**Custom 8-Day Three Island Azores Tour -July 2021**

4 nights accommodation in Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel -4-star Azoris Royal Garden or similar

Guaranteed early arrival to Sao Miguel hotel

Full-day excursion 1: canoeing Furnas lake or Furnas van tour (each includes lunch)

Full-day excursion 2: biking Sete Cidades or Sete Cidades/Lagoa do Fogo van tour (each includes lunch)

Half-day excursion: canyoning or whale watch

Inter-island flight between Sao Miguel and Faial

3 nights accommodation in Horta, Faial, - star Hotel do Canal or similar

Full-day Pico Island excursion, including ferry transfers, tour, and lunch

Half-day guided hike -Capelinhos

Breakfast daily throughout trip

Round trip airport transfers

**Full-Day Excursion 1, Option A:** Canoeing Furnas Lake and Visit to Terra

Nostra Park

Today you will head to the eastern side of Sao Miguel for a day of peace and tranquility. Take in the beautiful natural landscape as you spend the morning canoeing on Lagoa das Furnas. While you paddle, your traditional cozido lunch will be cooking in the ground on the banks of the lake. After lunch, you will head to Terra Nostra Park to visit the award-winning botanical gardens and also relax in the natural geothermal pools. A truly relaxing day spent in a beautiful place!

**Full-Day Excursion 1, Option B:** Eastern Sao Miguel/Furnas Van Tour

This scenic tour of the eastern side of Sao Miguel begins with a stop in the

beautiful seaside town of Vila Franca do Campo to taste the famous Queijadas de Vila Franca, a traditional pastry refined by nuns in convents during the 1600s. You will continue to Terra Nostra Park to visit the award-winning botanical gardens. The tour continues to Furnas Lake, where you will be able to watch your traditional cozido lunch being prepared directly in the hot springs.

After lunch, you will continue to the viewpoint of Pico do Ferro, where you will

see the archipelago's oldest crater. On your return journey to Ponta Delgada,

you'll stop at a tea plantation and at the Santa lria viewpoint to take in the

breathtaking views.

**Full-Day Excursion 2, Option A:** Biking Sete Cidades and Spa Visit

On this full-day excursion, you will discover the western part of Sao Miguel, exploring the volcanic system of Sete Cidades and the thermal springs of Ferraria. The day begins with an easy bike ride in Sete Cidades, a landscape dominated by blue and green lakes and considered to be one of the seven natural wonders of Portugal. After a picnic lunch, you'll stop in Ferraria to see a unique coastal geological formation. In the spa area of Termas da Ferraria, you will have the opportunity to experience different types of thermal baths, including a sauna, a Turkish bath, and an indoor pool and jacuzzi. After this relaxing experience, you will have time for a swim in the outdoor pool, or even a dip in the sea. You will follow the scenic coastal southwest road of Sao Miguel to return to Ponta Delgada at the day's end.

**Full-Day Excursion 2, Option B:** Sete Cidades & Lagoa do Fogo Van Tour

From Ponta Delgada, head to Sete Cidades on the western end of Sao Miguel, stopping at viewpoints to see the iconic blue and green crater lakes and the parish of Sete Cidades on their shores. In the parish, you will visit the Church of St. Nicholas, before continuing to the town of Lagoa via the southern coast of the island. After lunch at a traditional restaurant in Lagao, the tour continues toward Lagoa do Fogo with a stop in the Caldeira Velha for a dip in a geothermal pool. Before returning to Ponta Delgada, the tour will stop at Pico da Barrasa for an outstanding view of Lagoa do Fogo

**Half-Day Excursion, Option A**: Canyoning in Ribeira dos Caldeiroes

Get your adrenaline pumping with this adventurous activity! This is the perfect way to experience the many beautiful, untouched areas of the island. This excursion will take you out to Ribeira dos Caldeiroes on the north side of the island, \Vhere you vvill rappel down the streambed using different techniques like slides and small jumps. A truly unique experience!

**Half-Day Excursion, Option B:** Whale & Dolphin Watching

Set out for a group whale watch to spot bottlenose dolphins, pilot whales, and 21 other marine species that are unique to this area. Since these beautiful creatures do not migrate, visitors are practically guaranteed to spot marine life every day of the year!

**Full-Day Pico Island Van Tour**

After a morning pickup from your hotel and then a ferry over to the Mountain

Island, you will explore the highest peak in Portugal, Mt. Pico. This full-day tour gives you a great overview of the terrain and history of Pico Island and you will learn what makes it so much different from the others. Stop in Porto Cachorro for a tasting of local liquor, then Sao Roque and Lagoa do Capitao with a stop for lunch. After lunch, the tour continues towards Lajes, visiting the Museu dos

Baleeiros, a traditional embroidery shop, and an Azorean cheese shop (with a tasting). At the day's end, return to Faial by ferry, enjoying the late afternoon sun on the ocean.

**Half-Day Excursion, Option A:** Guided Capelinhos Hike

Hike the striking "moon desert" landscape of Capelinhos Volcano. Frequently called "the last volcano of the line", Capelinhos last erupted in 1957-1958 and formed the present Capelo's Volcanic Complex, Europe's most recent volcanic peninsula. This guided hike will take you down into the crater for a truly unique experience.

**Half-Day Excursion, Option B**: Faial/Capelinhos Van Tour

Tour up to the top of the Capelinhos volcano on the western side of the island, then around the island. You will visit various look out points, including the beautiful scenery of Vale dos Flamengos, as well as the island's south side. You'll make a quick stop at Espalamaca for a view of the town before returning to Horta.