

SAILING ROUTE AZORES





INTRODUCTION

Hello sailors,

Welcome to the Azores.

Enjoy your sailing vacation while discovering the Seas of Azores, a unique destination in Portugal. Find your way between the wonders of these nine islands while being accompanied by dolphins.

When sailing around the coastline of an island, it is possible to see the green landscape descending towards the crystal clear waters of the ocean. Get ready to make your nautical miles and to "Free Your Inner Captain".

In this document you'll find some extra information to help you on your way this sailing trip.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the Azores! Follow the suggested route to see some of the most beautiful places that Portugal has to offer.

WEATHER

The weather in the Azores is changeable! The islands enjoy a mild temperate climate throughout the year and benefit from the Gulf Stream; a current of warm water that heads north east from the Gulf of Mexico. The average air temperature varies between 11 and 26°C depending on the time of year and the surrounding ocean averages between 15 and 25°C.

TIME ZONE

Azores Time (GMT-1.00).

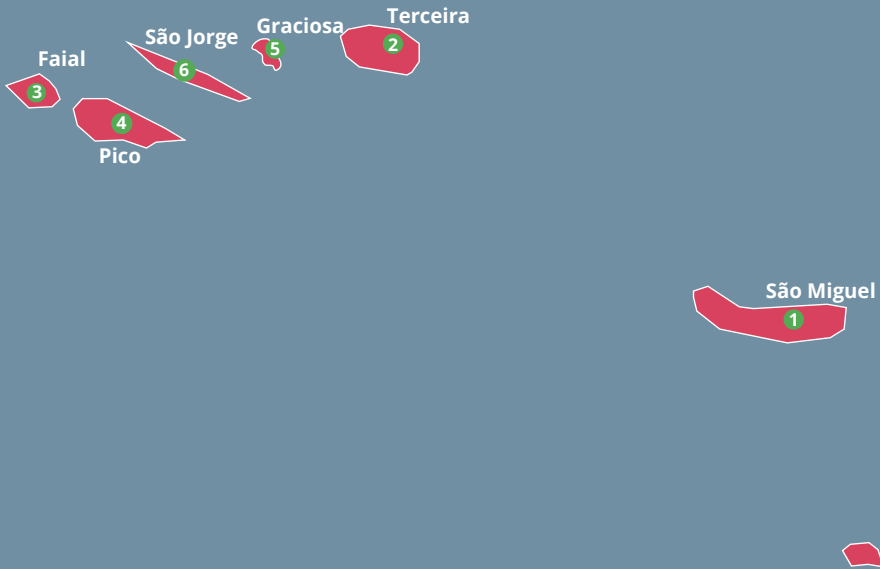
CURRENCY

Euro - €

LANGUAGE

Portuguese





SAILING ROUTE

DAY 1: São Miguel - Terceira
78 Nautical Miles

Day 2: Terceira - Faial
61 Nautical Miles

Day 3: Faial - Pico
14 Nautical Miles

Day 4: Pico - Graciosa
37 Nautical Miles

Day 5: Graciosa - São Jorge
33 Nautical Miles

Day 6: São Jorge - Terceira
42 Nautical Miles

Day 7: Terceira - São Miguel
78 Nautical Miles

TOTAL SAILING DISTANCE

343 Nautical Miles

GENERAL TIPS

- Weather forecast: VHF Channel 16
- Emergencies: VHF Channel 16
- Sunrise will be approximately 6:15 AM and sunset will be approximately 9.00 PM.





SÃO MIGUEL

São Miguel is the biggest island of the archipelago, with 62.1 km in length and 15.8 km at its maximum width.

Together with Santa Maria, located 81 km away, São Miguel is part of the Eastern Group of the Azores Archipelago.

With an altitude of 1,105 m, Pico da Vara is the island's highest point.

São Miguel's diverse scenery is a pleasant awakening to visitors, with beautiful lakes, sandy beaches, rolling hills, high mountains, green plains and blue ocean.

São Miguel is also the island in the Azores with the most to offer. Its cosmopolitan town of Ponta Delgada offers the visitor a blend of contemporary life with historic flavor. São Miguel monuments, turn of the century architecture, parks and cobble stone streets are interlaced with a modern marina, nice restaurants, shopping, bars, night-clubs, and ocean-front cafes.

RESTAURANT TIP

Boca de Cena

Largo San Joao, No 4 | Em Frente Ao Teatro Micaelense, Ponta Delgada, São Miguel

TERCEIRA

Terceira was known as the island of Jesus Christ as it was settled by Portuguese navigators. Terceira's settlement was started on or about 1450 when its captaincy was granted to a Fleming, Jacome de Bruges, by Prince Henry the Navigator.

The first settlements were situated in the areas of Porto Judeu and Praia da Vitoria and soon extended throughout the island.

Terceira Island (the "lilac" island) is located approximately 90 miles off São Miguel and 66 miles off Faial.

After a violent earthquake in 1980, and the subsequent reconstruction of the city, a large portion of Angra's historical center has been classified of "public interest", and is included in the UNESCO's list of World Patrimony since 1986.

Angra do Heroismo also features one of the best public libraries and archives in Portugal and also retains some important

RESTAURANT TIP

Ti Choa

Grota do Margarida 1 | Terceira





FAIAL

Faial is the island of nautical sports and a must stop for all serious yachtsmen.

Horta bay and the Pico-Fail straight know as “O Canal” (the channel) to the locals, are privileged areas for practicing sailing, windsurfing and rowing. The curvy coast, the volcanic ocean floor and the wealth of flora and fauna provide divers with hours of pleasure. But it is yachting that best defines its vocation as an island that lives for the sea.

JThe Horta marina has expanded the capacity to receive and support large port yachts, thus consecrating the town nautical and sporting tradition, and consolidating its role as a safe and welcoming port on the North Atlantic.

Horta is the ideal starting point for a dream cruise round the archipelago. To unravel its secrets, spend pleasant days in good company, appreciating the vast clear horizons shaded by the greenery and masses of flowers of the islands.

RESTAURANT TIP

Restaurante O Esconderijo
Rua Janalves 3 | Cedros, Faial Island 9900-341

PICO

The crystal blue ocean surrounding Pico is an invitation to fish and to practice underwater observation of rock formations and rich sea flora and fauna.

Swimming is possible in the various natural pools along the coast, and the occasional sand beach that pops up every year. Our favorite swimming holes are Madalena, Santo Antonio, Sao Roque and Prainha.

Walking, trekking, hiking trails are abundant features in Pico. The size of the island makes it possible not to have to repeat a walk or hike. Those with endurance may want to climb up Pico Mountain, a task that can be more or less difficult depending on the chosen access.

But it is the simple charms of the island of Pico, made up of green pastures, maize fields, sweet-smelling orchards and dark lava fields, that excite those who seek to discover, by walking, all the attractions of the youngest island of the Azores born from the ashes.

RESTAURANT TIP

Restaurante Marisqueira Ancoradouro
Rua João de Lima Whitton | Areia Larga, Madalena, Pico
9950-302





GRACIOSA

Graciosa features two small beaches of soft sand at Praia and a natural pool at Carapacho. Formed by volcanic rocks, Graciosa satisfies the needs of swimmers and sunbathers, with its sunshine and the sea. Praia and Santa Cruz da Graciosa offer good natural conditions for the practice of sailing, windsurfing and water skiing.

It is nevertheless the marine depths along the coast of Graciosa that provide the major attraction for those who like to spend their holidays with ocean activities. The transparent waters hide grottoes and rocks with strange shapes and varied colors covered with seaweed and mollusks.

The wealth of fish of all sizes and colors thrills divers and making them feel they have plunged into a world made up of shining shoals. The whole coast of Graciosa provides excellent conditions for diving.

Fishing from rocks or boats allows interesting catches of barracuda, oceanic bonito, scorpion-fish, conger eel, bream, amberjack, comber, fork beard, moray eel, grouper, wrasse, pork-fish, perch, octopus and lobster.

RESTAURANT TIP

Restaurante Quinta das Grotas
Caminho Das Grotas, nº28 | Santa Cruz Da Graciosa,
Graciosa 9880-020t

SÃO JORGE

Sao Jorge Island is a paradise for sports fisherman and scuba divers interested in underwater observation.

In Sao Jorge one will find an enormous number of fish along the coast. To hunters Sao Jorge offers rabbits and pigeons (yes you read it right). But it is the varied landscape, made up of broad views of a succession of verdant levels, fascinating for walkers.

Thrilling and exciting scenes of deep ravines (Fajas) disappearing into the sea, geometrical shapes of cones of extinct volcanoes, and colorful hues of wild flowers make Sao Jorge arguably the best trekking island, second only to Sao Miguel.

RESTAURANT TIP

Dona Amelia

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