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**Welcome to the Azores: the Untamed Island Adventure**  
**WOW Signature Trip - 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 (9Nights / 10 Days)**



*There are a couple of factors that would interest you about the Azores. Of course getting away from it all is the moving factor. The islands in the sun are boltholes untouched by modernity and it could be the perfect exotic holiday before you plunge back into life and stuff like that. The greatest attraction is tranquility and lack of pollution; you can look forward to quiet rural scenes, the green pastures and the backdrop of a deep blue sea. Plan to be there because it is one of the last places we know of in Europe (the islands are an autonomous region of Portugal) where tourists don't flock, the pace is slow and the old fashion isn't manufactured and where people still stop and greet you. Where are the Azores? One-third of the way to America: about 900 miles from Lisbon... actually nowhere, really. Cliffs predominate, as do steep volcanic calderas and large craters and lush meadows. The weather is highly changeable, too, and though gorgeously warm in summer, the islands boast the possibility of "four seasons in a single day" pretty much any time. But then it's empty and the scenery is eye-catching lovely, the walking good, the people friendly and the potential for surprise unusually high. Where else in Europe*

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*would you find in one region: tea plantations, vineyards, pineapples, volcanic activity, tobacco fields, dry-stone walls, endless wild hydrangea hedges, literally boiling seas, well fed cows and local farmers. They're all here. On another note, enjoy the rides - You can't really say you've been to the Azores until you've bounced across the choppy Atlantic in a boat, the wind in your hair, waves tossing you from side to side. This unforgettable WOW experience takes you through beautiful island of Azores.*

## **WOW Highlights**

- Checking out the unique Portuguese cities of Lisbon & Porto.
- Tranquility & lack of pollution in the Azores.
- Whale & dolphin watch at Faial.
- Azorean wine experience at Pico. Pick up its delicious wine.
- Soak in the hot springs of Sao Miguel
- Must try the cozido - a typical preparation cooked in the 'Furnas' volcanic holes.
- Delicious and reasonably priced gourmet food and wines that the islands have to offer.

## **Day 1: Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July'17 - Arrival in Lisbon**

Wanderers arrive at Lisbon Portela Airport pretty early in the morning, so good idea to freshen up at the airport itself, before we venture out for some local Lisbon sightseeing and lunch on own. Later check into hotel for rest and free evening. Since we have a late start tomorrow, you may like to explore Lisbon by night - Catch a Fado show or enjoy a Portuguese meal downtown, the local delicacies and wine are not only awesome but very reasonable too. We have an overnight stay at the hotel Tivoli Lisboa or similar.

## **Day 2: Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July'17 – Lisbon to Faial**

After breakfast free time for personal exploration before we leave for the airport to take the flight to Faial in the Azores. Upon arrival, we transfer to the hotel to check in and relax. Later, we meet up for the welcome dinner at a nice local restaurant with a scenic view. Faial incidentally is one of the best islands to hook onto a whale-watching tour, following which is time for some sea food, washed down with a Gin & Tonic. At the island's western tip is Capelinhos, the last volcano to erupt in the Azores in 1958, now an eerily beautiful, ashen landscape that falls abruptly to the ocean. Overnight stay at the hotel Horta or similar in Faial.

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## **Meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

### **Day 3: Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July'17 – Faial**

Breakfast at the hotel. We begin our full day tour in Faial with a visit to Caldeira, Capelinhos and Horta. Our first stop of the tour will be at Espalamaca viewpoint to admire the beautiful view of Horta. Next, we visit Capelinhos (the remains of the last volcanic eruption in Azores) and its Interpretative Centre where one can admire the evolution of this volcano. We stop for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, we visit Caldeira, the highest point on the island. We stop at the local cheese factory and later visit Peter's Scrimshaw Museum to take in the creations of the sea faring artists. We return back to our hotel. Evening is free for you to chill and enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight stay at the hotel Horta or similar in Faial

## **Meals – Breakfast and Lunch**

*Faial (Ilha Azul) is known as the Blue Island due to the vast number of hydrangeas.*







## **Day 4: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July'17 – Faial Island to Sao Jorge to Pico by boat.**

We check out after breakfast and board the ferry boat departing from our hotel in Horta to proceed for a full day experience of Sao Jorge Island. From the harbour, we move towards the western part of the Island – Ponta dos Rosais, where you have a lighthouse that has been abandoned, we walk in search of the lighthouse through some stunning natural scenery that includes cedar forests. We would also get to taste the famous and popular São Jorge Cheese that has been produced since the 16th century. The island's topography — 80%, covered by grassy landscape with 9,000 dairy cows — allows for high quality queso made with just cream, rennet (coagulate) and salt. Basically, you're getting a pure taste of São Jorge without any unnatural additives. We now cross the island to the Northside to enjoy the sight of the 'fajas' – flat land at sea level resulting from the lava following into the ocean and the collapse of cliffs. Two of these. Faja do Ouidor and Faja dos Cubres are the main interesting points to look out for. Proceeding to the Southside to Calheta, we will stop for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, we will visit Manadas to see a beautiful Church – St Barbara Church, an XVIII century Baroque style church. Next, we visit Urzelina to visit the remaining tower of a Church buried under lava during the eruption of 1808 and surrounded by fruit trees and other vegetation. We return to Velas and take a walk to see the most interesting points of the village. Later, we head to Pico Island by boat and transfer for check in and overnight stay at the hotel Caravelas or similar in Pico Island. Evening is free to enjoy dinner on your own.

### **Meals: Breakfast and Lunch**

## **Day 5: Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July'17 – Pico**

Breakfast at the hotel. We transfer to Lajes do Pico, a small port on the south east corner of the island, once centre of the island's whaling industry. At Pico we get the chance to see many species of cetaceans throughout the year. This activity has a maximum duration of 3 hours and is led by a team of professionals (skippers, biologists and watchmen) that uses semi-rigid boats. Later we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Lajes do Pico, following which we visit the Whalers Museum.

Next our Azorean wine experience! Pico Island isn't the first place you'd expect to find a thriving wine culture; however, the destination has been producing wine since the 15th century, starting about 10 years after the first settlers came around 1439. Despite volcanic eruptions, lava landslides and hostile environment, these early settlers were

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able to not only adapt, but thrive. It's quite a sight, vines growing from lava soil and flourishing on the rock. The black basalt has a tendency to absorb and give back heat, which leads to grapes ripe with sugar. What's interesting is that while the walls protect from sea breezes, take one sip of wine and you'll know you're near the water, the unique terror so alive you can taste the ocean through the fresh yet salty bouquet and high mineralogy. While heading towards Madalena on the south coast, we visit the vineyards area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and we also get to taste some of the Pico wines at the Cooperative Vitivinícola da Ilha do Pico. Return to the hotel and free time for dinner on your own.

## **Meals: Breakfast and Lunch**

*Azores are a group of 9 volcanic islands spread over 370 miles in North Atlantic Ocean.*





## Day 6: Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July'17 – Pico Island to Sao Miguel

Post leisurely breakfast, we transfer to Pico Airport to catch our flight to São Miguel. Upon arrival, we transfer to Furnas Boutique Hotel - Thermal & Spa , a 4-star wellness resort located in São Miguel Island, in Vale das Furnas, which is the largest concentration of thermal waters in Europe. The tranquil property was renovated in 2015 and features swimming pools and a Spa & Wellness centre. Here we have some free time for personal exploration or to indulge in some personal spa activity. Get a chance to experience a 'cozido' dinner. Something to know - The volcanic region of Lagoa das Furnas serves something of an entirely different nature: food cooked in the “furnas”, volcanic holes with steam and boiling mud. Here you can see the pots being pulled from the muddy holes. A “cozido” – a pot containing different meats and vegetables – is usually left to stew there for 5 to 7 hours at a temperature of 70C. This is what the locals call the “real slow food” and although it looks harmless, when you get close to the bigger fenced “furnas”, you’ll feel the heat. Overnight stay at Furnas in Sao Miguel.

### Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

*Sao Miguel* is the largest island of the archipelago







## **Day 7: Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July'17 – Ponta Delgada**

After breakfast we visit Terra Nostra Botanical Garden, where you can walk around the beautiful gardens. The biggest variety of camellias in Europe is to be found here, amongst other species such as magnolias, ginkgo biloba, cycas and even redwoods. The huge thermal pool with hot spring water (with standard temperature between 37C and 40C) has beneficial properties and is good for relaxation and for the skin. The colour is not very appealing because of the iron but the experience is absolutely worth it. There has been a garden in the Furnas Valley for over 200 years. From the top of the Pico do Ferro viewpoint, you will be able to see that the “valley” which is actually a crater, seven kilometers in diameter, and the last remains of an apparently long-extinct volcano. The Furnas Valley became popular towards the end of the 18th century, due to the growing interest in the use of mineral water to treat health problems, such as rheumatism and obesity. Furnas has hundreds of small springs and streams, all with different properties. The Terra Nostra Garden is located in the midst of this magnificent water system. Return to the hotel to check out and visit the Furnas town, where you can grab a quick bite on your own, after which we transfer from Furnas to Ponta Delgada. Upon arrival, we check in to Hotel Royal Garden or similar. Evening is free for you to explore and have dinner on your own. Recommended restaurant is Marisella at Ponta Delgada. Overnight stay in Ponta Delgada

### **Meals - Breakfast**

## **Day 8: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July'17 – Sete Cidades Jeep Trip**

Today, you will enjoy a 360-degree view of the beauty of Azores. This jeep tour to Sete Cidades is a unique opportunity to know the Western side of the island in different ways. This tour combines two of the major natural attractions of the island. In the morning, we drive along the unexplored roads where we visit some of the most beautiful lakes situated in the western part of São Miguel. In the afternoon, we have the opportunity to visit the Fire Lake. In Caldeira Velha, a regional natural monument, you will get a chance to have a warm relaxing bath at the waterfall. We also visit the Liqueur Factory at Ribeira Grande and somewhere along the way, we will surprise you with a picnic barbeque lunch al fresco with wine and great cheer, for you need to indulge yourself - The Azores is a great place for gourmet food and wine. Later we return to the hotel and the evening is free for personal exploration. Overnight stay at Ponta Delgada.



## **Meals – Breakfast and Lunch**

*Ponta Delgada* is the largest municipality and administrative capital of the Autonomous Region



## **Day 9, Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July'17 – Ponta to Porto**

We check out after breakfast and transfer to Sao Miguel Airport to catch our flight to Porto. Upon arrival, we transfer to the waterfront for our farewell lunch and time for shopping, followed by a visit to the Stock Exchange and a short city tour by bus. Later transfer to hotel Intercontinental Cardosas Palace or similar and the evening is free. . Overnight stay in Porto

## **Meals – Breakfast and Lunch**

## **Day 10, Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July'17 – Departure (6 AM)**

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight back home.

## **Meals – Breakfast**



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## **Please Note:-**

- *Do not book your flights without consulting WOW*
- *Insurance cost will be extra for the age group 40 and above*
- *Registration on the website [www.wowclub.in](http://www.wowclub.in) is compulsory for all WOW trips.*

## **WOW Package Cost:**

Twin Sharing – Rs 1, 59,000/- per person

Single Supplement – Rs 39,000/- per person extra

**Early Bird Offer:** Make a confirmed booking with a payment of Rs 75000 towards the tour package by 15<sup>th</sup> May to avail Rs 4000 waiver on the tour cost and the balance payment should be completed latest by 5<sup>th</sup> June'17

### **Extra Night at Lisbon on 30<sup>th</sup> June'17:**

Twin Share - Rs 11500/- per person

Single Occupancy – Rs 15000/- per person

### **Extra Night at Porto on 10<sup>th</sup> July'17:**

Twin Share - Rs 6500/- per person

Single Occupancy – Rs 10750/- per person

## **Inclusions:**

- Accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as per the itinerary (9 Breakfast, 5 Lunches and 2 Dinners)
- English speaking guides as per the itinerary
- Travel insurance (for age group up to 40 years)
- Group transfers
- Tips for drivers and guides
- All currently applicable taxes including service tax

## **Exclusions**

- Airfare (Do not book your flights without consulting WOW)

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- Visa (However, we can help with acquiring visa for those who have already got the biometrics done at an extra cost)
- Individual Airport Transfers
- Expense of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone / fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera / video camera fee at monuments, medical expenses, airport departure tax etc
- Drinks during lunches and dinners
- Any expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as road blocks, accidents & any medical evacuations. Any train delays or re-scheduling etc
- Any tips to porters, hotel & restaurant staff.
- Porter fees in hotels & airport
- Any meals apart from the ones mentioned above.
- Any other services not mentioned in the inclusions

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- Health issues declared or undeclared prior to trip.
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### **Cancellation Policy:-**

- Cancellation after confirmation with payment anytime before 30 days of the commencement of tour: 15% of the value of the undiscounted tour cost or Rs7000, whichever is less.
- Cancelling the tour 30 to 20 days before commencement of the tour: 25% of the value of undiscounted tour cost
- Cancelling 19-10 days before commencing of the tour: 50% of the undiscounted tour cost
- Cancelling 9-7 days before commencement of the tour: 75% of the undiscounted tour cost.
- Cancelling before 6 days or less before the tour date: No refund for the tour.
- For any flight tickets booked additionally with the trip being cancelled, the cancellation policy of the airline will apply.