



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 | Van or jeep tour around Pico Island (FD)
- Day 5 | Whale & dolphin watching & free afternoon (HD)
- Day 6 | Whale & dolphin watching & van tour to "Ponta da Ilha" (FD)
- Day 7 | Whale & dolphin watching & free afternoon (HD)
- Day 8 | Departure



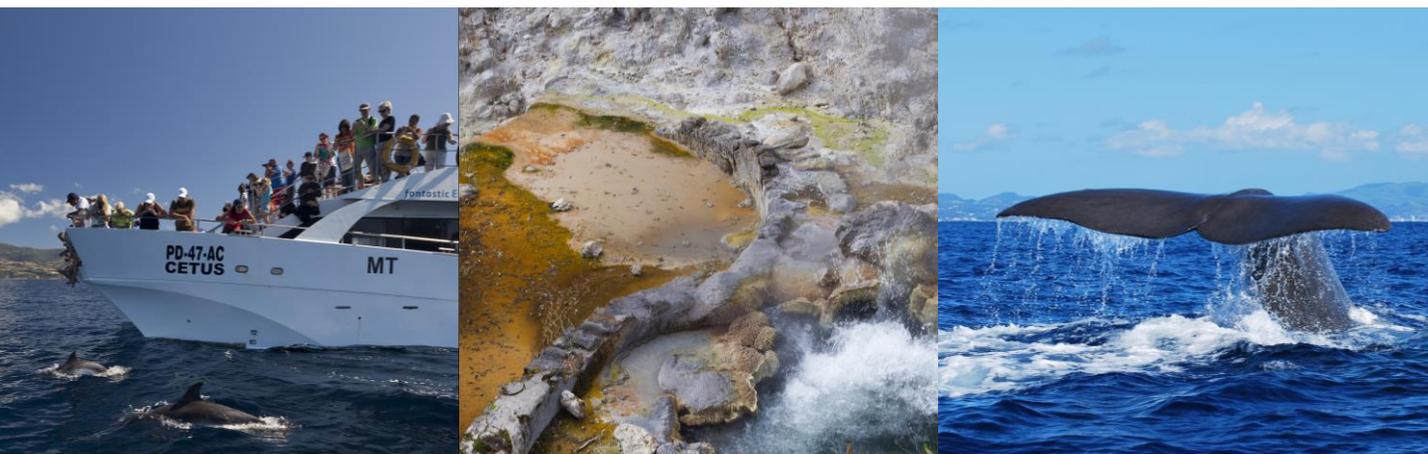
Azores Archipelago

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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 half day jeep safari to the lakes).

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 our biologists give you a briefing to explain which cetacean species can be observed, safety measuretrips 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.

DAY 4 – Pick up at the hotel. Van or jeep tour around Pico Island. Lunch included. Return to the hotel.

VAN OR JEEP TOUR AROUND PICO ISLAND – FULL DAY

Visit to “Gruta das Torres” (the biggest lava tunnel known in Portugal and maybe from Europe). Tour to Vinhas (vineyards) da Criação Velha (Worlds Humanity Patrimony – UNESCO classification). Visit to a typical wine house with local wine production “Verdelho do Pico”. Lunch in a local restaurant. The visit around the island continues with particular interest in the volcanic formations, lakes, endemic fauna and flora, fishing ports (old whale ports) and typical small villages.

DAY 5 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip). Free afternoon for other activities.

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DAY 6 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip) and van tour to “Ponta da Ilha”. Lunch included. Return to the hotel.

VAN TOUR TO “PONTA DA ILHA” – HALF DAY

After the whale watching trip we stop to have lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch we go along the southern coast and visit the small natural swimming pools formed by lava in the sea (swim possibility), visit the ancient lighthouse in “Ponta da Ilha” and continue to the north part of the island. Stops in the best sights spots including great views to São Jorge Island.

DAY 7 – Whale and dolphin watching (3 hour trip). Free afternoon for other activities (we suggest a visit to the Museum of Arts and Science and the Whalers Museum in Lajes).

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. Swimming in the deep blue sea with wild dolphins;
2. Visiting the landscape of the Pico Island vineyard culture, classified as a world heritage site by UNESCO;
3. Visiting the ancient lighthouse in “Ponta da Ilha”.



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;
- Full day tour around Pico Island with lunch included;
- Half day tour to “Ponta da Ilha” with lunch included.

Not included

- Accommodation;
- Flight to Pico Island;
- 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*

- Lunch in local restaurant on days 4 and 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.