

2023 Grand World Cruise

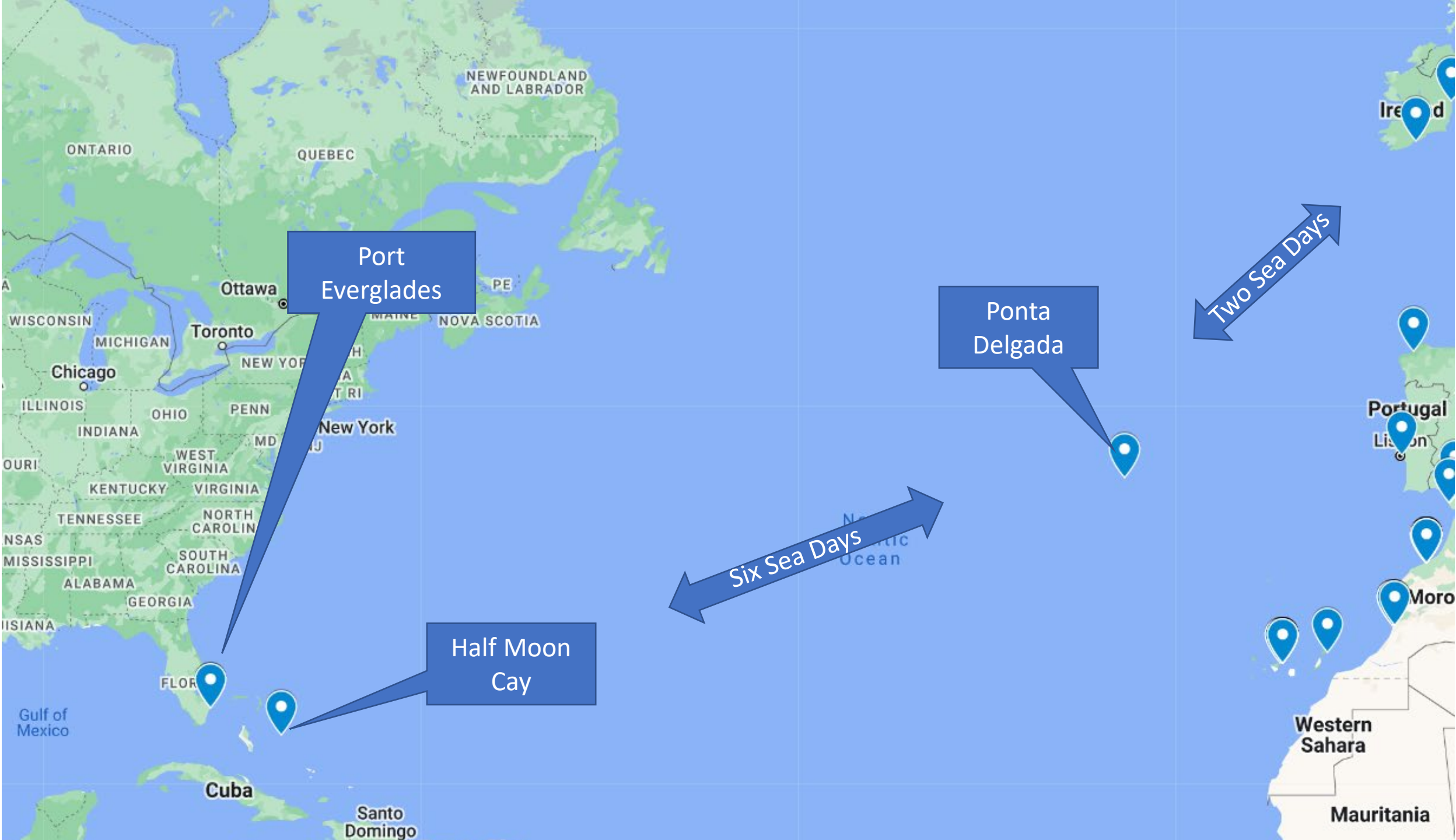
ZOOM Meet and Greet

25 Oct 2022

Ponta Delgada-Azores, Portugal

Half Moon Cay

Fort Lauderdale



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Ponta Delgada

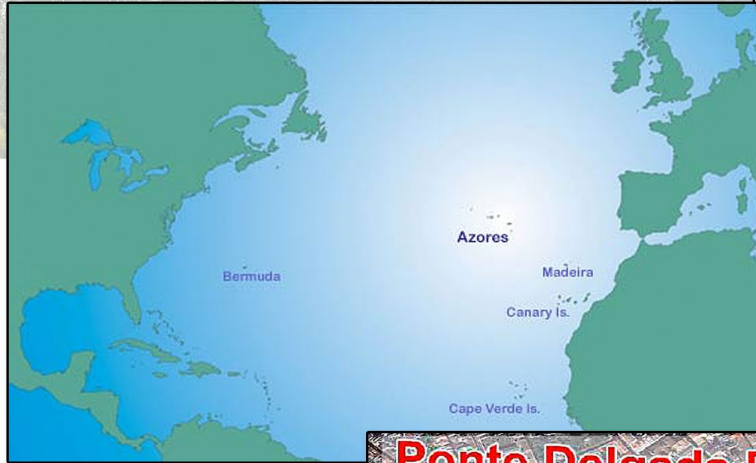
Sao Miguel, Azores

Thursday, May 4, 2023
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





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 = \$1.02 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

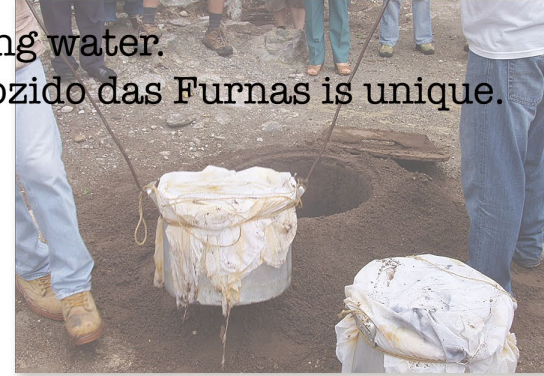
Centro Comerical Solmar

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

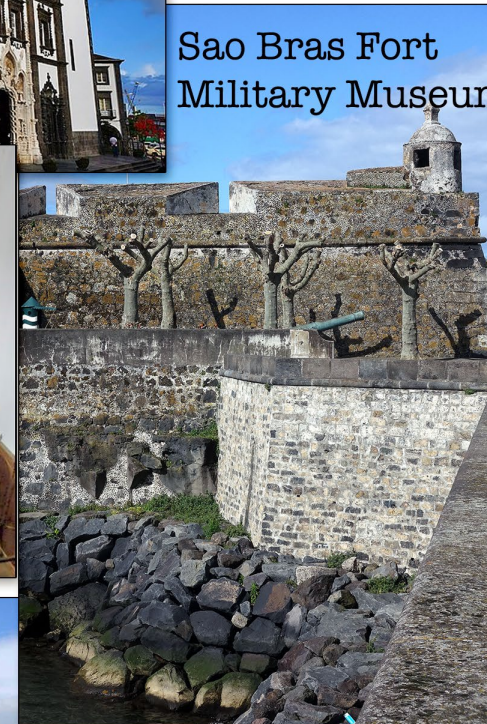
Within walking distance of the port



St. Sebastian Church



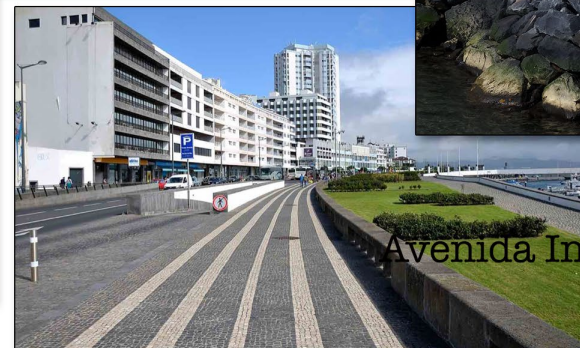
Synagogue Museum



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)
- * Whale watching (beginning of season)
- * Bird watching (last refuge of Azores Bullfinch)

Lagoa das Sete Cidades



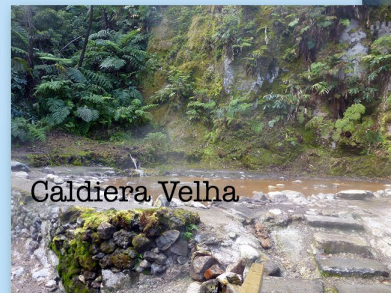
What to do in Ponta Delgada ?

Out of Town

Ribeira Grande



Lago do Fogo



Caldiera Velha

Lago das Furnas





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 hotspots
8 hrs. \$159.95

- * 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
- * azoresgetaways.com
- * visitazores.com

Tom's Port Guide: Azores

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