



The Azores is one of the world's best destinations to view whales and dolphins. Year-round we encounter our resident sperm whales and several dolphin species, as well as turtles and seabirds. From March to June we see migratory whales including the two largest species - blue whale and fin whale. Join us to meet some of the 25 cetacean species that have been registered in Azores waters. This is a package for those who want observe and get to know more about these magnificent animals! Generally each day whale and dolphin watching in the Azores is completely different from the last. So why not try to spend as much time on the water as you can during your visit?!

Itinerary

- Day 1 | Arrival
- Day 2 | Whale & dolphin watching & free afternoon (HD)
- Day 3 | Whale & dolphin watching & free afternoon (HD)
- Day 4 | Thematic tour to Furnas (FD)
- Day 5 | Whale & dolphin watching & free afternoon (HD)
- Day 6 | Whale & dolphin watching & visit to Vila Franca Islet (FD)
- Day 7 | Whale & dolphin watching & free afternoon (HD)
- Day 8 | Departure



Azores Archipelago

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DAY 1 – Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Free day.

DAY 2 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip). Free afternoon for other activities (we suggest a city tour in Ponta Delgada).

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.

DAY 3 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip). Free afternoon for other activities (we suggest a swimming with dolphins trip).

DAY 4 – Pick up at the hotel. Thematic tour to Furnas. “Cozido” lunch included. Return to the hotel.

THEMATIC TOUR TO FURNAS (VAN + SOFT WALKING TOUR) – FULL DAY

On this tour we feel and experience the volcanic origins of the Island in Furnas, a magical place. We start by visiting the Caldeiras da Lagoa das Furnas (Furnas Lake Calderas), a place where we cook the famous “cozido das Furnas” (a very special meal cooked only with the steam of the Earth) and continue with a soft walk that crosses a stream and circles the lakeside. During this walk we have the opportunity to appreciate a variety of endemic flora species. Next we visit the town of Furnas, with its fumaroles and hot springs that contain water with different tastes. The Cozido meal is served in a local restaurant. After lunch we visit the centenary Terra Nostra botanical garden that is famous for its extraordinary collection of native plants on the Azores, as well as others from all over the world that have adapted to the local garden conditions. At the end of the visit you are invited to bathe in an iron-rich hot water swimming pool that has a temperature of 35-40°C, an exquisite experience! On the way back to Ponta Delgada we stop at several beautiful viewpoints on the North Coast and also at the only tea plantation in Europe where we will be able to visit the working tea factory and have a lovely break to taste the tea.

DAY 5 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip). Free afternoon for other activities (we suggest a hiking tour in Sete Cidades).

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DAY 6 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip) and visit to Vila Franca islet a) - full day. Lunch included.

After the whale and dolphin watching trip we stop in Vila Franca do Campo to have lunch in a local restaurant. Then we board a converted traditional fishing boat and head to Vila Franca do Campo islet, a volcanic crater off the coast that encloses a natural lagoon. The islet is a natural reserve, so here you will be able to view the diversity of fish species that have been preserved due to this protection (masks and snorkels are provided). Transfer back to Ponta Delgada by boat or van.

a) This activity is only available during the summer season due to the schedule of Vila Franca islet. The islet is typically open to the public between June 15th and September 15th. As an alternative we suggest an adventure tour in Sete Cidades that includes canoeing in the lake and a mountain bike tour, or other activity arranged with the guest upon arrival.

DAY 7 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip). Free afternoon for other activities (we suggest a jeep safari to Lagoa do Fogo).

DAY 8 – Transfer to the airport and departure.

NOTE: Futurismo cannot guarantee the sights of the wild animals, neither the best weather conditions. We always make the best efforts to offer the activities on the best days so if needed the order of the trips might be changed and informed in advance at least 24h). The trips costs cannot be returned in the above described, however we offer the option to repeat the trips in other opportunities.



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Highlights:

1. Watching some of the 25 cetacean species that can be found in the Azores;
2. Tasting the famous Furnas “Cozido”, cooked only with steam of the earth;
3. Snorkelling in the crystal clear waters of Vila Franca Islet.



Departures

Year round with a minimum of 2 persons.

Included

- Transfers airport | hotel | airport;
- Five whale and dolphin watching trips;
- Pre-tour briefing;
- English speaking biologist or nature guide;
- Half day trip to Vila Franca Islet with lunch included;
- Full day tour to Furnas with Cozido lunch included.

Not included

- Accommodation;
- International flight to Ponta Delgada;
- Lunch on days 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 & 8;
- 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*

- Cozido lunch on day 4 – starter, Cozido, dessert and drinks included. Cozido contains: beef, chicken, pork, spicy sausage, blood sausage, potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrot, cabbage, green kale. All cooked during 6 hours with natural steam only.
- Lunch in local restaurant on day 6 – 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.