

Wayfaring Walks



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The Azores

Highlights

- Stunning waterfalls and a beautiful coastline
- Visit Europe's oldest tea plantation
- Pineapple farm visit
- Dolphin and whale-watching boat trip
- Geysers, bubbling mud pots and thermal spa baths
- The Azores' lively capital Ponta Delgada

Dates: 3 May - 9 May 2026
27 Sep - 3 Oct 2026

Trip: 6 nights

Walk Level: 3- Moderate

Terrain: Small dirt roads and paths through forest and valleys, a boat journey, some steep inclines and descents. 4-8 miles walking per day

Price: **\$ 6,495** Per Person, Double Occupancy
US\$1000 Deposit, Balance 90 Days
Single Supplement \$900

Arrival: Ponta Delgada Airport

Departure: Ponta Delgada Airport

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About Your Walk

Scattered like stepping stones in the mid-Atlantic, The Azores are nine under-the-radar volcanic isles blessed with a temperate ocean climate, lush forests, spectacular waterfalls, and vibrantly colored volcanic lagoons.

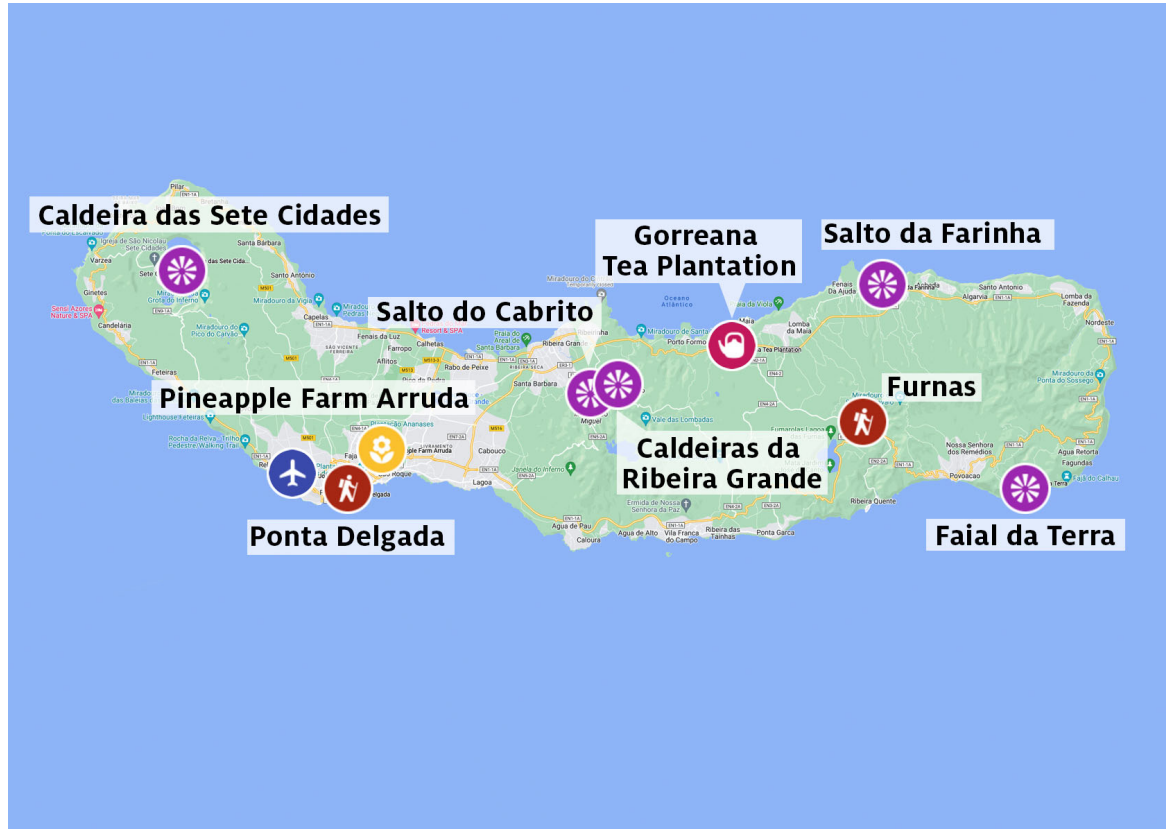
Our base is São Miguel Island, famous for its volcanic landscape peppered with bubbling geysers, colourful flora and rich marine life. One unforgettable morning we take a boat to go dolphin and whale-watching.

The island is the only place in the world where pineapples are commercially grown in greenhouses and, as an autonomous region of Portugal, we'll discover Europe's oldest tea plantation.

That distinctive Portuguese flavor means we enjoy the best of southern European cuisine here, with a delicious island twist.

Ponta Delgada, the Azores' capital, is a delightful city to explore on foot with history-rich churches, vibrant markets, and lush green landscapes. And after a day on the trail, the bliss of hot springs and thermal bathing pools awaits weary walkers!

Walk Location



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Walk Itinerary

Sunday

Meet at Ponta Delgada–João Paulo II Airport We meet at Ponta Delgada Airport and transfer to our hotel in Furnas. Enjoy a wonderful Welcome cocktail and dinner at the hotel.

Overnight : Octant Furnas Hotel
Furnas

Monday

After breakfast we transfer to the north side of the island and walk through lush forests, spot historic landmarks and enjoy the breathtaking ocean views. The serene Poço Azul is a beautiful blue lake, not far from the marvel that is the Salto da Farinha waterfall. After lunch we transfer to the viewpoint at Pico do Ferro and descend the old stone steps down the steep slope to the crater floor where active fumaroles, small geysers and bubbling mud pots await! We stroll the shore of Lake Furnas and then take time to wander in the charming town before returning to our hotel to relax before dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight : Octant Furnas Hotel
Furnas

Tuesday

After our transfer, we enjoy a scenic downhill journey along the Faial da Terra stream, passing an old, abandoned windmill. We discover two stunning waterfalls and continue through orchards and family farms ending in the picturesque village that is known as the "Nativity Scene of the Island". After a picnic lunch in Outeiro we take a sightseeing tour of the beautiful coastline before returning to our hotel and perhaps taking the opportunity to enjoy the spa and thermal baths.

Overnight : Octant Furnas Hotel
Furnas

Wednesday

We take a transfer to the top of the Barrosa hill to see the island's wildest volcanic lake, Fogo, or "Lake of Fire". We take the enchanting Salto do Cabrito trail, which takes us past the scenic dam and hydroelectric plant. Crossing a lovely stream and an elevated metal walkway we find the imposing Salto do Cabrito cascade. After lunch in a local restaurant, we travel to the oldest tea plantation on the island which is also Europe's oldest tea factory. Wandering the lush tea fields, introduced in 1750, we climb to a coastal viewpoint through verdant plantations and Japanese cedar woods. An historic path used by tea-pickers takes us back down – where a refreshing cup of tea is waiting! We transfer to our second hotel in the Azores' capital, Ponta Delgada and eat dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight : Nine Dots Boutique Hotel
Ponta Delgada

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Thursday

This morning we have a wonderful dolphin and whale-watching adventure! A marine biologist or naturalist accompanies us on our boat trip, while spotters on land guide us to where the Atlantic Ocean giants can be seen. This afternoon we visit the Aruda Pineapple Farm, with more than a century of history, where we learn about growing these delicious tropical fruits and taste them too. We conclude a busy day with a cultural and historical walk in the center of Ponta Delgada, strolling the Botanical Garden, exploring the old fortress and visiting the revered church of Santo Cristo dos Milagres before finding a bustling street market and characterful streets and buildings.

Overnight : Nine Dots Boutique Hotel
Ponta Delgada

Friday

A transfer takes us to the Sete Cidades Ridge Trail, a captivating walk that takes us along part of the volcanic ridge of the Caldeira, a protected landscape within the island's Nature Park. One of Portugal's seven natural wonders, it encloses four lakes and is perhaps the most iconic landscape in the Azores. We pass the Muro das Nove Janelas aqueduct and ascend to Pico do Cruz for a view of the lakes and a stroll round the gorgeous Blue Lake. After lunch, we return to Ponta Delgada where we have a free afternoon to further explore the city before our Farewell Dinner at our hotel.

Overnight : Nine Dots Boutique Hotel
Ponta Delgada

Saturday

We say our goodbyes and transfer you to Ponta Delgada Airport.



Hotels

Octant Furnas Hotel

The tranquil 4-star Octant Furnas is located in São Miguel Island, in the Furnas valley, site of the largest concentration of thermal waters in Europe. Tastefully decorated by an interior designer, the rooms feature a blend of modern and traditional influences in its decor. The rooms are air-conditioned and feature a private bathroom with a hairdryer. Each room has a flat-screen cable TV and a safety deposit box. The lobby integrates the reception, a bar with an area for leisure and/or work, and a grocery store with local products. Enjoy a tasty Azorean meal at À Terra restaurant, under the leadership of Chef Henrique Mouro. He combines products from the countryside with those from the sea. From the meats that come from local producers, to the fish from the auction and the freshest greens, the chef is passionate about the genuine flavors of the Azores. Tasting his signature stew "cozido à Terra" is a veritable journey. Cooked naturally at high temperatures over the hot springs, in a celebration of local culinary traditions, with his own special touch. The hotel features numerous options to take a relaxing break such as indoor and outdoor thermal swimming pools, a Spa & Wellness Center with 10 treatment rooms, floatbed, Shirodhara (massage with oils), Vichy Shower and Hydro Massage, sauna, hammam and a fitness center.

<https://www.furnas.octanthotels.com/en/>



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Nine Dots Boutique Hotel

The four-star Nine Dots Boutique Hotel opened its doors in March 2024 after the transformation of two unique buildings, each with its own identity and characteristics, in the historic center of Ponta Delgada. With art as a central theme, the concept of the Nine Dots is inspired by the cultural legacy that Azorean artists left in areas as diverse as visual arts, literature, crafts and architecture. The hotel provides 36 air-conditioned rooms with a desk, coffee machine, minibar, safety deposit box, flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with shower. With decor inspired by the rich colors and textures of Azorean agricultural cultures, every detail of our rooms has been carefully thought out to provide an authentic and memorable experience. Enjoy a stay immersed in a welcoming and harmonious environment, where the historical essence of the islands meets contemporary comfort. The daily breakfast offers buffet, vegetarian and vegan options. The Menu of the Restaurant Osteria is inspired by the simplicity and versatility of Italian cuisine, complemented with typically Azorean ingredients, in a surprising fusion that will allow you to discover and taste the best products that the region has to offer in a relaxed, authentic and sophisticated atmosphere, with a view of the garden. The idyllic synergy and contrast between the dark tones of the volcanic rock and the landscaped garden transform the Wellness Center into a small oasis of tranquility, well-being, relaxation and renewal. The indoor heated saltwater pool is equipped with water jets, jet nozzles and leg and back massage circuit. Or enjoy a hammam session in the Turkish bath, where the power of essences and essential oils enhances aromatherapy. Massages and treatments promote a moment of pure sensation.

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What's Included

What Is Included in the Price of My Vacation

- Full-time services of a Walk Leader / Manager
- A backup vehicle for resting walkers and moving luggage
- Comprehensive Travel Information Package
- Diverse itineraries with an emphasis on history, geography, culture, peoples, flora and fauna
- Demonstrations, wine tasting, admissions to museums and historic sites
- All ground transfers (ferries, cable cars, trains, etc.)
- First-class accommodations with cultural and historical interest
- All meals - with choices - (Special dietary requirements? No problem!)
- Wine with dinner
- On-trail snacks and refreshments
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants

What's Not Included

- Additional Hotel Services that you have charged to your room
- Gratuities for Walk Leader / Walk Manager

We reserve the right to make changes to any trip for circumstances outside our control. This may be for weather, access to or availability of locations or activities. We always wish to assure the safety of our guests and staff, while delivering a quality experience for all.