

# OCTANT

*Ponta Delgada*

*Experiences*



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## *We are the Octant Hotels* Ponta Delgada

We live in a unique land, lost in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and the history of time. This island, our home – whose green extends as far as the eye can see, with its lagoons, and a climate both mild and humid (which gives it its mysterious aura, made famous by so many novels) – brings together an infinite number of dimensions.

From flavors so characteristic of the Azores, with its teas, meats, cheeses and seafood, to the nature which surrounds and almost swallows us (dormant volcanoes with their calderas and fumaroles, deep lakes, a blue ocean full of life and breathtaking waterfalls).

Here is where we abide, right in the middle of nature, culture, traditions and local flavors. We exist within a balance of all these elements: between what we want to preserve from our cultural roots and the possibilities offered to us by the new world.

Despite holding on to tradition, there is also an effervescence in modern life we wish to seize – with walks through the city of Ponta Delgada, where we constantly see urban art, enjoying late afternoons at the Whale Watching Bar or the countless adventure sports this island has to offer.

We want to share all of this with you.

This Atlantic land.

“There is only one thing to do here: instead of looking outwards, it’s looking into our souls.”  
Raul Brandão, *As Ilhas Desconhecidas (The Unknown Islands)*



## Experience Map



- 1 Caldeiras da Ribeira Grande  
N 37°47'51.8" | W 25°29'19.6"
- 2 O João e a Gena  
N 37°45'32.9" | W 25°43'24.7"

- 4 Ribeira dos Caldeirões, Nordeste:  
Canyoning  
N 37°50'32.1" | W 25°16'01.2"
- 5 Baía da Caloura: Coastering  
N 37°42'44.6" | W 25°29'48.9"

- 6 Ilhéu de Vila Franca do Campo:  
Batismo de mergulho  
N 37°42'54.6" | W 25°25'47.9"
- 7 Praia de Santa Bárbara:  
Aulas de surf  
N 37°49'07.4" | W 25°32'29.9"

GPS: N 37°44'30" | W 25°39'28"

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What our GUESTS  
*recommend*



### Backpack picnic

Take the flavors of the Azores with you in a picnic backpack. A special menu to take with you on adventures.

€35 per adult / €25 per child

Condition: Pre-booking required (48 hours in advance). You can buy it at our reception and take the Octant Backpack. Free cancellation up to 24 hours in advance. Cancellations on the same day, will be charged 50% of the price. Confirmation depends on the availability of the À TERRA restaurant.



### Shinrin-yoku

We set off towards Furnas, where you will have the opportunity to practice “shinrin-yoku”, a therapy with Japanese origins, which offers a meditation experience between you and nature.

After lunch, we'll visit the famous Furnas boilers and finish with a relaxing thermal bath.

8h / Min. 2 / Max. 8 pax

From €260 /pax

Ideal for: \* / \* / \* / \*

Includes: Transportation, guide, lunch, shinrin-yoku meditation, visit Furnas village and thermal bath.



### Go into retreat mode

Sometimes all we need is a break to find balance and serenity. Inside a pineapple greenhouse and with a heated swimming pool, indulge in an exuberant Azorean inner journey with us and the SELF-HEALING therapist Isabel.

4h / Min. 2 / Max. 4 pax

From €230 /pax

Ideal for: \* / \* / \* / \*

Includes: Transfer, Guide, visit to the farm, therapy session, Tasting of local products.



### Hot springs:

#### Octant Hotels Furnas by moonlight

When you go down the slope to enter the Furnas Valley you are always surprised by the vapours rising in the air, resulting from the intense volcanic activity there.

There are countless fumaroles and springs spewing out water: some hot, some cold, some carbonated, some not.

On this visit, we will have the opportunity to taste the Azores tea, and the famous sour waters. At the same time, you will be able to enjoy the exclusive thermal pools of the Octant Furnas Hotel.

Dinner at A TERRA will be served by Chef who will welcome you with open arms.

8h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 8 pax

From €220 /pax

Ideal for: \* / \* / \* / \*

Includes: Transportation, guide, Furnas tour village, Gorreana tea factory visit, thermal pools and dinner at the Octant Hotel Furnas.



### Hands in the clay

Learn the art of ceramics with your own hands with the help of Mr. Paulo. Experienced since 1987, his unique pieces convey harmony, tranquility and simplicity. Build your own memory of the Azores to have at home every day.

4h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 4 pax

From €175 /pax

Ideal for: \* / \* / \* / \*

Includes: Transportation, guide, ceramic class, ceramic piece and shipping



## The Special Sunset at Caloura

The south coast of the Azores has several villages with incredible views. Take this private boat trip along the south coast until you reach our destination. Here, you can visit the Convent of Caloura, an exclusive place, where you can enjoy the natural swimming pool and the garden in the afternoon. Then have dinner at sunset overlooking the sea and Vila Franca do Campo islet. A dinner specially prepared by our Chef Paulo Leite with regional ingredients and a combination of Azorean wines. An exclusive place that you do not want to miss when you visit our island.

8h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 8 pax  
up to 2 people: €1350 per person  
3 to 4 people: €1150 per person  
5 to 6 people: €950 per person  
7 to 8 people: €850 per person  
Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: private boat trip, private access to the Caloura Convent, welcome drink, snacks and gastronomic dinner with pairing of Azorean wines.

Possibility of car transfer if sea conditions are not favorable.



Come *and*  
EXPLORE



## The FLAVORS

The Azores have their own flavor.

They taste like the fertile hillsides that extend over the entire island, like pimenta da terra (red pepper paste) and like the teas that are still produced by hand. They taste like the countless liqueurs and jams made from age-old recipes. Like strong cheeses, bolo levêdo (sweet muffins), volcanic wines, aged meats and warm milk from recently-milked cows that roam free.

The Azores taste like volcanoes, the sea and pastures. They have a unique flavor, which we want you to experience.

All experiences must be booked in advance and are subject to availability. They may change due to weather and other conditions.



### Wines and cheeses: A perfect combination

Let our suggestions guide you. There are four varieties of cheeses, one white wine and one red wine. Explore the differences between them, while we explain the reasons behind these differences, the grape varieties used and the characteristics of each one of them. Choose the tasting that best suits your personality.

1h / Min. 2 pax  
From €48 /pax

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Wine and cheese tasting, bread and jams.



### Surprise picnic

São Miguel still has many places to be discovered – incredible views, waterfalls and lagoons where we hardly see anyone. The best way to enjoy some of these places is with a picnic, whether for dinner or at lunch. We take care of everything: our Chef will prepare a gourmet meal, which we'll serve in a secret place.

5h / Min. 2 pax / Max. 8 pax  
From €220 /pax  
Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Transportation, guide, Sete Cidades tour, picnic with regional products and non-alcoholic drinks. Extra pineapple wine option.



### A different breakfast

Come and visit Mr. Ricardo's milk goats, where you can interact and meet all the adult animals and their young. Taking milk and feeding the animals is all part of the experience and of course a photo to remember later.

You can also enjoy a typical breakfast consisting of traditional delicacies of our land. Be curious and come discover this extraordinary experience! The animals are waiting for you...

3h / Min. 2 pax  
From €185 /pax  
Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Transportation, visit to the farm, tasting of regional products.



## Our PEOPLE

What is truly unique about a place? It's not only about the landscapes, the seaside cliffs or the lush green of the forest. It's not just the number of waterfalls we come across or the exceptional climate.

A place is defined by its people. By its lifestyles. By the routines of those who experience the place, each day, as their own. Let us introduce you to our people, the people of São Miguel.

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### City Tour

On this tour, we will discover the city of Ponta Delgada, learn interesting facts and discover details that might go unnoticed. We will visit the main historical monuments, the city center and the traditional farmers' market, where you can buy and taste some local products. This is a walking tour.

**2h30** / Min. **1** / Max. **8** pax  
From **€40** /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Certified guide, tour of Ponta Delgada.



### Back to the Roots

In this activity, we will visit Bio Kairós organic farm where you will receive a brief explanation of some of the vegetables and fruits produced there. You will have the opportunity to plant with the help of Raquel and her workers with special needs. Finally, we will visit Herdade do Ananás, where you can enjoy a tasting of local products made with pineapple.

**3/4h** / Min. **4** / Max. **8** pax  
From **€185** /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer and regional products tasting.



### Donkey Sanctuary

Come and meet Bethany and Luís, creators of this project which aims to rescue and give a better life to these animals. We will go for a walk through the village of Água D'Alto, followed by the donkeys as we help them and learn some interesting facts about them.

**3h30** / Min. **2** / Max. **6** pax  
From **€175** /pax

Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transportation, guide, guided walk, visit to the Donkey Sanctuary.



## Hot SPRINGS

The Azores are known as the land of volcanoes, fumaroles and scalding waters arising from the depths. These peculiarities gave rise to water sources with highly special characteristics (some with thermal properties).

Bathing in these waters, with the sense of relaxation they provide, is an experience not to be missed. Come with us and learn about the best locations to enjoy the warm waters of São Miguel.

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### Nighttime thermal bath

Start by visiting the Pico do Ferro viewpoint, from where you will have a panoramic view of the volcanic crater of Furnas. Then we descend for a dinner including a tasting of regional products and, finally, you can enjoy a night swim.

5h / Min. 2 / Max. 6 pax

From €100 /pax

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Shuttle, certified tour guide, Furnas tour, dinner and admission to the Poça da Dona Beija thermal waters complex.



## The most EXCLUSIVE places

We want your visit to São Miguel to be a different experience from the one most tourists have, going beyond mere commercial itineraries and the most obvious choices.

This is why we have selected a collection of activities to help make your trip an unforgettable one.

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### Let's take a picture!

Come explore the island of São Miguel without worrying about the close-up. Our photographer will capture every moment to remember later with a desire to return. Indeed, a picture is worth a thousand words.

4h ou 9h / Min. 2 / Max. 4 pax  
From €250 /pax (half day 4h30)  
From €310 /pax (full day 9h)  
10% discount for extra person  
Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer, private tour, photographer, and edited photos.



### Forest Therapy

Come and explore one of the fantastic trails of our island, accompanied by a certified Forest Therapy guide, and discover a new way to connect with nature through a slow walk, focusing on your senses as you walk through the forest. At the end, you can enjoy a regional picnic with a view of the São Miguel coastline.

5h / Min. 2 / Max. 8 pax  
From €220 /pax  
Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transfer and picnic prepared by the Chef.



### The Daisy Bees

Meet beekeeper Carolina, a passionate lover of these incredible creatures who will take visitors on a journey into the Wonderful World of Bees and who knows? you might even meet the Queen. After taking off your protective suit, you can taste this delicious golden honey.

3h30 / Min. 2 / Max. 4 pax  
From €185 /pax  
Ideal for: 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿 / 🌿

Includes: Transportation, beekeeping workshop, protection material and honey tasting.



## For the more ADVENTUROUS ones

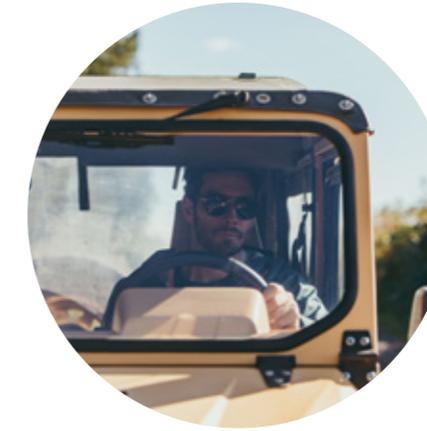


### Paragliding

Flying over the island of São Miguel is a breathtaking experience. Jump into this adventure with us and enjoy the best our landscapes have to offer.

4h / Min. 2 / Max. 4 pax  
From €230€ per person  
Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Transportation, certified guide. Duration of the flight between 15/25 minutes.



### Jeep / SUV / Van (8 seats)

Our guides know all the nooks, crannies, roads, lagoons and trails of this island, which will make the trip unique and fun. This is, without a doubt, the real discovery experience of São Miguel and you will not want to miss it. Come and explore Sete Cidades, Lagoa de Fogo, Furnas, Nordeste and Povoação for their authenticity and unique beauty.

Ah... and don't forget your swimsuit (you may need it at any moment!).

3h or 7h / Min. 2 / Max. 7 pax  
From €45 /pax (half day)  
From €85 /pax (full day)  
Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Pick up and drop off at the hotel, jeep with driver, guide and tour.



### Buggy or ATV tour

We depart from Ponta Delgada towards the dirt roads of Sete Cidades or Ribeira Grande. Get ready to feel the adrenaline peaks.

4h / Min. 1 / Max. 6 pax  
From €80  
Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Buggy or Quad with driver and certified tour guide.

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### E-bike

Have you ever ridden an electric bike?

With several speeds and prepared off-road, with or without a guide, this is the ideal way to explore Sete Cidades (or other routes) and enjoy the fantastic views of the lakes and volcanoes.

**3h or 7h / Min. 2**

From **€35** /pax

Ideal for: / / /

Includes: Electric bicycle, helmet, protective equipment and trailer for children (if applicable) – optional shuttle.



### Canyoning

São Miguel has an endless number of streams. Venture into one of them: dive into crystalline waters, rappel down waterfalls and go down the natural slides you will find along the way.

**3h or 6h / Min. 2**

From **€65**

Ideal for: /

Includes: Full set of equipment, tour guide, photos and video of the activity – optional shuttle.



### Coasteering

Some places and landscapes in the Azores are accessible only to the most adventurous ones. Climb boulders, discover hidden caves, jump from clifftops and swim in the fantastic waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

**3h / Min. 2**

From **€65**

Ideal for: /

Includes: Full set of equipment, tour guide, photos and video of the activity – optional shuttle.



### Surfing lessons

The waves of the Azores have been famous for quite some time. If you want to give this sport a try, why not start here, in the chosen destination of so many surfers? Venture into the seas of the beaches of Santa Bárbara or Milícias.

**3h / Min. 1**

From **€40** /pax

Ideal for: /

Includes: All surfing equipment and instructor.



### Snorkeling along the coast

With all the necessary equipment, explore the coast of São Miguel with our marine life all around you. Landscapes full of shoals in crystal-clear water are something you won't want to miss.

**3h / Min. 2**

3-hour tour: **€90** per person

Ideal for: / / /

Includes: Transportation, full equipment and guide.



### Kayak tour

Do you like contact with nature? It can be a secret beach, a lagoon, a bay or even a cave only accessible by sea.

**3h / Min. 2 / Max. 8** pax

From **€65**/pax in sea and **€12**/pax in the lagoon

Ideal for: /

Includes: All kayaking equipment and certified tour guide.



### Sailboat tour

What better way to appreciate all the magnificence of São Miguel than on this sailboat ride, where you will see the island just like it was seen by the first people who arrived here. Skipper Pedro will be your host on this trip.

**3h / 4h / 8h**  
From **€350** /tour  
Ideal for: /

Includes: Sailboat tour.

To accompany your tour:  
Add one of our picnic options (in a backpack).  
From **€35** per adult and **€25** per child



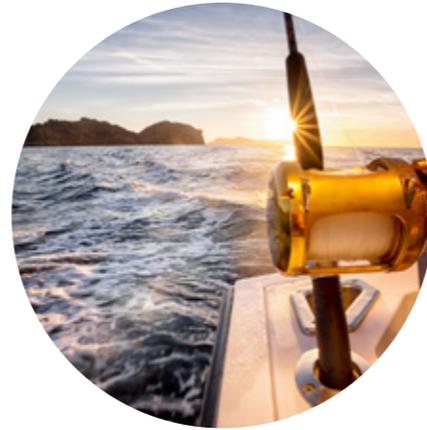
### Coastal fishing tour

We'll take off by boat in search of the best fish of the Azores. We'll give you the rod (and also a hand, which you'll need). After that, all you have to do is wait.

**4h ou 8h / Min. 2 / Max. 8** pax  
From **€500** /tour  
Ideal for: /

Includes: Boat ride, all required fishing tackle and mineral water.

To accompany your tour:  
Add one of our picnic options (in a backpack).  
From **€35** per adult and **€25** per child



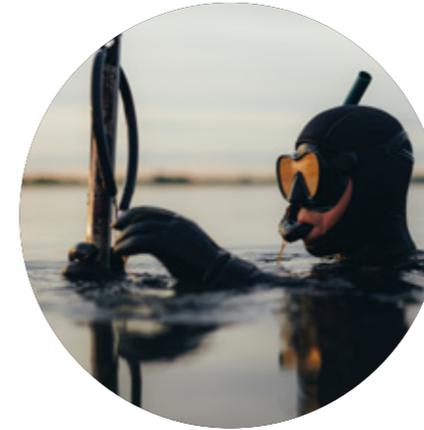
### Big game tuna and swordfish

The Azores Sea is one of the favorite places for sport fishing lovers and we will show you why. As our sea is influenced by the Gulf Stream, sport fishing is a great success. Several species, during their migratory route, pass through our waters, large pelagics such as swordfish and tuna.

The boats are equipped with the latest navigation and safety technology. For a more sustainable practice, we are apologists for the "take and release" concept. We catch the fish to observe and take pictures and then release it alive again into the sea.

**4h / Min. 1 / Max. 8** pax  
From **€600** /boat  
Ideal for: / / /

Includes: Fishing equipment and specialist.



### Underwater Fishing in Azul

Explore the Azorean Atlantic Ocean from the bottom up. With all the equipment included, you can catch a fish and taste it at your dinner with us at ATERRA. The chef will prepare it for you. If you're lucky and catch a lot of fish, we'll donate it to charity.

**3h / Min. 2 / Max. 3** pax  
**4h** tour from **€120** per person  
Ideal for: / / /

Includes: Transportation, private activity, fishing equipment and guide.

Possibility of cooking the fish at ATERRA, subject to availability.

To accompany your tour:  
Add one of our picnic options (in a backpack).  
From **€35** per adult and **€25** per child



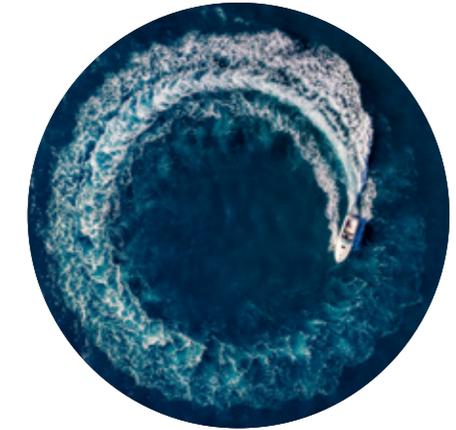
### Discover scuba diving

The Azorean sea is a unique place, with transparent waters, and there could be no better scenery than this to dive or take your first steps (or should we say strokes?) in scuba diving.

There you will be able to observe several species of fish that live in the Azores or even explore the Liberty Ship Dori.

**4h / Min. 2 / Max. 6** pax  
From **€95** /pax  
Ideal for: /

Includes: All diving equipment and training.



### Speedboat adventure

Come and discover the magnificent south coast of the island of São Miguel aboard of a comfortable speedboat. You'll also have the chance to go snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters of the Azores Sea.

**Min. 1 / Max. 10** pax  
**2h / From €275**  
**3h / From €390**  
**4h / From €450**

Price up to **6** people, extra person on request  
Ideal for: /

Includes: Skipper, boat trip, mineral water. Option of extra food and drinks.

To accompany your tour:  
Add one of our picnic options (in a backpack).  
From **€35** per adult and **€25** per child



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### Whale and Dolphin Watching

Whether by Catamaran or Zodiac, the destination is set: we go where the whales and dolphins are found. In all, there are **27** different species of cetaceans that can be sighted on the Azorean coast, so be prepared get ready to meet these magnificent animals!

**3h** / From **€65** /pax

Ideal for: 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟 / 🌟

Includes: Boat ride to the whales and dolphins. Marine Biologist on board.



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### Swimming with Dolphins

Indulge in our sea with the most social and spontaneous sea creatures. Encountering free dolphins in their natural environment is a unique experience. It will be, for sure, memories that you will keep for the rest of your life. In the Azores, we can swim with **5** different species of dolphins: bottlenose, common, risso's, spotted and striped.

**3h** / From October to April from **€89** / pax

From June until October from **€150** / pax

Includes: Boat trip to the dolphins and on-board Marine Biologist.

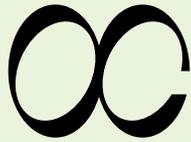


## Ten things you won't want to miss when you stay with us

1. Delight yourself with a warm 'Bolo Lêvedo' at breakfast.
2. Getting lost on the road and get stuck at a cows traffic jam.
3. Take a walk by the Lagoa do Fogo.
4. Enjoy the sunset while drinking a cocktail at the Whale Watching Bar.
5. Discover the numerous waterfalls on the island of São Miguel.
6. Get to Lagoa das Sete Cidades through a secret path.
7. Relax at the Octant Hotels Ponta Delgada Spa after a day of exploring the island.
8. Share a plate of 'lapas' and 'cracas' from the Atlantic Ocean.
9. Visit the Furnas Valley and finish the day at the Octant Hotels Furnas thermal pool.
10. Go to the Vila Franca do Campo's islet and dive into the crystal clear waters of the sea.

**Cancellation policy:**

Cancellation 72 hours in advance will not be charged any value of the activity; Cancellation 48h in advance will be charged 50% of the value of the activity; Cancellation with less than 24h will be charged 100% of the value of the activity.



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