the quaint town of São Sebastião offers a glimpse into the island’s past. Here, you’ll visit one of the oldest churches in the Azores, built shortly after the settlement of the island, and known for its simple yet enduring architecture.

After enjoying a traditional Azorean lunch, the tour heads north to Praia da Vitória, a coastal town with a rich maritime history and a lively waterfront. The final highlight of the day is a visit to Serra do Cume, one of the island’s most stunning viewpoints. From its lofty vantage point, you’ll gaze over a patchwork of green fields—locally known as the “Manta de Retalhos”—with sweeping views of Lajes and the Atlantic Ocean beyond.

This tour offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and nature, making it an enriching experience for any visitor to Terceira.



DAY 6: Island of Sao Miguel

Today you will be transferred to the airport for a flight to Ponta Delgada.

The day is at leisure for you to explore the city's cobblestone streets.



DAY 7: Full Day Sete Cidades & Lagoa do Fogo Wonders – Group Journey

Today you will embark on a full-day journey through some of São Miguel's most iconic landscapes. The day begins with a visit to a local pineapple plantation, where you'll learn about the traditional greenhouse cultivation methods.

Your journey continues to the serene Lagoa de Santiago and to the famous Vista do Rei viewpoint, which offers sweeping views over the twin lakes of Sete Cidades, set within a vast volcanic caldera. A traditional Azorean lunch will then be served, highlighting the island's rich flavors.

In the afternoon, the tour takes you to Lagoa do Fogo, one of the most untouched and stunning lakes in the Azores. On the way, you'll stop in Ribeira Grande, the island's charming northern town with its distinctive architecture and coastal beauty. At the summit of Lagoa do Fogo, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views stretching across both the north and south coasts of São Miguel – a sight to remember.





DAY 8: Full Day Furnas Volcanos & Traditions – Group Journey

Today's journey begins with the beautiful seaside town of Vila Franca do Campo, the island's governmental town in the XV century. While in Vila Franca do Campo, you may wish to try the famous Queijadas da Vila, a traditional pastry developed by nuns during the XVI century, before making your way to Furnas.

Upon arrival at Furnas, you will be astonished by the contrast of the peacefulness scenario with the hectic pulsing of the volcanic fumaroles.

You will then head to a local restaurant where you will enjoy a traditional Cozido das Furnas (a meal cooked in sealed pots using the island's hot springs known as fumarolas) and have the chance to indulge in the famous cozido.

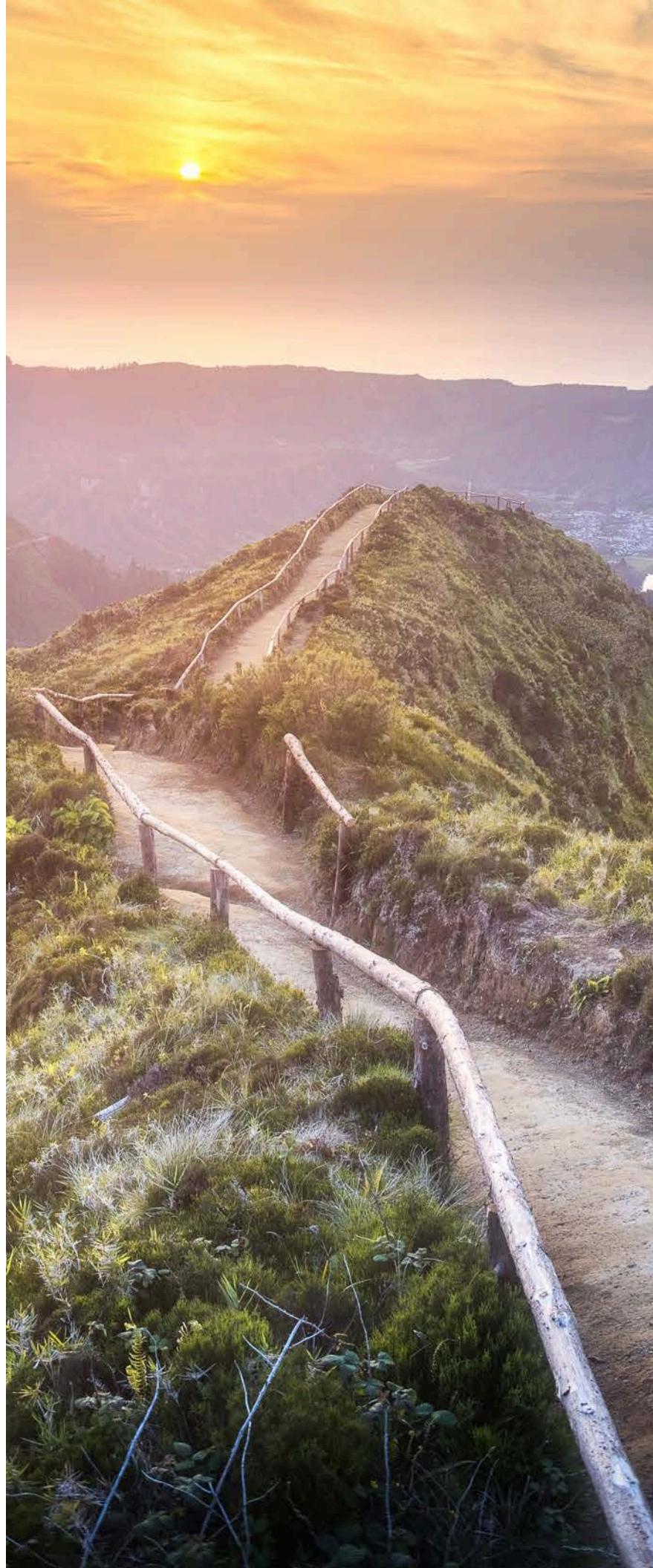
The day will end with a visit to the Gorreana Tea Factory, where you will learn about the island's tea industry and the tea production, still operated by 19th century machinery. Enjoy a tasting of the famous green and black tea while admiring the lush plantations and dramatic coastlines.



DAY 9: Leisure Day – São Miguel

Today enjoy a day at leisure.

Perhaps some optional activities



DAY 10: Departure

Today you will be transferred to the Airport

