

# Ponta Delgada

## Sao Miguel, Azores

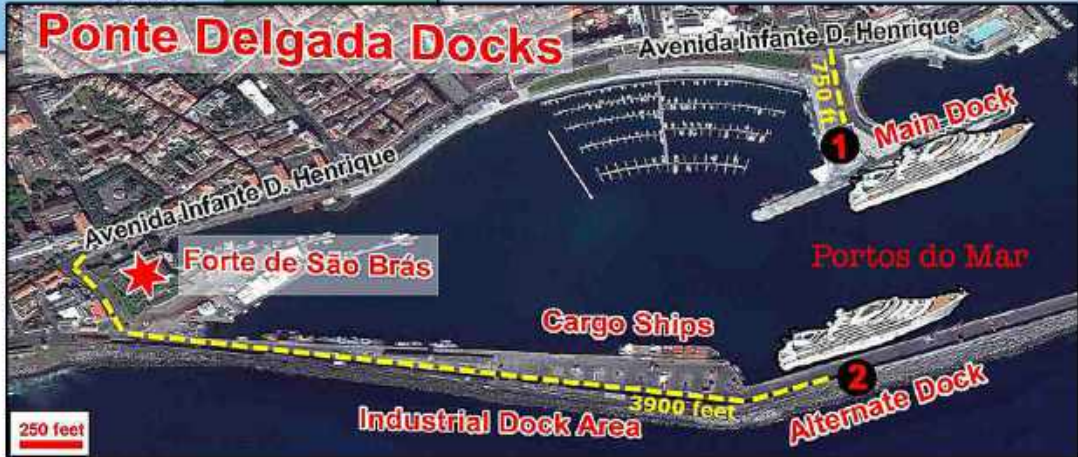
Thursday, May 5, 2022  
8am - 5pm

Largest of nine islands

Pop 70,000  
Ponta Delgada is the administrative capital of the Azores



- \* 10 minute walk to town
- \* ATMs, shops & restaurants near harbor area



Alternate Dock has no amenities, but there is a shuttle



# Ponta Delgada Tourist Information



No visa necessary for U.S. citizens



Portuguese

Azoreans speak a special dialect

English spoken in most tourist areas



Euro 1 euro = \$1.18 USD

Most businesses accept credit cards

Smaller businesses may want cash (smaller bills)



58° - 64° unstable due to location



Available



Taxis are metered

Make sure the driver speaks some English

Negotiate before trip

Taxis can be hired outside the port



# Ponta Delgada Tourist Information



No Uber at present time  
Rental Cars available (roads very curvy ...Insurance!)



Major bus routes connecting cities  
3 mini bus routes within the city departing every 15 minutes  
Schedules at bus stops & Tourist information office  
No Hop On Hop off operating in the city  
Yellow bus tours



Lagarta Tourist Train  
depart from Avenida Infante D. Henrique near fort  
English commentary  
Various tours at various times 50 minutes each  
Historical, Heritage, Garden, Outskirts, Beach



Very Safe  
Standard precautions

Stretching & yawning may not be acceptable in public places



# Ponta Delgada Tourist Information



Tap water is not always drinking water.  
No typical Azorean food, but Cozido das Furnas is unique.



Tipping not common, but 10% shows appreciation



Hypermarket

Centro Comerical Solmar

Mercado da Gracia

Shopping Streets: Rua dos Mercadores and Rua de Sao Joao

Parque Atlantic ( mall in northern section of city)

Market across from port for snacks, drinks, etc



What to Buy:

Basalt jewelry (26 active volcanoes)

Pottery (town of Lagoa...signed and dated/ blue and white)

Fish scale flowers

Barcelos Rooster folk art

Something woven

Laphina (miniature nativity scene)



# What to do in Ponta Delgada?

Main Square and City Gates

Within walking distance of the port



St. Sebastian Church



Synagogue Museum



Sao Bras Fort  
Military Museum



St. Joseph Church



Avenida Infante D. Henrique



# What to do in Ponta Delgada ?

## Churches:

- \* Santuario de Senhor Santa Cristo do Milagres
- \* Igreja Mae de Deus
- \* Colegio Church

## Museums

- \* Carlos Machado Museum
- \* Military Museum
- \* Nucleo de Arte Sacra

## Parks and Gardens

- \* Jardim Antonio Borges
- \* Jardim Antero De Quental
- \* Jardin Do Palacio de Sant'Ana
- \* Jardim do Cnato Palace Casa
- \* Parque Terra Nostra

## Other Points of Interest:

- \* Tea Plantation
- \* Pineapple greenhouses
- \* Hot Springs
- \* Hiking ( [trails.visitazores.com](http://trails.visitazores.com))
- \* Whale watching (beginning of season)
- \* Bird watching (last refuge of Azores Bullfinch)

Lagoa das Sete Cidades



# What to do in Ponta Delgada ? Out of Town



Ribeira Grande



Lago do Fogo



Lago das Furnas



Caldiera Velha





## Tour Options

A Taste of the Azores  
3.75 hrs      \$89.95

- \* Sete Cidades Lake
- \* Village
- \* Pass Santiago Lake
- \* Wine & cheese tasting

Fire Lake & Ribeira Grande  
3.75 hrs.      \$69.95

- \* Ribeira Grande
- \* Views of Lake
- \* Pineapple plantation

Best of the Azores: Furnas Valley  
and hotsprings

8 hrs.      \$189.95

- \* Tea Plantation and Factory
- \* Pico do Ferro viewpoint
- \* Lunch
- \* Terra Nostra Botanic Gardens
- \* Hot springs

Off the Beaten Track: Azores  
3.25 hrs      \$119.95 (strenuous)

- \* Travel by smaller vehicle
- \* Climb to Sete Cidades Lake


Sete Cidades Crater Lake  
3.25 hrs      \$69.95 (easy)

- \* Pineapple Plantation
- \* Time in Sete Cidades Village
- \* Views of Lake

Other Resources

- \* [pontadelgadotaxi.com](http://pontadelgadotaxi.com)
  - \* [azoresgetaways.com](http://azoresgetaways.com)
  - \* [visitazores.com](http://visitazores.com)
- Tom's Port Guide: Azores





There is nothing like returning  
to a place that remains unchanged  
to find the ways  
in which you yourself have altered.

Nelson Mandela