

# Azores

Island Adventure | WITH A STAY IN LISBON



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April 27 – May 8, 2026



## Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent more than 60 years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for U-M travelers – trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us:

**Convenience:** Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hardest part is selecting where to go next.

**Educational Enrichment:** All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

**Unique Explorations:** Our tours are specially designed for U-M travelers, providing opportunities for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

We invite you to explore our collection at [alumni.umich.edu/travel](http://alumni.umich.edu/travel).

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at 855.764.0064 or [alumnitravel@umich.edu](mailto:alumnitravel@umich.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachele Neu'.

Rachele Neu, '08, MA'12

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém, Lisbon
2. Central Zone of the Town of Angra do Heroísmo in the Azores, Terceira
3. Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture, Madalena, Pico

*Monastery of the Hieronymites*





# Discovery begins here



Get ready to be captivated by Lisbon and the enigmatic Azorean islands on this unforgettable adventure! Relish a tour of Lisbon's top sites, then fly to the untouched Azores archipelago. Step into a world of breathtaking natural beauty with lush emerald mountains, turquoise crater lakes and miraculous grapevines growing from lava fields. You'll visit centuries-old villages and delve into the Azores' rich cultural heritage and complex whaling history. Plus, savor authentic, fresh and seasonal Azorean food and wine!

Top: Criação Velha vineyards | Above: Local folk dancers  
Cover: Sete Cidades | Mail panel: City gates of Ponta Delgado  
| Angra do Heroísmo

## Inspiring Moments



- **Discover Lisbon** on a panoramic city tour and visit Jerónimos Monastery.
- Be awed by **stunning island vistas**, geological wonders and picturesque villages on **four Azorean islands**.
- Thrill to **whale watching** in one of the world's largest whale sanctuaries.
- Marvel at **vineyards growing in black lava rock** on Pico Island.
- Admire colonial-era, **Portuguese architecture** in the Azores' oldest city.
- **Take a jeep ride** to Sete Cidades to see the iconic twin volcanic crater lakes.
- Witness the Furnas **volcanic crater** and the famed Caldeira Velha **waterfall**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Lisbon

### Day 1 | In-transit

Depart for Lisbon, Portugal. 🌐

### Day 2 | Lisbon, Portugal

Arrive in Lisbon, transfer 🚗 and check in to the Dom Pedro Lisboa hotel.

This evening, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception, with canapés.

### Day 3 | Lisbon

**Lisbon City Tour.** Discover vibrant Lisbon today on a half-day panoramic tour. See the majestic 16th-century Tower of Belém and the nautical Monument to the Discoveries. Visit Jerónimos Monastery, a stunning example of Manueline architecture and lasting tribute to Portugal's Golden Age. Make a photo stop at the elegant Praça do Comércio square, with stunning waterfront views of the Tagus River.

**Free Time:** Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

### Day 4 | Terceira Island, Azores | Angra do Heroísmo

After breakfast, fly to Terceira. Arrive, transfer and check in to the Azoris Angra Garden.

**Enrichment:** *History of the Azores.*

**Angra do Heroísmo.** Take a guided walk of this city founded in 1478. Visit the neo-classical, 19th-century City Hall in the Praça Velha square to learn about the city's rich civic heritage.

Savor flavorful local cuisine at lunch together.

🌐 **AHI Connects | Experiential Azorean**

**Dinner.** Drive to Quinta do Martelo, an authentic Azorean farmstead to stop at the local market, discover the island's culinary heritage and savor a delicious dinner in the atmospheric farmhouse.

### Day 5 | Terceira

**Island Tour.** Capture the essence of Terceira on a panoramic tour. Stop at viewpoints for stunning island views and in São Sebastião to see its 15th-century church. Break for lunch together and then visit Algar do Carvão to tour the deep volcanic cave and lava tube. *(Active)* Conclude the day in charming Biscoitos, known for its natural lava rock swimming pools. Opt to take a dip or stroll through the town at leisure.

### Day 6 | Faial Island | Horta

After breakfast, take a short flight to Faial.

**Faial Tour.** After you land, begin an island tour. Visit the Capelinhos Volcano & Interpretation Center, where the submarine eruption of 1957 vastly altered the island's landscape. Stop for lunch and then visit the Caldeira nature reserve to gaze in awe at its massive crater. Continue toward Horta, pausing to appreciate the scenic views of Horta Bay and Pico Mountain.

Arrive and check in to the Azoris Faial Garden.

**Free Time:** The rest of the day is at your leisure.



15th Century church of São Sebastião



Correana Tea plantation



Ribeira Grande

## Day 7 | Pico Island | Faial

**Vineyards of Pico.** Take an early morning ferry ride over to Pico and visit the vineyards in Criação Velha, where grapevines grow from black basalt stone walls, a stunning visual contrast to the deep-blue ocean. Learn about the viticulture techniques used for over 500 years and Pico's mineral-rich Verdelho wine. Relish an Azorean lunch at a local winery.

**Lajes & Whaling History.** Tour the Whaler's Museum in Lajes, a major whaling hub from the 18th century until 1984. Delve into the Azores' complex whaling history via exhibits of whaling boats, harpoons, historical documents and photos, illustrating the whalers' daily lives. Take the ferry back to Faial and your hotel.

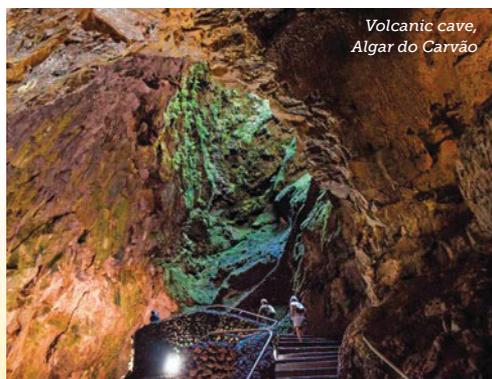
## Day 8 | Faial | São Miguel Island | Ponta Delgada

**Enrichment: Contemporary Azores.**

After the lecture, fly to Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island. Arrive, have lunch and set out on your guided city walking tour.

**Ponta Delgada & Carlos Machado Museum.**

Take a guided stroll of this capital city to see the grand city gates, constructed of black basalt with whitewashed accents; picturesque squares with colorful Portuguese pavement



Volcanic cave, Algar do Carvão

designs and the 17th-century City Hall. Then, visit the Carlos Machado Museum to discover the archipelago's natural and cultural heritage. Check in to the Octant Ponta Delgada hotel.

## Day 9 | São Miguel

**Furnas Crater.** Drive to the village of Furnas to stand in awe at the Lagoa das Furnas volcanic crater lake, surrounded by misty green hills and dotted with steaming fumaroles, bubbling mud pools and sulfur vents. Watch as a traditional stew is buried in the ground to be cooked by volcanic heat. Later, savor the Cozido das Furnas stew for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

**Terra Nostra Park.** After lunch, stroll through these beautiful, diverse botanical gardens and marvel at the orange-hued hot-thermal pool.

**Correana Tea Factory.** Visit Europe's oldest tea plantation still in operation to stroll the tea fields and tour the production factory.

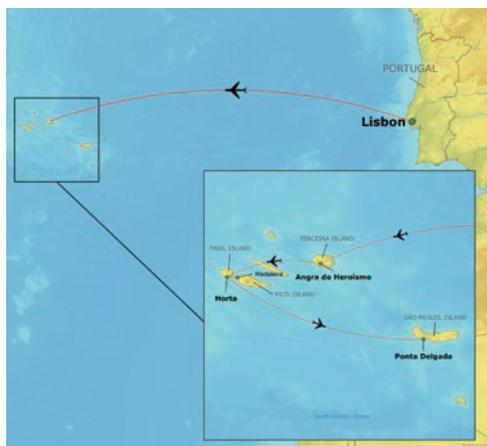
## Day 10 | São Miguel

**Whale Watching.** Embark on a thrilling boat expedition to look for sightings of majestic,



Furnas

## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **2 nights** in Lisbon, Portugal, at the first-class Dom Pedro Lisboa.
- **2 nights** in Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island, at the first-class Azoris Angra Garden.
- **2 nights** in Horta, Faial Island at the first-class Azoris Faial Garden.
- **4 nights** in Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island, at the first-class Octant Ponta Delgada.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers in the Land Program: flights, ferries and deluxe motor coaches.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 2 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Whale watching



graceful whales and playful dolphins in one of the world's best and largest whale sanctuaries.

**Lagoa do Fogo.** Visit this nature park to stand on the crater's rim and behold the serene lake and stunning scenery. Be awed by Caldeira Velha natural hot springs, enveloped by giant ferns, and see its iconic warm iron waterfall.

**Ribeira Grande.** Visit this town steeped in Portuguese character. Stroll along azulejo-tiled streets to see the baroque-style Town Hall and the graceful, arched Ribeira Grande Bridge.

### Day 11 | São Miguel

**Jeep Excursion.** Venture to a remote volcanic crater region to admire the beautiful, serene Canário lake. Stop at a viewpoint to gaze at stunning panoramic views, the iconic Sete Cidades blue and green twin lakes, a vast caldera framed by lush, mountainous forests.

### Farewell Reception, Dinner & Folklore

**Performance.** Enjoy this evening's reception, dinner and special folklore Performance.

### Day 12 | In Transit

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the Ponta Delgada Airport for your return flights home.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈️ Flights and 🚗 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

## Active Travel

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

### Excursions on this program require:

- walking distances of up to 3 miles on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces, including lava fields; hills and/or stairs
- getting on/off motor coaches, boats, ferries and/or 4 x 4 jeeps



*Lisbon*



*Terra Nostra Park*



*Capelinhos Volcano & Interpretation Center*

# 2026 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** † **April 27 – May 8, 2026**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

**Tour dates\*** **April 28 – May 8, 2026**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

**Full Price** **\$6,045**

**Special Savings** **\$750**

**Special Savings Price\*** **\$5,295**

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,495 (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://umich.ahitravel.com/destinations/1977A?schoolId=95>.

## AHI FlexAir

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- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## AHI Travel Expertise

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**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides** and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

# Accommodations



**Dom Pedro Lisboa** | Lisbon



**Azoris Angra Garden** | Heroísmo, Terceira Island



**Azoris Faial Garden** | Horta, Faial Island



**Octant Ponta Delgada** | Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island



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