

AZORES

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Background: Colonized by the Portuguese in the mid-15th century, their strategic position near the middle of the Atlantic Ocean is their most valuable asset. Today the Azores are an important mid-ocean refueling and pit-stop for commercial airlines, cruise ships, international shipping, and private yachts. Famous for deep sea fishing, local cheeses, red and white wine production, and many varieties of tropical fruit - the islands are becoming an increasingly popular tourist destination. The Azores' maps and information pages are currently being revised, and will be posted soon.

Capital: Ponta Delgada 1 Angra do Heroísmo 2 Horta 3 - **Time:** GMT +1 hr

Location: The widely-separated Azores, 972 miles (1564 km) directly west of Lisbon, Portugal, includes nine islands (all volcanic in origin)

Area: total: 2,333 km² (n/a), 911 sq mi

Climate: Temperature maximum 25°C, August minimum 13°C January Rainfall maximum October-March

Terrain: coast, meadows, mountains

Natural Resources: Corn, Tobacco, Fishes, Pineapples, Embroidery, Lace

Population: 2001 estimate 241,763 (n/a)

Nationality: Portuguese

Economy: Wherever you may go on the islands of the Azorean archipelago, you see the small farm communities and villages upon which the Azorean economy is based. Agriculture is not only a significant portion of the occupations of most Azoreans—it is a total way of life. Tourism is now beginning to significantly contribute to the economy. Substantial funds come from Americans of Azorean ancestry who visit the Azores, especially in the spring and early summer, contributing thousands of dollars to the local economy. Many Azoreans living overseas remit funds to family members remaining on the islands. Slowly, international tourism is finding the Azores a pleasant place to stop on the way between Europe and America. However, because most airlines no longer have to stop on the trans-Atlantic route, there has been a decline in the number of tourists visiting the islands. Additional efforts to spread the word about the beauty and charm of the Azores still need to be made before larger numbers of tourists will be attracted to the islands. More tourist facilities, hotels, restaurants, and roads must be built before tourism has a significant impact on the Azorean economy.

Industries: There is little manufacturing in the islands. Most interesting purchasable products, like the home-woven shawls and other cloth products, are from cottage industries. Some leather goods are locally produced and worth buying. Local wines are of good quality and the local brandy, aguardente, is excellent. Locally produced teas are also of good quality. Also you could buy wicker furniture and taste delicious cheese.

Currency: 1 EURO (EUR) = 100 CENTS

Transportation: The roads on the islands are generally narrow, hilly and winding. You will find many horse-and-bull-drawn wagons mixing with small trucks and buses, competing for space. The narrowness and steepness of the roads tends to encourage the use of small cars, most of which are German, Japanese, and Italian imports. Large American cars have serious problems going through the streets in the island's villages and interior roads. There are only three international airports in the Azores: Sao Miguel, Terceira, and Santa Maria are serviced by Portuguese Airways (TAP) and Azorean Airways (SATA). Interisland boats can be hired for travel between the islands, which can be an enjoyable experience.

Visa: All visitors must hold tickets and/or documents for their return or onward journey, and at least €74.82 plus €39.90 per day of stay, unless holding proof of accommodation (equivalent in convertible currency accepted). The borderless region known as the Schengen area includes the following countries: Austria, Belgium,

Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. All these countries issue a standard Schengen visa that allows the holder, in principal, to travel freely within the borders of all.

Duty Free: Travellers over 17 years arriving from non-EU countries do not have to pay duty on 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250g smoking tobacco, or a proportional mix of these products; 1 litre spirits with alcohol volume higher than 22%, or 2 litres spirits or aperitifs made of wine less than insurance is therefore advised 22%, or sparkling wines or liqueurs, or a proportionate mix of these, and 2 litres of wine; perfume up to 50g and 250ml eau de toilette. Travellers over 15 years do not have to pay duty on 500g coffee (provided purchased in a tax-free shop); 100g tea or 40g of tea extract (provided purchased in a tax-free shop); medicines for personal use and gifts or souvenirs to the value of €175 for adults and €90 for children under 15 years.

Health: There are no health risks attached to travel to Portugal. A yellow fever vaccination certificate is necessary for entry for anyone travelling from an infected area and destined for the Azores or Madeira. Health facilities are good and reciprocal health agreements exist with most European countries, including the UK, whose citizens receive free emergency care at state hospitals. Dental care and repatriation costs are not covered under this agreement. Medical

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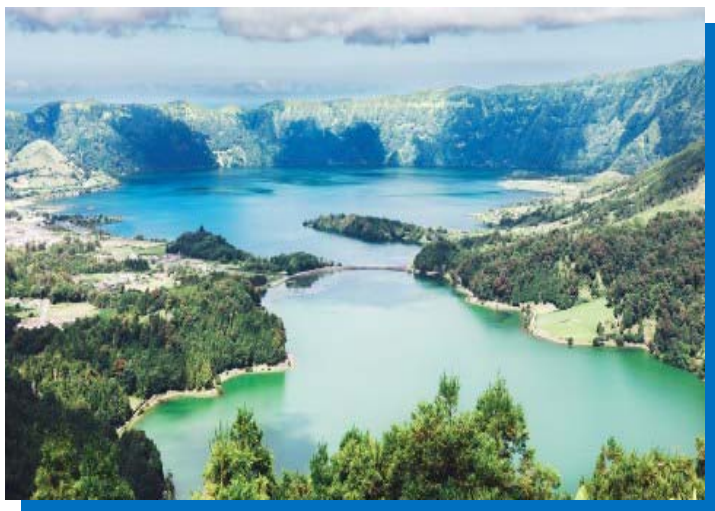
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