



Geo Tourism

Sao Miguel Island, Azores

Departing from Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel Island

Book & pay for tours locally at our boat base in Ponta Delgada

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Choose from the following tours featured in this brochure:-

Geo Tour - Full Day

Duration

10h00

Difficulty

Easy

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Recommendations

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

85€ Price per person includes

Nature guide, picnic lunch (sandwich, cake, fruit, water, juice), pick up and drop off at the tourism office or your hotel.



GEO TOURISM – Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel Island, Azores

1. Geo Tour – Full description

We start our tour with a visit to Gruta do Carvão (Coal Cave). Located on the western side of the city of Ponta Delgada, this lava tunnel currently extends for about 2000 meters, spread over three main cavities and intermediate areas which have already collapsed and blocked the access to the primitive lava tube. According to old documents and field observations this lava tube may have originally reached a length of 5km.

After visiting the cave we continue our tour through the south coast stopping at São Roque Islet, and then heading towards the city of Lagoa to visit the Monitoring Centre for Volcanology and Geothermal Energy of the Azores (OVGA), a science Centre for applied research and scientific dissemination in the field of volcanology, seismology and geothermal energy where you will learn more about the formation of the islands and the volcanic phenomena of the Azores. Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch we cross to the north coast and drive up to Pico da Barrosa, with views of the west side of the island, the volcanic complex of Picos and the volcanic complex of Sete Cidades. Then we stop at the viewpoint of Lagoa do Fogo which offers stunning views of the caldera and its majestic lake. The journey continues towards Caldeira Velha, a warm iron-rich waterfall where you can enjoy a soothing thermal bath.

After this invigorating experience we visit the Caldeiras da Ribeira Grande, a living testimony of the present volcanic activity. On the way back to Ponta Delgada we have a last stop in Ribeira Seca to visit the Fontanário do Largo de São Pedro, a sixteenth century fountain which remains as the only trace of the old village that was destroyed by the eruption of 1563.

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