



# Minibus Tours

## Sao Miguel Island, Azores

### Departures from Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel Island

On our minibus tours we visit some of our major attractions on the islands. Going on a minibus tour with us means having a comfortable trip, personalised service with a professional nature guide and no rush when overlooking the landscapes at our stop points. You will experience traditional food in local restaurants that we work with and get in touch with the local people and their culture. Choose from half day and full day trips divided through the areas of Sete Cidades, Lagoa do Fogo, Nordeste and Furnas.

Choose from the following tours featured in this brochure:-

- 1. Minibus Tour to Sete Cidades - Half Day**
- 2. Minibus Tour to Lagoa do Fogo - Half Day**
- 3. Minibus Tour to Furnas - Thematic Tour - Full Day**
- 4. Minibus Tour to Nordeste - Full Day**



## MINIBUS TOURS – Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel Island, Azores

### 1. Minibus Tour to Sete Cidades - Half Day

**Duration**

3h30

**Difficulty**

Easy

**Description**

A minibus tour is a comfortable way of discovering the beauty of the island. On this half-day trip you will have the opportunity to see some of the most scenic lakes of São Miguel within the volcanic complex of Sete Cidades. In Sete Cidades you will enjoy the many wonderful views from some of the region's belvederes (architectural structures sited to take advantage of the scenic views) as well as discover the ancient love story behind the formation of the green and blue lakes. A highlight of this tour is a stop at Ferraria where you can enjoy the unique experience of bathing in hot ocean water within a natural thermal pool that is heated by the forces of nature.

**Recommendations**

Bring: comfortable light clothes, sweater, rain coat, walking boots or shoes, swimming suit and towel, hat, sunblock, backpack, water.

**Price £50 (adult) £22 (child age 12 years and under)**

Nature guide, visit to Ferraria, pick up and drop off at the tourism office or your hotel.



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### 2. Minibus Tour to Lagoa do Fogo - Half Day

**Duration**

3h30

**Difficulty**

Easy

**Description**

If you are looking for a half-day comfortable trip to see some of the most magnificent highlights of São Miguel Island then this is one that we recommend. On this van tour you will go to the top of Fogo Mountain where you'll have awesome views over Fogo Lake within the volcano's crater and over the island and ocean. This vividly coloured blue lake is known as one of the most beautiful lakes of the island. On the descent we drive you to the Caldeira Velha where you can take time to bathe and relax in a thermal pool that is surrounded by endemic fauna and flora.

**Recommendations**

Bring: comfortable light clothes, sweater, rain coat, walking boots or shoes, swimming suit and towel, hat, sunblock, backpack, water.

**Price £50 (adult) £22 (child age 12 years and under)**

Nature guide, visit to Caldeira Velha – warm waterfall with bathing possibility, pick up and drop off at the tourism office or your hotel.



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### 3. Minibus Tour to Furnas - Thematic Tour - Full Day

**Duration**

7h30

**Difficulty**

Easy

**Description**

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.

**Recommendations**

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

**Price £80 (adult) £47 (child age 12 years and under)**

Nature guide, circling Furnas lake on foot, tasting the typical "Cozido" meal, swimming in an iron-rich hot water swimming pool, visiting the fumaroles, pick up and drop off at the tourism office or your hotel.



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### 4. Minibus Tour to Nordeste - Full Day

**Duration**

7h30

**Difficulty**

Easy

**Description**

Located in the eastern-most part of the island, Nordeste is considered to be the most beautiful region in the island and it has already been considered to be the most flower-rich region in Europe. Our first stop is well worth it as we stop at the viewpoint of Salto do Cavalo's peak. This viewpoint is marked by astonishing and wide views over Povoação, the first place to be settled on the island, and the coast that extends beyond Povoação. We continue our trip to the Priolo (Azores Bullfinch) Environmental Center to visit the interactive exposition that fills the visitor with interesting knowledge about the area of Serra da Tronqueira, its fauna and flora, and more specifically about the Priolo bird (*Pyrrhula murina*) which is endemic to São Miguel Island in the Azores. Next to the centre we can also visit the Endemic Species Garden. Finally we go down to the town of Nordeste where we have lunch in a local restaurant. On the way back to Ponta Delgada we will stop at wonderful viewpoints over the coast and Povoação.

**Recommendations**

Bring: comfortable light clothes, sweater, raincoat, walking boots or shoes, hat, sunblock, backpack, water.

**Price £85 (adult) £49 (child age 12 years and under)**

Nature guide, visit to Centro do Priôlo, lunch in a local restaurant, pick up and drop off at the tourism office or your hotel..