

Sample Sao Miguel 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. A tour of the plantation will show how the tea is cut, then 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 18th Century Terra Nostra Park, with its 20 hectare of different varieties of Plants and Trees. As we start heading back to Ponta Delgada you make stops in Vila Franca do Campo and Lagoa. 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. 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. You can also visit the ilheu of Vila Franca, a small little island located just off the city of Vila Franca do Campo

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 Plantations. The guide explains how the pineapple is cultivated in the greenhouses and 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 parish as Mosteiros, the city of Ribeira Grande and 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

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 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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