

JULY 18-26, 2023

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Dear Vanderbilt Traveler,

You are invited to discover the exotic natural wonders of the Azores, Portugal's hidden gem! We are pleased to announce a very special alumni trip to this cutting-edge travel destination scheduled for July 2023. One of two autonomous regions of Portugal, this archipelago is composed of nine volcanic islands in the Macaronesia region of the North Atlantic Ocean.

Situated 930 miles directly west of Lisbon, this lush and untamed archipelago offers visitors an unexplored paradise replete with natural and culinary treasures. On the island of Pico, see the beauty of Arcos do Cachorro, Mistério de São João, and Fajã dos Vimes. Learn about the island's fascinating natural history at Gruta das Torres, the largest lava tube in the Azores. Continue to the island of São Miguel and experience its breathtaking beauty at Sete Cidades, Terra Nostra Park, Fogo Lake, and the hot springs of Furnas.

As stunning as the Azores geography can be, their cuisine is equally rewarding. Please your palette during a private visit to a local winery and cheese factory in Ponta dos Rosais. From the famous cozido to the local pastries and tea plantations, savor the wide range of Azorean tastes and traditions.

Space on this program is strictly limited. Contact us as soon as possible to reserve your place. We look forward to having you join us on this remarkable adventure.

Sincerely,

Cary

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program



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TUESDAY, JULY 18: DEPART USA**EN ROUTE**

Depart USA on your overnight flight(s) to Ponta Delgada, Azores. *(Your international flight can be arranged by DAI upon request.)*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19: PONTA DELGADA / PICO ISLAND**ALDEIA DA FONTE NATURE HOTEL**

Upon arrival to Ponta Delgada, connect to your internal flight to Pico Island, one of the most beautiful and lesser known islands of the Azores. The landscape features an eponymous volcano, Ponta do Pico, the highest mountain in Portugal. This evening gather for a Welcome to Azores Dinner. (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 20: PICO ISLAND**ALDEIA DA FONTE NATURE HOTEL**

Depart your hotel for Arcos do Cachorro, impressive rock formations made by the ocean in an exciting show of sound and color. Drive on to the area of “Misterios” – extensive lava flows from early volcanic eruptions. Stroll through the streets of charming São Roque village. Continue to Lajes, the first settlement on the island featuring quaint old houses with carved stonework and long balconies. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the whaler’s museum and it’s impressive collection of scrimshaw. (B,L)

FRIDAY, JULY 21: PICO ISLAND / SÃO JORGE ISLAND**ALDEIA DA FONTE NATURE HOTEL**

From Madalena pier take a private motorboat to enjoy the dramatic and exciting crossing of the strait between Pico and Faial islands. You may encounter whales and dolphins along the way. Arrive Horta pier and explore the colorful marina. There’s plenty time to delve into the cute shops and don’t miss visiting Peter Café Sport to try the local gin! (B,L)

SATURDAY, JULY 22: PICO ISLAND / SÃO MIGUEL ISLAND**GRAND AÇORES ATLÂNTICO HOTEL**

The morning is at leisure. Walk down the road to the local village or make your way down to the ocean for a dip in the inviting swimming lagoon. Transfer to Pico Airport for your mid-afternoon flight to São Miguel Island. Nicknamed “The Green Island,” it is the largest and most populous island in the Portuguese archipelago. Upon arrival you are transferred to your hotel. (B)

SUNDAY, JULY 23: SÃO MIGUEL / PONTA DELGADA**GRAND AÇORES ATLÂNTICO HOTEL**

Venture into this amazing countryside past luscious green pastures and dairy farms to Sete Cidades (Seven Cities), a small town on the western end of São Miguel Island. The town, with a population of less than 1000 residents, sits at the base of the Green and Blue Twin-Lakes, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of Portugal. According to legend, the lakes were formed from the tears of a shepherd and a princess who shared a forbidden love. See the island’s most breath-taking views from Vista do Rei Lookout. The balance of the afternoon is free for independent exploration...or go kayaking on the Sete Cidades Lake. (B,L)

MONDAY, JULY 24: SÃO MIGUEL / FURNAS**GRAND AÇORES ATLÂNTICO HOTEL**

Depart Ponta Delgada to Ribeira Grande, the center of the baroque art in São Miguel. Visit the Liqueurs Shop Ferreira, where the Passion Fruit Liqueur is the crown jewel (tasting included). Continue to the north coast with stops at the Belvedere of Santa Iria and the fascinating Gorreana tea factory where you sample their tasty blends! Head to the nearby town of Furnas, known for its natural volcanic fumaroles. The entire Furnas valley is a giant crater which last erupted in 1630. Your luncheon today is the unique Cozido, the Portuguese specialty of meats and vegetables prepared in volcanic fumaroles. Underground sealed clay pots simmer in the steam of the hot springs for six hours. Scrumptious! Visit Terra Nostra Park, one of the most beautiful gardens in Europe, featuring more than 2,000 different trees. Dinner tonight is at Magma Restaurant on your own account. (B,L)

TUESDAY, JULY 25: SÃO MIGUEL / LAGOA DO FOGO**GRAND AÇORES ATLÂNTICO HOTEL**

This morning’s excursion it to Fogo lake, one of the most beautiful lakes of São Miguel Island. From one of its viewpoints, it is possible to descend to the edge of the lake, walking along the peculiar white sand of pumice stone. The afternoon is free for independent exploration of São Miguel. This evening is your Farewell to Azores Dinner. (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26: DEPART PONTA DELGADA**EN ROUTE**

Transfer to Ponta Delgada Airport for your international return flight to USA. Welcome Home! (B)

POSTLUDE TO LISBON

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26: PONTA DELGADA / LISBON**INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON**

Transfer to Ponta Delgada Airport for your flight to Lisbon. This evening is a Welcome to Lisbon tapas dinner! (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 27: LISBON**INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON**

Take a private culinary walking tour. Lunch is at a charming restaurant! Afternoon visit the fascinating Water Museum. (B,L)

FRIDAY, JULY 28: LISBON**INTERCONTINENTAL LISBON**

Today, enjoy a day trip to Sintra, Cabo da Roca, and Cascais. Visit the Pena Palace, Regaleira Palace and its gardens, as well as Quinta da Regaleira, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon, tour Cabo da Roca, “the place where the land ends and the sea begins.” Continue to Cascais, traditionally a fishing port, and now a fashionable summer resort town. (B,L)

SATURDAY, JULY 29: DEPART LISBON / ARRIVE USA**EN ROUTE**

Transfer to Lisbon Airport for your departure flight to USA. Welcome Home!



Cost of Adventure:

THE AZORES PROGRAM: \$5,995 per person double occupancy **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,695**
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT BY JANUARY 31, 2023: SAVE \$400 PER COUPLE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
POSTLUDE TO LISBON: \$2,495 per person double occupancy **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$995**
AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED • GUIDANCE PROVIDED

Included in your program are:

- Hotel accommodations in Pico and Ponta Delgada as detailed above including buffet breakfast
- All touring mentioned in program on private basis including all entrance fees
 - DAI-select professional guide throughout the program • All transfers and touring by private air-conditioned vehicles
 - One-way internal flight Pico/Ponta Delgada based on economy class service
 - Meet & greet services at all airports for arrivals and departures
 - Meals as indicated by **(B), (L), (D)** **B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner (7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners)**
 - Gratuities for guides, drivers, restaurant service per the itinerary

Not Included are:

- International airfare from USA to Pico Island and return to USA including applicable taxes • Flights Ponta Delgada/Lisbon/USA on Lisbon Extension • Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone/Wifi, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages unless indicated otherwise, incidental expenses at hotels, etc. • Medical and travel insurance (*highly recommended*)
- Excursions and activities not included in the program • Additional discretionary gratuities for guides
 - Early check-in and/or late check-out from hotels (*can be arranged at an additional cost*)

Payment Schedule:

- A \$1500 per person deposit is required to confirm services.
 - Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.
- Payment is accepted by personal check, wire transfer and all major credit cards.

Rates & Fares:

- All rates shown are accurate at the time of publication and are subject to change.
- All prices are based upon foreign exchange rates the company feels will be in effect at the time of departure.
- These prices are subject to change resulting from fluctuations in exchange rates.

Refunds & Cancellations:

All cancellations must be in writing. **The per person cancelation charges are:**

- More than 90 days prior to departure: 50% of deposit
- 89-60 days prior to departure: 50% of tour price
- 59-30 days prior to departure: 75% of tour price
- Less than 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour price

There is no refund for a partially completed tour or for unused services of any kind.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.



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AZORES PROGRAM DEPOSIT

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- POSTLUDE TO LISBON:** An additional deposit of \$500 pp is required

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