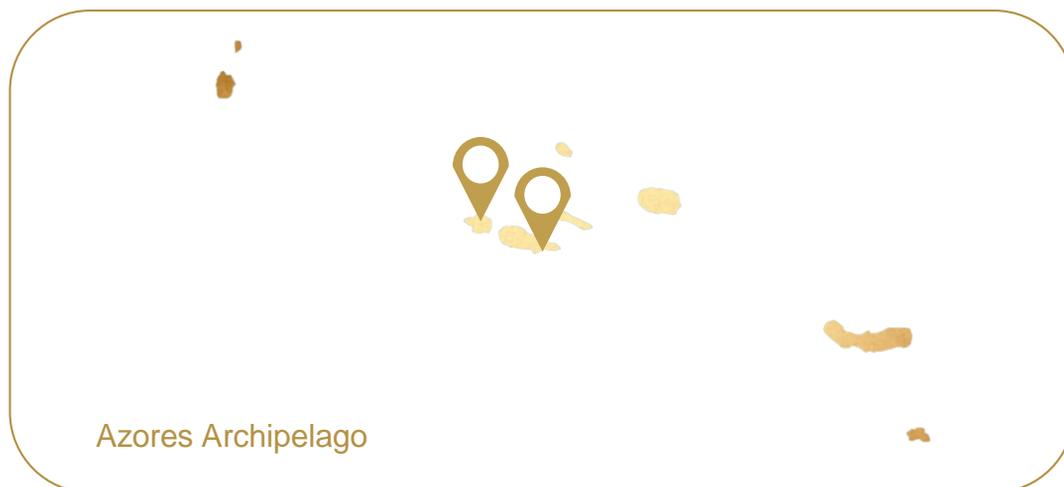




Explore the ancient world of volcanoes on foot. Track the origins of Pico and Faial Islands and experience nature at its finest. This is a package that lets you explore some of the best trails in the Azores, such as the Capelinhos Volcano trail or the climb to the highest mountain of Portugal. This is a package for hikers!

Itinerary

- Day 1 | Arrival and hiking in Capelinhos and Horta city tour
- Day 2 | Hiking in Caminho dos Burros
- Day 3 | Climbing Pico Mountain
- Day 4 | Whale and dolphin watching and departure



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DAY 1 – Faial Island – Arrival and hiking in Capelinhos and Horta city tour. Lunch included. Boat trip to Pico Island (20 minutes) and transfer to the hotel.

**HIKING IN CAPELINHOS & HORTA CITY TOUR – FULL DAY
EXTENSION: 7 KM | DURATION: 3H00 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM**

Drive by jeep or van towards Caldeira, a big volcanic crater with beautiful views over the sea and Pico Island too. Short drive to Capelinhos Volcano and its surrounding area. The endemic vegetation is amazingly well preserved and it's a constant during the trip. Once we reach the area affected by the eruption, we will visit the volcano's interpretation centre and go up to the lighthouse, from where we will have a very wide view over all the new part of the island which was added by the last eruption of 1957. The views over the black volcanic rocks and sand are extremely beautiful, contrasting with the deep blue of the ocean. After the visit we will have our lunch. In the afternoon we continue our tour in Horta city and visit the famous Marina and Peter's Café.

DAY 2 – Pico Island – Pick up at the hotel. Hiking in Caminho dos Burros. Picnic lunch included. Return to the hotel.

**HIKING IN CAMINHO DOS BURROS – FULL DAY
EXTENSION: 11.2 KM | DURATION: 4H30 | DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM**

This trail starts in Pico's "Planalto Central" area (Pico's Central Plateau) and goes slightly downhill as we go from the south to the north of the island. The endemic vegetation is present throughout most of the walk featuring impressively sized specimens. Reaching Praínha's Forest Park we will have a break for our picnic lunch and also some free time to visit the park. Continuing the hike, we go down a bit more until we reach "Baía das Canas" in the coast where the trail ends. Possibility of swimming in a natural bay.

DAY 3 – Pico Island – Pick up at the hotel. Climbing the highest mountain of Portugal - Pico Mountain - 2351m of altitude. Picnic lunch included. Return to the hotel.

**CLIMBING PICO MOUNTAIN – FULL DAY
EXTENSION: 10 KM | DURATION: 6H30 | DIFFICULTY: CHALLENGING / TECHNICAL**

The climb starts at Casa da Montanha (Mountain House), at 1200m high and goes up all the way until we reach the very top of the mountain, where we stop for lunch. From there, if it's not too cloudy, we can have amazing views over 4 of the other islands around. This trail is extremely technical because most of the way is very steep and rocky. Not recommended for people with knee or ankle problems.

DAY 4 – Pico Island – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip). Free lunch and afternoon. Pick up at the hotel, transfer to the airport and departure.

WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING – HALF DAY

During this activity you will have the opportunity to watch some of more than 25 cetacean species that can be found in the Azores. Although nature offers no guarantees, whales and dolphins are regularly seen during our half day tours, along with turtles, seabirds and other marine life.

Before the boat trip our biologists give you a briefing to explain which cetacean species can be observed, safety measures aboard, how we respect the animals and rules of observation at sea as well as some historical facts. During the tour each passenger is required to wear a life vest (except on our catamaran). Futurismo also provides rain coats and trousers if necessary.



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Highlights:

1. Visiting Capelinhos Volcano;
2. Climbing Pico Mountain;
3. Hiking from the north to the south coast of Pico island;
4. Watching some of the 25 cetacean species that can be found in the Azores;



Departures

Year round with a minimum of 2 persons.

Included

- Transfers hotel | airport / harbour | hotel;
- Transfers to the activities;
- Boat trip Faial | Pico
- English speaking guide;
- Lunch on the full day activities.

Not Included

- Accommodation;
- International flights;
- Lunch on day 4;
- Dinners;
- Optional activities.

Guides

Our guides speak a variety of languages so that we can offer our guests a more personalized service. Languages spoken include English, Portuguese, German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Scandinavian languages, Bulgarian and Estonian.

Note

The weather or sea conditions may restrict the activities therefore the order of the itinerary may be switched so that guests can take the most enjoyment of their trip.

Meals*

- Picnic lunch on days 2 and 3 – baguette sandwich or salad, cupcake or energy bar, fruit, water and juice.

- Lunch in local restaurant on day 1 – starter, fish or beef, dessert and drinks included.

*Vegetarian options on request (24h before the trip)

Recommendations

Bring comfortable light clothes, sweater, raincoat, walking boots or shoes, swimming suit and towel, hat, sunblock, backpack and bottle of water to refill.