

Tri City Tour 2017

Itinerary

- MAY 9** **Tuesday** **BOSTON/LISBON**
Evening departure aboard *Azores Airlines* for our transatlantic overnight flight to Lisbon via Ponta Delgada. Dinner will be served onboard accompanied by a selection of Portuguese wines to complement your meal.
- MAY 10** **Wednesday** **LISBON**
You will arrive in the morning at Humberto Delgado airport in Lisbon. After clearing customs, you will be transferred to your four star hotel. The rest of the afternoon is for you to rest and relax. In the evening we will meet for our welcome dinner, followed by a fado performance. (D)
- MAY 11** **Thursday** **LISBON/CASCAIS/ESTORIL/SINTRA**
You will have a full day tour, exploring Estoril Coast and Cascais, visiting Guincho Beach and Cabo da Roca, Europe's westernmost point, stopping on the National Palace in Sintra. You will also see the Sintra - Cascais Natural Park, during your tour you will stop in a local restaurant for lunch. (B, L)
- MAY 12** **Friday** **LISBON/ ÓBIDOS/ NAZARÉ/ FÁTIMA**
We begin the day by heading north visiting the historical landmark of Óbidos, a town known for its medieval castle. For lunch we will stop at the fishing village of Nazaré. Following lunch we continue onto Fatima, with a brief stop in Batalha to view its gothic style monastery. We arrive in Fátima in the late afternoon, where we will be served dinner. Following dinner, you will be on your own to visit the sanctuary, churches and chapel as well as participate in the candlelight vigil. We head back to Lisbon in the late evening. (B, L, D)
- MAY 13** **Saturday** **FATIMA/LISBON**
We depart this morning to Fátima to attend mass and for the final ceremonies. Afterwards we will have lunch in or around Fátima. (B, L)
- MAY 14** **Sunday** **LISBON/FUNCHAL**
Today we say goodbye to Lisbon and say hello to Madeira. We will be picked up at the hotel early morning and transferred to the airport for our flight to Funchal. Upon arrival at Madeira Airport we will be transferred to the Hotel Pestana Casino Park. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)
- MAY 15** **Monday** **FUNCHAL/PORTO MONIZ**
Today is our full day tour of the Western part of the island of Funchal. We begin by taking the Estrada Monumental to Camara de Lobos; we then cross the island in a south to north direction passing along the steep coastline until we arrive to Porto Moniz, there we will be served lunch. On our return to Funchal we will pass through Sao Roque do Faial, Ribeiro Frio, Terreiro da Luta and onto the Monte before returning to our hotel in the early evening. (B, L)
- MAY 16** **Tuesday** **FUNCHAL/SANTANA**
Today we depart Funchal in the direction of Camacha. Camacha is the center of the handicrafts made of canes (vimes). Here we make a brief stop and then continue to Poiso and Pico da Arieiro, 2nd highest point in Madeira. We continue north to Faial and stop for lunch on the way, as we proceed to Santana, to view costumes and cultural essences of the region, like the typical houses of Santana. We return to Funchal late afternoon passing through Machico. (B, L)
- MAY 17** **Wednesday** **FUNCHAL**
Today the day is at your leisure and in the evening a Madeira style dinner of "Carne de Espeto" will be served and we will be entertained by a local folklore group. (B, D)

- MAY 18 Thursday FUNCHAL/PONTA DELGADA**
Today we say goodbye to Madeira and hello to Sao Miguel. We will be picked up at the hotel in the early afternoon and transferred to the airport for our flight to Ponta Delgada. Upon arrival in Ponta Delgada, we will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)
- MAY 19 Friday PONTA DELGADA/FURNAS**
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. Later in the evening we will head to “Solar da Graça” restaurant, where we will have dinner, followed by an Azorean folkloric dancing show. (B,L,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 Portugal on Azores Airlines.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

LISBON
Hotel Mundial****

PONTA DELGADA
Hotel Marina Atlantico ****
OR
Hotel Royal Garden *****

FUNCHAL
Pestana Casino Park*****

TOURS:

- *Full Day Tour of Óbidos, Nazaré, Batalha and Fátima including lunch and dinner;
- *Full Day Tour of Sinta and Cascais including lunch.
- *Fado Dinner show.
- *Full Day Tour of Porto Moniz including lunch;
- *Full Day Tour of Santana including lunch;
- *Madeiran Carne Espeto dinner
- *Full Day Tour of Furnas including lunch
- *Full Day Tour of Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo including lunch.

MEALS: 25 - MEALS = (13) BREAKFAST, (7) LUNCH, (5) DINNER

PRICE: \$3,599.00 (Inclusive of taxes of approximately \$107.15)
The above price is per person based on double occupancy. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 per person is due to book the tour and full payment is due by April 1, 2017.
Purchase of Trip Insurance is highly recommended.

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