

Santo Christo Tour 2012



May 8, 2012 - May 15, 2012

São Miguel-Azores-Portugal

MAY 8, 2012
Tuesday
BOSTON/PONTA DELGADA
Evening departure aboard SATA INTERNATIONAL 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 9, 2012
Wednesday
PONTA DELGADA
You will arrive in the early morning at João Paulo Airport in Ponta Delgada. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the Hotel Avenida, the rest of the day will be at leisure. In the evening you will be treated to a "Welcome Dinner" at a local restaurant. (B,D)

MAY 10, 2012
Thursday
PONTA DELGADA/FURNAS/NORDESTE
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 at the Pottery Factory in Lagoa, followed by stops at scenic points. 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 off 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 11, 2012
Friday
PONTA DELGADA
The day is at your leisure. Today is the beginning of the Santo Christo Feast, in the evening we will have dinner followed by a folkloric dancing show. (B, D)

MAY 12, 2012
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 13, 2012
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 later in the evening for dinner. (B,D)

MAY 14, 2012
Monday
PONTA DELGADA/SETE CIDADES/
LAGOA do FOGO
Today we will be off on our full-day tour to Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo. We begin by making a short visit to a pineapple plantation. We then proceed to visit the Lagoa dos Canarios and Lagoa de Santiago. After that we make a climb to the 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 15, 2012
Tuesday

PONTA DELGADA /BOSTON

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



TRIP SUMMARY

AIRFARE: ROUNDRIP AIRFARE FROM BOSTON TO PONTA DELGADA ON SATA INTERNATIONAL

ACCOMMODATION: HOTEL AVENIDA ****

Rua Dr. José Bruno Tavares Carreiro, Açores
9500-119 Ponta Delgada, Portugal

TOURS: FULL DAY TOUR OF FURNAS AND NORDESTE
 FULL DAY TOUR OF SETE CIDADES AND LAGOA DO FOGO

MEALS: As indicated (B=BREAKFAST, L=LUNCH, D=Dinner)
 11-MEALS (6) BREAKFAST (2) LUNCH (3) DINNER

PRICE

Price: \$1,349.00 Plus Tax: \$315.00

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

A deposit of \$400.00 per person is due to book the tour.
Full payment is due by March 31, 2012.

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