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# **The Azores**

with Optional 3-Night Lisbon Post Tour Extension

**October 10 – 22, 2024** 



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HIGHLIGHTS... Off-Road Sete Cidades Experience, Choice on Tour: Terra Nostra Botanical Garden or Thermal Pool Experience, Furnas Valley, Home-Hosted Dinner, Angra do Heroismo, Algar do Carvao, Natural Volcanic Pools, Volcanic Stone House Stay, Pico Wine Museum

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	Grand Hotel Acores Atlantico, Ponta Delgada, Azores
Days 6, 7	Aldeia da Fonte Nature Hotel, Pico
Days 8 – 10	Zenite Boutique Hotel & Spa, Terceira, Azores
Days 11, 12	Bessa Hotel Liberdade, Lisbon
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Day 1: Thursday, October 10, 2024 Overnight Flight** From volcanic craters and thermal waters to lush vegetation and picturesque coasts, enjoy the natural splendor of this Portuguese archipelago and see why the Azores are commonly referred to as "the Hawaii of Europe."

**Day 2: Friday, October 11, 2024 São Miguel, Açores, Portugal -Tour Begins** This is the Azores. A set of islands virtually untouched by urban development. Your adventure begins on São Miguel, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. Relax and explore as you wish, perhaps sit along the seaside promenade and breathe in the mild air of the Atlantic.

**Day 3: Saturday, October 12, 2024 Ponta Delgada** Get to know Ponta Delgada, the capital city of São Miguel, on a morning walking tour of the area. This afternoon, traverse the dirt paths to the Sete Cidades caldera's highest point on an off-road adventure. On your way, gaze down upon the blue lake (reflecting the sky) and the adjacent green lake (reflecting the lush vegetation). As you take in the greenery around you, an **Impact Moment** introduces how our partnership with a local company is supporting reforestation efforts on the island. Celebrate the beginning of your journey with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (*B*, *D*)

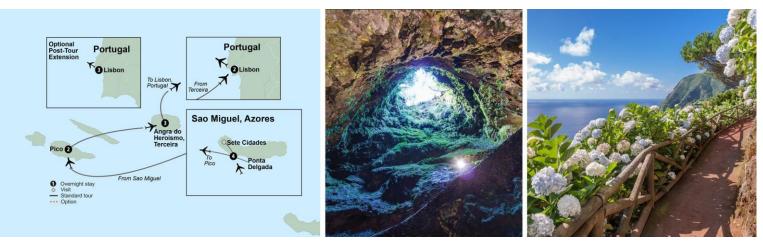
**Day 4: Sunday, October 13, 2024 São Miguel** Start the day with a visit to one of the few remaining basket weavers on the island. Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this father-son enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, **it's your choice!** Enjoy the thermal waters at the Terra Nostra pool,\* built in the 18th century by the American consul to the Azores **-OR-** embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden. For lunch, enjoy a traditional *cozido das furnas* meal, where your food is cooked in the earth's volcanic heat. Later, continue on to the green fields of a nearby tea plantation where we will learn about this unique crop before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. (*B*, *L*)

**Day 5: Monday, October 14, 2024 São Miguel** Today enjoy a full free day to explore Sao Miguel at your own pace. Or you may choose to join a *Flavors of Sao Miguel* optional tour where you will taste your way through some of the unique products this island has to offer. At a local *quinta*, taste Azorean gin, blended with botanicals and seaweed and learn how a local foundation supports local marine conservation. End this optional excursion with a light lunch of locally-sourced ingredients. Regardless of how you choose to spend your day, gather tonight for a home-hosted dinner at a local village. *(B, D)* 

**Day 6: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 São Miguel - Madalena, Pico** Board your flight to Pico, one of the most unique Azorean islands. Start with a visit to the Pico Wine Museum, where you will learn about the uniqueness and adaptability of the wine production on the island. See firsthand why the vineyard landscape is labeled as a UNESCO Heritage site. End the day at the rustic lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte, an eco-sustainable hotel and your home for the next two nights. Enjoy dinner at this cliffside abode. (*B*, *D*)

**Day 7: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 Pico** Bring your walking shoes today and start your day on *Lagoa do Capitao* and look out over Sao Jorge Island in the distance. Travel to one of the most prestigious wine producers in the archipelago for a tasting. After, visit the whaling museum that highlights the historical ties of the industry to the culture of the islands. Learn about the importance of whaling to Pico through the 1980s and the transition from hunting to protecting these giants of the oceans. End your day with an included dinner at a local restaurant. (*B*, *D*)

**Day 8: Thursday, October 17, 2024 Pico - Angra do Heroismo, Terceira** Board your flight to Terceira and say hello to the colorful capital of Angra do Heroismo (UNESCO) with a local guide. Restored in traditional style, the city features white facades and



### Per Person Rates<sup>\*</sup>: Double \$4,899; Single \$5,699

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Logan Intl Airport, Inter-flights from Joao Paulo II, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

### Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$4,190

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

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vibrant trims. Learn about the Holy Ghost Chapels, known locally as *Imperios*, and customs surrounding this tradition. Tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 9: Friday, October 18, 2024 Terceira** Start your day with a swim\* in the natural volcanic pools of Biscoitos. Later, on your way to Algar do Carvao, stop at Serra do Cume viewpoint where views of the agricultural fields and their neat orderly stone walls will take your breath away. At Algar do Carvao, the "Cavern of Coal," feel the quiet stillness as you descend into this ancient lava tube. Enjoy the evening to explore Angra do Heroismo as you wish. (*B*)

**Day 10: Saturday, October 19, 2024 Terceira** Today, the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may choose to join an optional tour to the western side of Terceira in the morning, sipping coffee at an organic coffee plantation and tasting locally grown bananas along the way and ending at a family-owned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. End the day at a tapas home-hosted dining experience. (*B*, *D*)

**Day 11: Sunday, October 20, 2024 Terceira - Lisbon** Say farewell to the Azores archipelago as you head to Lisbon in continental Europe. Lisbon, known as the city of the seven hills, and the starting point of many of its 15th century explorations, was also the departure point of many of its immigrants that crossed the Atlantic searching for a better life. Check in to your hotel after your flight and enjoy a free night. (*B*)

**Day 12: Monday, October 21, 2024 Lisbon** Start your morning with a panoramic tour of Belem. See the imposing 16th century Jeronimos Monastery and the Belem Tower, a fortress built to protect Lisbon and later used as a prison. Return to downtown Lisbon and join a walking food tour in one of the historical neighborhoods of Lisbon. Every corner of the city seems to be about to tell you a story, with a unique character and "*tascas*" with delicious "*petiscos*". Enjoy free time for the rest of the afternoon before you gather for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

### Experience It! Sete Cidades

Sete Cidades is a parish on the island of São Miguel and encompasses a colossal volcanic crater. Within the crater lies two picturesque lakes adjacent to each other and connected by a miniscule strait. Despite their close proximity, one lake appears blue and the other green. Legend claims that the lakes were formed from the tears of a forlorn princess and shepherd that could not be together. The different colors of the lakes represent the hues of the lovers' eyes – green and blue respectively. However, despite the folklore romanticism, the varying colors of the water are actually a result of reflection; the blue lake reflects the sky and the green lake reflects the surrounding earth. Regardless of its origin, the basin contains lush greenery, abundant hydrangeas, and scenic lookouts. The caldera is best explored from the outer rim, where you'll be able to see the entirety of Lagoa das Sete Cidades.

### **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

**Optional 4 Days 3-Night Lisbon Post Tour Extension** Per Person Rates: \$799.00 USD double, \$1,099.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1145590 **Day 13: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 Lisbon - Tour Ends** Say *adeus* (goodbye) to Portugal and the Azores as you depart this coastal paradise. (*B*)

### PLEASE NOTE:

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit

www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Island activities are subject to change due to internal flight arrival times.

## Travel with no more than 24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

\*Bathing suits are required if partaking in the thermal water pools. You may choose to bring a towel from home, as well as water shoes as these will not be provided onsite.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). During your Lisbon walking food tour, you will need to comfortably navigate uneven cobblestone sidewalks and some steep streets for the duration of the walking tour. You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to flight schedules, a post night may be required (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of booking.

Complete passport information is required for this tour at time of deposit or by a maximum of 90 days prior to your tour departure.



For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

The internal flights on this tour are from São Miguel to Pico (55 minutes), Pico to Terceira (30 minutes), and Terceira to Lisbon (2 hours, 30 minutes).

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 04, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 11, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until March 11, 2024.

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> For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1145590. You can also find this information on your tour documents.



If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to Collette. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

### **CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

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### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

### Ponta Delgada, Azores

### Flavors of Sao Miguel

Taste your way through the unique, natural flavors of São Miguel. This afternoon, stop at a local gin production facility, where traditional botanical ingredients like rosemary and juniper are blended with local, sustainably sourced seaweed. Drinks and bottles of gin sold here support marine conservation locally, through a donation to the Ocean Azores Foundation. Enjoy a light, farmhouse-style lunch on the beautiful grounds of the facility. Cap off this afternoon excursion with a visit to a pineapple plantation that is more than 100 years old. You'll see the plantation and where the pineapples grow before getting the chance to sip on an expertly prepared pineapple cocktail. *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

### Terceira, Azores

## Western Island Tour: Monte Brasil, Coffee & Banana Plantation & \$85 USD Lunch

This morning, see what lies on the western side of Terceira Island. Take in the beautiful coastal views along the way before visiting a banana plantation, where bright green banana leaves and blue skies meet. After sipping on coffee and sampling some bananas or other seasonal fruits, you'll visit a family-owned cheese factory. The family owns cows that roam freely with plenty of space and grass at a nearby farm, and many say the milk of these "happy cows" leads to a tastier cheese. After learning about the production process and the family history, gather for a light lunch of local products. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours*. Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

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### Optional 4 Days 3-Night Lisbon Post Tour Extension

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### Day 13: Lisbon

Experience Lisbon, Portugal's capital city where old traditions intermingle with modern twists. See the city on a lively tuk-tuk tour, zooming through the urban energy from the back seat of an open-air vehicle. Venture through the city's beloved neighborhoods. After becoming acquainted with the area, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore on your own.

### Day 14: Lisbon - Mafra - Ericeira - Obidos - Lisbon

Enjoy this day to discover a whole new region, starting in Mafra, where the great convent stands out from the small town. Reach the cliffs of Ericeira to Explore the picture-perfect city of Obidos, where white-washed houses sit snug within medieval city walls. *Today breakfast will be included.* 

### Day 15: Lisbon

The day is yours! Take advantage of your day at leisure; maybe stroll along Praca do Comercio, or even make your way to São Jorge Castle for a sprawling panorama of the city. Gather in the evening for dinner in a local restaurant, getting a taste of some of Portugal's favorite flavors. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.* 

### Day 16: Lisbon - Extension Ends

Wish Lisbon goodbye as you depart for home. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

A **Hosted Extension** is great for travelers who like to spend full days exploring places on their own by foot or public transportation. A dedicated Tour Manager will not be present during this extension.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 2. This means you can partake in a two-hour walking tour covering up to 2 miles (including breaks), over a variety of terrains. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease and handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.