

Green Island Itinerary

BOSTON/PONTA DELGADA

Evening depart from airport to Ponta Delgada on SATA International. Your flight from Boston Departs at 10:15PM and you will be arriving in the Azores in the early morning.

Day 1

PONTA DELGADA

After clearing customs in Ponta Delgada, your guide will meet you to pick you up and take you to your hotel. After checking in at your hotel, the rest of the day is for you to relax and explore the city of Ponta Delgada.

Day 2

PONTA DELGADA

In the morning, your guide will meet you at your hotel for your first day tour. You depart from Ponta Delgada and head north to Ribeira Grande. There you will explore the 2nd settlement of the island. Our next stop you will visit one of Europe's oldest tea plantation. The tour of the plantation will show how the tea is cut, dried and then processed. Continue to the Furnas Valley; there you can stop to have the famous "cozido" for lunch. Afterwards you will visit the town with its geysers and springs, where you will get to sample the water. As we start heading back to Ponta Delgada you make stops in Vila Franca do Campo and Lagoa known for its ceramics factory. You should arrive back in Ponta Delgada around 6 PM.

Day 3

PONTA DELGADA

The day is at your leisure to enjoy the island. If you'd like, there are whale watching tours that head out daily from the Ponta Delgada marina.

Day 4

PONTA DELGADA

Today, we recommend that you relax and enjoy the city of Ponta Delgada. In Ponta Delgada, stroll through the narrow streets and observe the local people, good to the farmers market, look at the different styles of architecture of the buildings and churches. Also, stroll along the *Avenida Marginal*, the avenue along the sea, stopping at a local café to enjoy the local beer, or the variety of coffee drinks and teas, as well as enjoy lunch at one of many locals restaurants, several options ranging from Vegetarian to Traditional to American. As you walk about town, stop at the various local shops and pick up a souvenir as a reminder of your trip to this beautiful island..

Day 5

PONTA DELGADA

Today we are going on a full day tour with lunch to Sete Cidades, the famous twin lakes that is one of the seven natural wonders of Portugal. First stop will be a Pineapple Plantation. The guide explains how the pineapple is cultivated in the greenhouses as well you see the various stages of growing. At the end of the visit we receive a delicious sampling of "licor" made from the pineapple. After visiting the plantation we make our way along the Southwest part of the island, where you can view the green pastures of the island and also the blue Atlantic Ocean. Our first stop will be Lagoa dos Canarios, then Vista do Rei, viewing the famous blue and green lakes of Sete Cidades. After viewing and photographing the famous lakes, we decent to the village of Sete Cidades, while there we will be able to visit the quaint Church of *Sao Nicolau* before lunch. After lunch we proceed to the coastal road taking us to view such parishes as

Mosteiros, the city of Ribeira Grande as well as the lake *Lagoa do Fogo*. We then return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 6

PONTA DELGADA

Today is a free day, you can head over to one of the many black sand beaches on the island. The closest to the city is *Praia do Populo*, located in the town of São Roque. If you prefer walking, there are several walking trails that take you to view the natural beauty of the island; lakes, islets, fauna and flora.

Day 7

PONTA DELGADA/BOSTON

After breakfast, the morning will be at your leisure to do any last minute shopping. In the afternoon around 1:00PM, you will head back to the airport for your flight back to the United States.



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