

Santo Christo 2017

Itinerary

- MAY 16 Tuesday BOSTON/PONTA DELGADA**
Evening departure aboard *AZORES AIRLINES* for our transatlantic overnight flight to Ponta Delgada. Dinner will be served onboard accompanied by a selection of Portuguese wines to complement your meal.
- MAY 17 Wednesday PONTA DELGADA**
We will arrive in the early morning at João Paulo II Airport in Ponta Delgada. After clearing customs, we will be transferred to our four star hotel. The rest of the day is to rest and relax. (B)
- MAY 18 Thursday PONTA DELGADA/FURNAS**
Today we will be off on our first full day tour. We begin by traveling along the southern coast heading toward Vila Franca where we will stop to sample some “Queijadas da Vila”. We will also stop at the pottery factory in Lagoa, followed by stops at scenic points along the coast. We then head towards the Lagoa das Furnas to view the geothermic ovens that cook the traditional cozido, afterwards we head towards the village of Furnas where lunch will be served. After lunch we will walk around the village to view “Caldeiras”, then depart the village and make our way North stopping at the scenic points of “Pico de Ferro”, “Salto do Cavalo” and Ribeira dos Caldeirões in Nordeste. On our return to Ponta Delgada, we will make a stop at the Gorreana Tea Plantation, one of the oldest tea plantations in Europe and we’ll be able to sample their teas. (B, L)
- MAY 19 Friday PONTA DELGADA**
Today is the beginning of the Santo Christo Feast. The day is at your leisure and in the evening we will head to “Solar da Graça” restaurant, where we will have dinner, followed by an Azorean folkloric dancing show. (B, D)
- MAY 20 Saturday PONTA DELGADA**
Today the city of Ponta Delgada becomes alive with activities. In the afternoon, there will be a procession of Senhor Santo Christo around the Campo de São Francisco. In the evening the statue of Senhor Santo Christo will be relocated from the Igreja de Esperança to Igreja de São José, the festivities will continue late into the night. (B)
- MAY 21 Sunday PONTA DELGADA**
In the morning the streets of Ponta Delgada become decorated with greens and flowers for the afternoon procession. At four in the afternoon the procession begins in front of the Convento da Esperança and continuing throughout the streets of Ponta Delgada returning to the Convento da Esperança in the early evening. We will meet at the Hotel Talisman at 8PM for dinner. (B, D)
- MAY 22 Monday PONTA DELGADA/SETE CIDADES/LAGOA DO FOGO**
Today we will be off on our full day tour of Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo. We begin by making a short visit to a pineapple plantation. There we will see how the pineapple is cultivated, followed by a sampling of the pineapple liquor. We then proceed to visit the Lagoa dos Canarios and Lagoa de Santiago. After that we make a climb to the famous “Vista do Rei” for a panoramic view of the two lakes of Sete Cidades. A typical lunch will then be served. After lunch we head to the Lagoa do Fogo, making stops in Ribeira Grande and Caldeira Velha. At the top of Lagoa do Fogo we are able to see both the north and south coasts of São Miguel. (B, L)

MAY 23 Tuesday PONTA DELGADA/BOSTON

Today we say goodbye to the beautiful island of Sao Miguel. We hope that on the flight back you reminisce of the good times that you had on the trip. (B)

TRIP SUMMARY

AIRFARE: Roundtrip airfare from Boston to Ponta Delgada on Azores Airlines.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Royal Garden ****
OR
Hotel Marina Atlantico ****

TOURS: Full day tour of Furnas and Caldeiroes - Nordeste including lunch
Full day tour of Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo including lunch

MEALS: As indicated (B=BREAKFAST, L=LUNCH, D=Dinner)
11-MEALS (7) BREAKFAST (2) LUNCH (2) DINNER

PRICE: \$1,899.00 (Inclusive of taxes of approximately \$89.83)

The above price is per person based on double occupancy and includes roundtrip airfare from Boston Logan Airport, 6 nights hotel stay, 2 full day tours of the island, 11 meals and roundtrip transfers to and from the airport to the hotel.

A deposit of \$800.00 (non-refundable) per person is due to book the tour, and full payment is due by March 17th, 2017.

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