

Azores

Self-guided Hiking tour



Active Journeys



São Miguel - Volcano Walking Adventure

São Miguel, the largest island, prides itself on its green, flower-carpeted scenery. You will explore the numerous lakes that will capture your heart and craft visual poetry. Discover Vale das Furnas, a luxurious garden at the bottom of the vast crater, where hot water streams bubble. Inland, the idyllic Terra Nostra Park where exotic tropical species mix happily with those from colder climes.

Join this walk through São Miguel and its volcanic regions. Ideal for nature lovers and a must for anyone who enjoys walking through rich green pastures, witnessing aqua marine lakes and experiencing mild summer temperatures perfect for an outdoor adventure, this eight day tour is a great way to see the highlights of São Miguel on foot.



Tour Details

Dates: Daily year round

Cost: \$ 1525 per person

Single Room Upgrade: \$395

Length: 8 days / 7 nights

Grade: Moderate

Starts: Sao Miguel

Ends: Airport transfer

Fast Facts

Includes:

- 7 nights hotels with breakfasts
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Route notes and maps
- Internal transfers as described

Does Not Include:

- Other meals
- Local walking guide
- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- All items of a personal nature

Day 1 Arrival

Your walking adventure begins today as your flight arrives and you transfer to your hotel in the valley of Furnas. Take time to settle into your accommodation and explore the local area.

Day 2 Furnas 9.2 km

Discover the crater lake of Furnas today and explore this breathtaking volcanic creation. Visit the Environmental Centre and find out more about the lake's fascinating geological history and the environmental factors affecting it. No transfers required today.

Day 3 Ribeira Quente 8.4 km

Today's walk takes you from Lomba do Cavaleiro through the volcanic countryside of São Miguel to Ribeira Quente. During your time here, why not visit the beach and relax or maybe try the local cuisine in one of the restaurants? Once your exploration of Ribeira Quente ends, you'll return to the hotel. Take a dip in the thermal pool or enjoy a walk around the Terra Nostra Botanical Garden to see more of the local flora.

Day 4 Salto do Prego 5 km

Your Volcano Walking Adventure continues today with a trip to Faial da Terra. You will journey through this stunning valley to the Salto do Prego Waterfall. There will be plenty of time to explore the charming village of Faial da Terra and enjoy the rural atmosphere of this remote location.

Day 5 Ponta Delgada 7.5 km

Today's walk starts at the Ribeira Funda and takes you along Praia da Viola beach to Maia. Discover the tea plantations on this journey where you ample opportunity to discover some of the island's unusual terrains and breathtaking waterfalls.

Day 6 Lagoa do Fogo 15 km

Continue your journey as you walk to Lagao do Fogo, one of the island's highlight. You will walk along the "levada" through the mountains and valleys with the most incredible views. The walk ends at the beach, where you have a refreshing swim.

Day 7 Sete Cidades 11 km or 7.5

Today we visit one of the Azores most popular volcanic attractions. The Sete Cidades crater is home to two lakes and some of the most beautiful scenery in the region. The Blue Lake and the Green Lake contrast brilliantly and offer an unforgettable sight. The surrounding cliffs reach altitudes of 500m, creating the perfect volcano walking adventure. Today you will also have time to explore the lakeside village of Sete Cidades and the valley around the lake. Transfer to hotel.

Day 8 Departure

Tour ends after breakfast with transfer to airport.



What to Expect

What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be around 15 to mid-20 degrees C (60's to 70's F), with moderate rainfall. It does often rains in the Azores, making the countryside lush and green. It is usually misty and not torrential downpours, but rain gear is still necessary, both a jacket and a pair of pants.

How many hours of hiking a day?

Be prepared to hike between 3 to 5 hours daily. This is not a supported tour, so there is no back up service throughout the holiday. If you need to take a day off and rest, you can easily do so.

How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, so you will be able to enjoy this active holiday. There are some hills and some level terrain, rolling hills rather than any steep pitches. Good waterproof hiking boots are a MUST.

What is the food like?

We have included a full breakfast each day. Mediterranean cuisine for lunch and dinner.

What are the hotels like?

The chosen accommodations will be 3 and 4* hotels. All properties will have private facilities.



Extra Services

We have a selection of hotels available for you, both before and after the tour.

Hotels in Dublin and Shannon can be arranged for you, ranging from B&B's to deluxe accommodation.

Contact us for details.

Getting There

- Fly to Ponta Delgada with TAP or SATA airways.
- From there we will transfer you to the first property and at the end we will transfer you back to the airport on Day 8.



How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in the completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is required 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and fitness requirements.