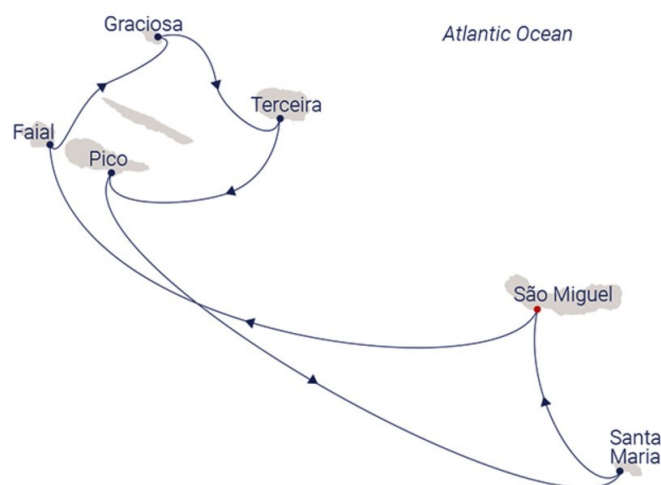




AZORES SAILING CRUISE: EUROPE'S WESTERNMOST POINT

Experience the height of summer and immerse yourself in nature's splendor as you embark on a journey to discover the beauty of the Azores. This natural paradise in the Atlantic will captivate you with its thermal springs, enchanting crater lakes, and meadows adorned with vibrant flowers. In the lively capital of the Azores, Ponta Delgada, be enchanted by the whitewashed houses, rustic alleys, and the famous city gate, reflecting the island's unique charm. Explore the sunny flair of Angra do Heroísmo, a World Heritage city, boasting baroque palaces, colorful churches, and a sense of heroic pride. And in Horta, be inspired by the artistic world explorers through brightly colored outdoor artworks adorning the quay walls, celebrating the island's adventurous spirit. This summer voyage promises an unforgettable blend of natural wonders and cultural treasures, offering a perfect escape to nature's splendor in the Atlantic.



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DAY 1 | PONTA DELGADA/SÃO MIGUEL/AZORES

Departure 07.00 pm The lively capital of Sao Miguel receives its guests at the trefoil-shaped city gate and invites them in on mosaic-like cobbled pavements through narrow lanes leading to whitewashed houses with black facade decoration made from basalt. The historic old city of Ponta Delgada is covered by a preservation order. Two large lakes are picturesquely set in the



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crater of Sete Cidades - the sapphire blue Lagoa Azul and the emerald green Lagoa Verde. At the edge of the crater the view widens out and exposes a spectacular panorama. On one side ebony sand and by the azure Atlantic, on the other side turquoise crater lakes amidst green rolling hills and blue flowering hydrangea bushes.

DAY 2 | DAY BENEATH FULL SAILS

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

DAY 3 | HORTA/FAIAL/AZORES

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 06.00 pm Early on, Horta linked the Old World with the New and is the most international place in the archipelago. The port is a hub of activity; almost every yacht that sails across the Atlantic makes a stop at Horta, making her famous port the world's most colorful marina. The quay walls are a kind of guest book for skippers where for centuries people have immortalised themselves with a painting or inscription. The Azores last proved their volcanic origin in 1957 when the Capelinhos volcano suddenly emerged out of the sea in an eruption. The caldera is two kilometres (1.3 miles) in diameter and Faial expanded by 2.4 square kilometres (1 square mile). Nowadays the area is a bizarrely picturesque spot.

DAY 4 | PRAIA/GRACIOSA/AZORES

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Graciosa, the second smallest island in the Azores, has the most unusual natural phenomena in the archipelago. Furna do Enxofre, the huge sulphurous cave in the dark centre of the caldera, lets you take a glimpse into the underworld. A large steaming lake, 15 metres (49 foot) deep, stretches across an 80-metre (262 foot)-high volcanic cave and is bewitchingly lit by daylight shining in. On the island's fertile soil, only slightly protected from the wind by walls of lava rubble, cereal crops, fruit and vines flourish. Red-crested windmills are now the emblem of this charming island.

DAY 5 | ANGRA DO HEROÍSMO/TERCEIRA/AZORES

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 06.00 pm Two fortresses standing guard over the harbor, splendid Renaissance facades, colorful little houses, churches and palaces - the old city of Angra do Heroísmo is a shining example of Portuguese Renaissance architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taking a stroll is like a journey back in time. As the oldest town in the Azores, it received city status in 1474 and was even the capital of Portugal for three years from 1580. In its heyday as a center for overseas trade, for centuries it was an important hub between three continents.

DAY 6 | MADALENA/PICO/AZORES

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm At 2,351 meters (7,713 foot), Ponta de Pico volcano is the highest mountain in Portugal and magnificently epitomises the island's personality.

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Dominated by the mountain, Pico has only a small amount of flat coastal land, but this only makes it all the more beautiful. Many small harbours and walled fields create a contrast with the wildly dramatic mountains in the background. Laurel, juniper, tree heath and wine grow on this green island, protected by kilometre (miles)-long walls of lava. The island's viniculture has even been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Pico, once a whaling centre, now has two whaling museums and is the starting point for whale watching, as numerous sperm whales inhabit the sea around the island.

DAY 7 | VILA DO PORTO/SANTA MARIA/AZORES

Arrival 01.30 pm, Departure 07.00 pm Santa Maria, with its tiny capital Vila do Porto, is the third smallest and most southerly island in the archipelago and, in contrast to the other islands in the Azores, is not a volcanic island. Like all the islands in the Azores it is lush green, but has its own softer, almost Mediterranean character. Nature is more gentle here, the land seems hillier and is characterised by green swathes of forest, steep terraced vineyards, banana plantations, lush meadows and a sea of flowers. With its perfect weather, Santa Maria is the only island in the Azores that has broad, white sandy beaches.

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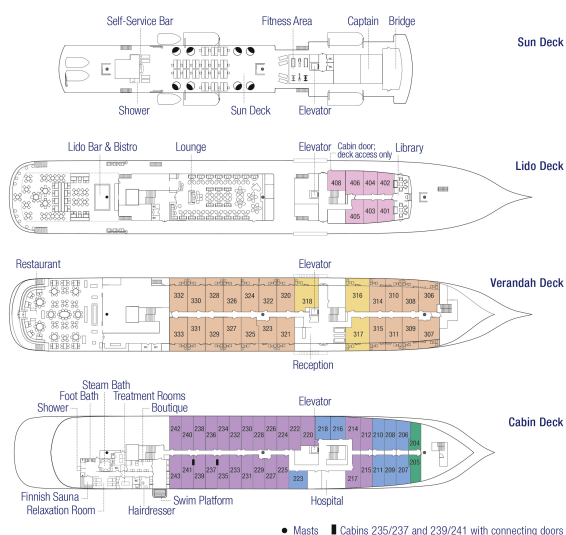
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