

PORTUGAL OPTIONAL TOURS

LISBON

Half-day Lisbon tour

Thursday, May 17th

Today we will have a professional guide and motor coach and will see or visit the following sites:

1) **Belem Tower:**

<http://www.torrebelem.pt/en/index.php?s=white&pid=168>

2) **Jeronimo's Monastery:**

<http://www.mosteirojeronimos.pt/en/index.php?s=white&pid=168>



After the two visits, stop for eating a

3) **Nata Custard** tart in Belem: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g189158-d939704-Reviews-Casa_Pasteis_De_Belem-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

THEN:

4) **St Jorge Castle:** http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d195107-Reviews-St_George_s_Castle_Castelo_de_Sao_Jorge-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

5) **Lisbon Cathedral:** http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d246152-Reviews-Se_Cathedral-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

(no ticket - 20 min approx visit)

Places where we will pass by and see from outside only:

6) **Praça Comercio:** http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d199878-Reviews-Praca_do_Comercio-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

7) **25th April Bridge:** http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d312142-Reviews-The_25th_of_April_Bridge_Ponte_25_de_Abril-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

8) **Discovery monument:** http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d243620-Reviews-Padrao_dos_Descobrimentos-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

9) **Cristo Rei** (view across the river only): http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d1871724-Reviews-Cristo_Rei_Statue-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

10) **Arco Triunfal:** http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d2397769-Reviews-Arco_Triunfal_da_Rua_Augusta-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

11) **Santa Luzia Viewpoint/Belvedere:** http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189158-d2211899-Reviews-Miradouro_de_Santa_Luzia-Lisbon_Estremadura.html

12) **Portas do Sol viewpoint/Belvedere:** http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miradouro_das_Portas_do_Sol

THIS TOUR IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE!

FULL DAY PORTUGAL TOUR

Friday, MAY 18th

Full Day Tour of the "Golden Triangle" with Sintra, Cascais and Estoril

Both of these full day tours are repeats of what we did back in 2013 on our last visit to Lisbon. They are both perfect tours that we know you will love.

Sintra is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE site, and old **Cascais** fisherman village and **Estoril**



Click on the links below to read about each stop

1) **Regaleira**: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189164-d484394-Reviews-Quinta_da_Regaleira-Sintra_Sintra_Municipality_Estremadura.html
(Top n1 attraction in all district - with magic gardens, caves and tunnels, and the palace)



2) **Pena Palace and Gardens**: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189164-d195785-Reviews-National_Palace_of_Pena_Palacio_Nacional_da_Pena-Sintra_Sintra_Municipality_Estrem.html

3) Outside views to the **Moorish Castle**: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189164-d195786-Reviews-Moors_Castle_Castelo_dos_Mouros-Sintra_Sintra_Municipality_Estremadura.html

4) Outside views to the **National Palace**: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189164-d195786-Reviews-Moors_Castle_Castelo_dos_Mouros-Sintra_Sintra_Municipality_Estremadura.html

5) Visit to **Cabo da Roca**, Europe's Westernmost Point: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189164-d547705-Reviews-Cabo_da_Roca-Sintra_Sintra_Municipality_Estremadura.html

6) Pass by **Guincho Beach** and stop for photos: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189164-d197710-Reviews-Guincho_Beach-Sintra_Sintra_Municipality_Estremadura.html

7) Visit to **Boca do Inferno** (The Hell's Mouth): http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g189154-d547712-Reviews-Boca_do_Inferno-Cascais_Estremadura.html

8) Stop at **Cascais** and free time for shopping and walking on the bay

9) Stop at **Estoril** and free walk in the Casino Gardens (The biggest Casino in Europe)

Return to **Lisbon** along the coastline, with views along the sea

COST: Guide, bus and admissions to Regaleira and Pena Palace & Gardens \$60

FULL DAY PORTUGAL TOUR – OBIDOS, BATALHA & TOMAR

Saturday, May 19th



This is another fantastic day. We start with Obidos, a very nice little village, with narrow streets and with a nice castle. It is just one hour from Lisbon. All the city is built inside the small village, inside the walls. There castle is the main attraction but also the shops. We will visit the castle and then some free time for shops.

1h30m estimated time here

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%93bidos,_Portugal

Pictures: <http://bit.ly/ZxSv5N>

45min

Batalha

Batalha Monastery is a world heritage site. The Monastery of the Dominicans of Batalha was built to commemorate the victory of the Portuguese over the Castilians at the battle of Aljubarrota in 1385. It was to be the Portuguese monarchy's main building project for the next two centuries. Here a highly original, national Gothic style evolved, profoundly influenced by Manueline art, as demonstrated by its masterpiece, the Royal Cloister.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batalha_Monastery

Pictures: <http://bit.ly/X0675D>

Batalha Monastery: <http://www.mosteirobatalha.pt/en/>

Stop for lunch near the Monastery around 1h30 PM

Departure at 2h30PM to Tomar. Will take around 45min



Tomar

Tomar is the jewel in the crown of Central Portugal. It is a magical city bursting with handsome architecture and historical significance. Visitors from Portugal and overseas arrive throughout the year to stay in its [charming hotels](#), sample its tasty [regional cookery](#), visit its famous [monuments](#) and explore the lush green mountains that surround the city. Stop at Tomar and visit the Castle and the Christ Convent

1h30m estimated time at this location.

Tomar Castle: http://www.conventocristo.pt/en/index.php?s=white&pid=185&identificador=ct114_pt

Christ Convent: <http://www.conventocristo.pt/en/index.php?s=galeria&galeria=22>

COST: With bus, guide and admission fees - \$60



Monday, May 22nd - Terceira

JEEP TOUR (FULL DAY) tour around the island visiting the main points of interest.

Visit to the whale look-out, at Monte Brasil, an extinct volcano south of Ilha Terceira, with Angra's Bay to the east, and Baía do Fanal to the west. From the top of this mountain you can enjoy the magnificent view of the World Heritage city. Afterwards, we visit the Serra da Ribeirinha, where you can see the Ilhéus das Cabras and Angra do Heroísmo from a different perspective. We then leave for the viewpoint of Serra do Cume, with a view of a vast plains divided by the pastures, known as the 'Manta de Retalhos', in other words, patchwork blanket and Praia da Vitória, with a visit to the viewpoint of Serra do Facho, with an exceptional panoramic view of the city. Regional lunch at a local restaurant in Angra do Heroísmo. After lunch, we proceed to the Furnas do Enxofre, a secondary volcanic phenomenon in an area that consists of various volcanic gas leaks, and visit the only visitable volcano in the world, Algar do Carvão. We then cross through the interior of the island, between cryptomeria forests and endemic vegetation, passing through the Biscoitos da Ferraria and Pico Alto Nature Reserves until we reach the natural pools of Biscoitos, formed by basalt. Following the west side of the island and stopping various viewpoints, we arrive at the last point of interest, the cheese factory, Queijo Vaquinha, where you can try various types of cheese and wine of the Azores. Return to Angra do Heroísmo.

<http://aguiaturazores.com/site/jeep>

Note:- Entry in Algar do Carvão is optional, and fees are not included in the pricing.

\$70 per person (with regional lunch included)

OR

QUAD BIKE TRAILS (HALF DAY) ATV tour (approximately 3 hours) –

With this tour you will have a tour guide that will lead the group until some of the most beautiful landscapes of the interior of the island through some of the countryside.

<http://aguiaturazores.com/site/quad>

Visit to the whale look-out, at Monte Brasil, an extinct volcano south of Ilha Terceira, with Angra's Bay to the east, and Baía do Fanal to the west. Passage through the Caldeira Guilherme Moniz and the Geological Nature Reserve Algar do Carvão. After that, crossing through the interior of the island, between cryptomeria forests and endemic vegetation, passing through the Biscoitos da Ferraria and Pico Alto Nature Reserves. Following the west side of the island and stopping various viewpoints, we arrive at the last point of interest, the cheese factory, Queijo Vaquinha, where you can try various types of cheese and wine of the Azores. Return to Angra do Heroísmo.

Maximum capacity 5 ATV's (10 people) each trip.

\$80 for 1 person in 1 ATV, \$60 pp to share.

Tuesday, May 23rd - Terceira

WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING—9am – 12pm (approximately 3 hours)

Because it is located in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, the Azores find themselves in the migratory route of many cetaceans, which makes it one of the best places in the world for whale and dolphin watching.

Before leaving to sea, there is a brief explanation, by a marine biologist, about the species you can find on the trip, safety measures and rules of conduct about whale watching. After the briefing, the group proceeds to boarding and leaves to the south of the island to observe whales and other aquatic animals. This trip will have the cooperation of a look-out on land, in a strategic point, with the objective of communicating directly with our boats that will lead the passengers to watch these animals up close. <http://aguiaturazores.com/site/whalewatching> \$60 per person

CAVES - Visit to the caves Algar do Carvão, Furnas do Enxofre and Gruta do Natal

2:30 p.m – 5:30 p.m (approximately 3 hours)-

<http://aguiaturazores.com/site/grutas>

You can do both the whale watch and this tour today since this one starts at 2:30 pm. First we leave Angra do Heroísmo and stop at the viewpoint of the Veredas, with an exceptional panoramic view of Terra-Chã and Serra de Santa Bárbara. We then proceed to the Gruta do Natal, an important geological formation formed by lava tunnels with various ramifications, with its main tunnel extending over 697 meters in length. In the exterior support house you can enjoy the Lagoa do Negro. The next stop consists in the most important fume field in Terceira island, the Furnas do Enxofre, a secondary volcanic phenomenon in an area that consists of various volcanic gas leaks and steam. The excursion continues to the only visitable volcano in the world, Algar do Carvão. This volcanic cavity is around 100 meters deep and has siliceous formations and basaltic products.

\$45 per person with entrances included

Tuesday, May 23rd - Terceira

We also have the following adventure tours you can choose from. This company that was ranked #1 on Tripadvisor for things to do on Terceira Island. You can choose one of the 2 tours today. If you want to do the whale watching tour in the morning you can still pick either the canyoning or coastering tours in the afternoon.

CANYONING

[More Info](#)



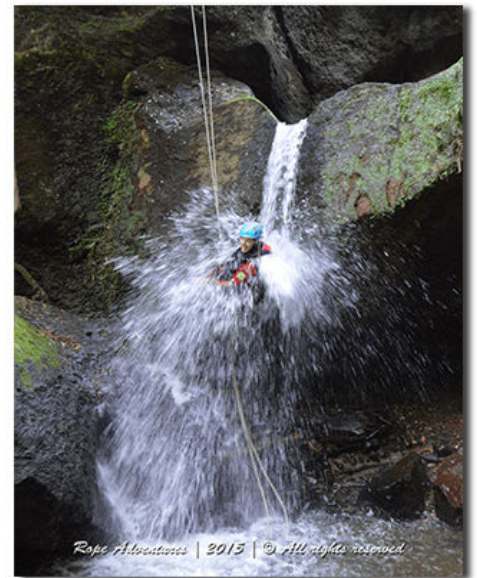
Canyoning consists of descending stream and vertical obstacles, with technical rope maneuvers such as classic rappel, guided rappel, and zip lines. Canyoning can also include jumping into water (optional) or even toboggans (natural slides formed by water erosion on the rocks)! Canyoning is ideal for all ages, groups, and events (birthdays, bachelor/bachelorette parties, work groups, scouts, etc.)!



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**SNACKS
INCLUDED**



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Maximum pax - 12

Price/pax - \$45 (regular price \$60)

COASTEERING

[More info](#)



Coasteering is a sport that was popularized in the United Kingdom. It consists of exploring the coast, rocks and sea, using walking, swimming, and jumping into the water.

On Terceira, there are two perfect spots to practice this activity. The water is crystal clear and the temperatures get close to 70°F in the summer. In these perfect spots, you can experience animal life and explore some of the many caves that Terceira has to offer.

Coasteering must be performed with specific gear and under the supervision of an experienced guide.



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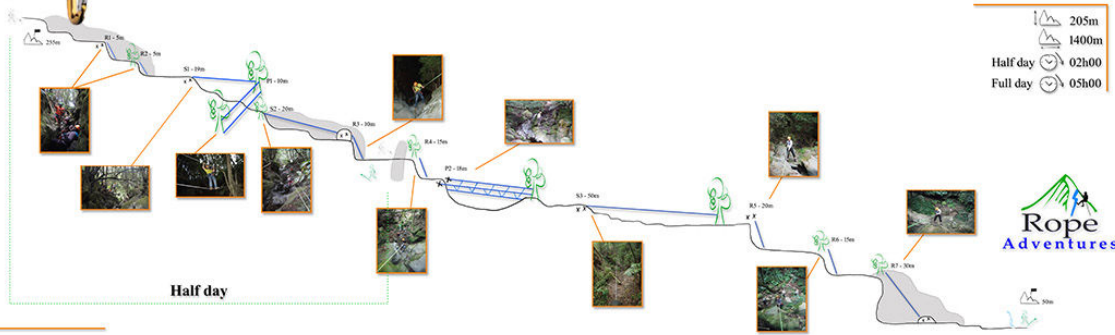


Maximum pax – 12. Price - \$45 (regular price \$60)

May 23rd – Terceira

ADVENTURE TRAIL

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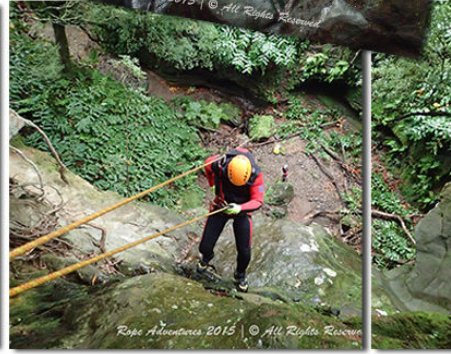


"Hang in there"

The adventure trail is our newest activity! This activity includes progressing through a dry stream by hiking and rappelling. The launch of this new activity has our clients demanding more!

This 1.25 mile route has a total of nine different rappels, three zip lines and two Himalayan bridges.

With beautiful Azorean scenery, this is an activity not to be missed.



SNACKS INCLUDED

Maximum pax – 12. Price – \$70 (regular price \$93)

Thursday, May 25th - Sao Miguel

Mountain Bike Tour + Terra Nostra (full day - lunch included)

The bike ride develops a circular route (10.5 Kms) that begins in the town of Furnas and goes to the area of the boilers of Furnas Lake, crossing the dirt road that surrounds the pond. The highest point of this tour is located in the corns Pico area where you could see the parish. The descent is made by secondary roads that lead back to the starting point. After lunch cooked in the restaurant in the parish of Furnas, followed by a visit to the Terra Nostra. This is one of the most beautiful botanical gardens of the century. XVIII, where you can find species of flora from different regions of the world. After a short guided walk along the paths and garden alleys, it is recommended a thermal bath in the pool of iron water. After this moment of relax, we return to Ponta Delgada along the northern coast of the island. PRICE: \$70 (regular price \$80) <http://picosdeaventura.com/oferta/mystic-furnas-passeio-de-bicicleta-terra-nostra/>

Friday, May 26th - Sao Miguel

Swimming with Dolphins (half day)

Your experience begins with a briefing in which we will give all the advice in the interaction with the dolphins and how to behave at sea in order to make the most of this experience. We will make a brief trip to meet these friendly animals previously located by our team of watchmen. When the time of the interaction, the whole process will be careful to ensure that the animals are comfortable and willing to share their environment with us. It will be an experience in their natural habitat and certainly keep as one of the best memories of your visit to the Azores. The return to earth will be done so that you enjoy in full of the coastline landscapes of our island. If there's enough interest we will have a morning and an afternoon tour. PRICE: \$80 (regular price \$90)

<http://picosdeaventura.com/oferta/natacao-com-golfinhos-2/>

OR

Friday, May 26th - Sao Miguel

Scuba Diving + Swimming with dolphins (full day)

With the water temperature varying between 16 and 24° C, with visibility that can reach 30 meters, each immersion proves to be a unique and unparalleled experience. Underwater will find formations of natural arches, walkways, walls and a whole bunch of reefs formed by lava. Add to this, schools of barracuda, Enxaréus, lilies, sea bream, you may see, the colorful kingfish, moray eels and of course

the huge Meros toasting us with their presence! Discover paradise with Azores Sub Dive Center! During the dive will always be accompanied by a diving guide, properly certified.

PRICE: \$90 + 1 dive \$75 = \$165 (must be certified). You can also go diving without swimming with dolphins

Saturday, May 26th - Sao Miguel

Full day Jeep tour- Sete Cidades + Lagoa do Fogo (lunch included)

The tour begins in Ponta Delgada towards Sete Cidades. Includes stoping at various viewpoints and the possibility to visit the most beautiful and unknown sites at the western part of the island. After a stop at Vista do Rei viewpoint, we follow by a dirt road that encircles the top of the volcanic complex, that lead us the interior of the Valley to visit the parish of Sete Cidades. After admiring the Church of St. Nicholas, we continue towards the municipality of Lagoa for lunch in a traditional restaurant. Then, the tour continues towards Lagoa do Fogo, with stop at Caldeira Velha to thermal bath. Before returning to Ponta Delgada, time to admire Lagoa do Fogo, from the top of Pico da Barrosa.

<http://picosdeaventura.com/oferta/jipe-sete-cidades-lagoa-do-fogo-dia-inteiro/>

PRICE: \$70 (regular price \$85)