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Azores: Did you Know?

Island fun fact from this stunning archipelago is their origins lie in exporting oranges to the UK. Tea was only used as decorative hedging, but in 1878, and on the initiative of the Micaelense Agricultural Promotion Society, two Chinese came to São Miguel to teach the production of tea. Consequently, tea replaced oranges as the homegrown produce of the Azores.





Madeira: Did you Know?

Often thought of as an island, it is actually an archipelago of four islands. During May, Madeira holds an impressive Flower festival, signalling the beginning of spring. Carpets of blossoming flowers are displayed throughout the streets of Funchal, bringing colour and fragrance to the city, with a floral grand procession the main highlight of the festival.

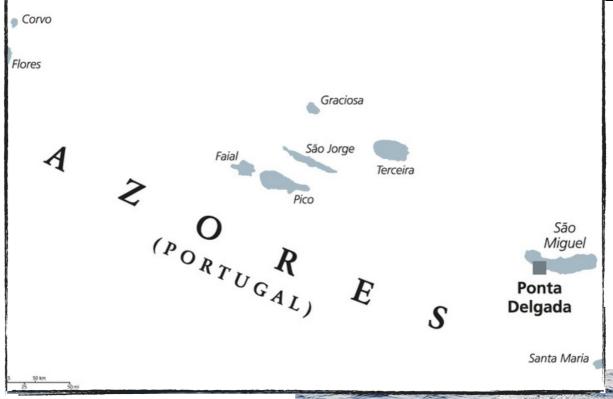


Teircera: Azorean Island Gem

An Enchanting Volcanic Adventure

View the island's breathtaking landscape, especially Algar do Carvão, an astonishing volcanic chimney left behind from an eruption around 2,000 years ago. Visit this place of wonder alongside UNESCO World Heritage site, Angra do Heroismo, considered the most picturesque historic centre in the Azores archipelago.





Dolphin Discovery Adventures Sea Life Tours with Marine Biologists

Embark on a magical morning cruise with Futurismo, hosted by knowledgeable and passionate marine biologists, all local resident university students. Behold enchanting sea life as pods of dolphins frolic in the warm Atlantic waters. Return to Ponta Delgada for a scenic sundowner overlooking Santa Maria island.

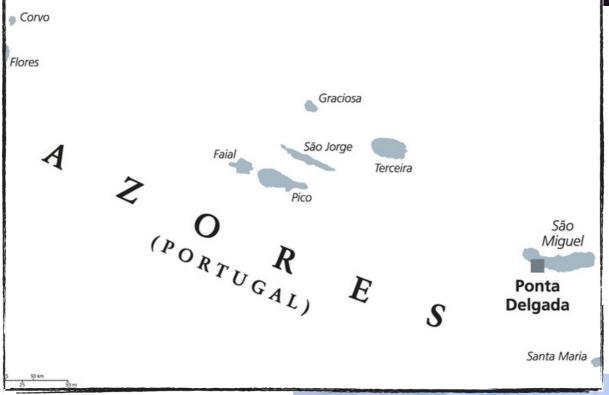


Sete Cidades

Panoramas in Hues of Green and Blue

Before the Azores became a trending destination, Sete Cidades was the first emblematic spot of the islands. Set out on an exhilarating 4x4 jeep tour around the caldera taking in stunning vistas over mystical blue and green lakes. Be captivated by hydrangeas in bloom and the spectacular colours of Sete Cidades.





Gorreana Tea Plantations

Europe's Oldest Tea Plantations

Taste a variety of teas, grown in Ponta Delgada since the early 19th century, and see the processes behind tea production. Discover organic produce on a day tour combining tea and pineapple plantations with a visit to Furnas, sampling authentic cuisine cooked by natural volcanic heat.



Akorn 'On the Ground'

A Welcoming Face on the Island

Our expert guides open doors to hidden gems in each one of our destinations. Meet Filipe Feitas, our Guardian Angel in Madeira. Personable and knowledgeable, with an array of local contacts on the ground, Filipe also runs vintage sidecar tours creating fun-filled island adventures, as experienced by Akorn.





Madeira Sidecar Tours

Island Sightseeing with a Difference

Offering a selection of sidecar tours, Filipe provides this unique way of uncovering highlights on the island. Tours include a short city discovery of Funchal to a longer exploration of inspiring seascapes along the coast to Baia de Camara de Lobos. Alternatively, Filipe can curate itineraries custom built for you.



Madeira Botanical Garden Explore with a Professional Botanist

Roam through Funchal's magnificent, landscaped gardens alongside a professional botanist. Established in 1960, immerse yourself in the enchanting mix of exotic vegetation and carpeted floral displays. Admire nature's finest flora and far-stretching vistas over Madeira's vibrant Atlantic coastline.





Funchal Wicker Toboggan

An Experience unique to Madeira

Delight in this novel, family-friendly activity of a thrilling descent aboard the Funchal wicker toboggans, as experienced our team. Originally a means of transport in the early 19th century for local residents to travel from Monte to Funchal, ride the traditional basket sledges to become a part of Madeiran heritage.



Porto Moniz

Levadas and Natural Lava Pools

Venture west of Funchal to Cape Girão, home to the highest sea cliff in Europe. Hike along one of the island's many levadas, manmade water channels that gently caress the mountainside, before heading to scenic Porto Moniz. Take a dip in the natural pools surrounded by small lava rocks filled with incoming tides.





Blandy's Winery Experience

An Akorn exclusive in Madeira

Sample the winery's iconic 1920 Bual, paired with a delightful Chef's Table experience of local specialities including madeira cake. Brewing is formulated off site and brought to the winery to be aged. Learn how the bottling of vintage is unique, owing to variations in heat, humidity and cask size.



Akorn Spain & Portugal is here to support you and will be delighted to assist with any enquiries relating to the Azores and Madeira.

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