

ZERO

PREMIUM

SÃO MIGUEL

THE AZORES, BEAUTIFULLY TOGETHER.

An island.
A shared discovery.

Crater lakes. Thermal gardens. Atlantic encounters.
Exceptional moments, shaped around your people.

3 / 4 / 5 NIGHTS

TAILOR-MADE

PDL GATEWAY

INCENTIVES / RETREATS / CELEBRATIONS

THE ZERO PERSPECTIVE

A different kind of extraordinary.

São Miguel brings people into a landscape that changes the conversation. Volcanic lakes, living gardens and the open Atlantic become the setting for incentive travel, corporate retreats and private celebrations.



The green geometry of Gorreana tea fields. Photograph credits and original image links on p. 25.

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AN ISLAND FOR MORE OF THE YEAR

A season with room to explore.



The programme can extend well beyond July and August. Spring and autumn invite discovery; winter lends itself to gastronomy, thermal gardens and focused retreats, with a flexible outdoor plan.

AVERAGE DAYTIME HIGHS / °C

PONTA DELGADA · 1991–2020

JAN

17.5°

FEB

17.4°

MAR

17.9°

APR

18.8°

MAY

20.2°

JUN

22.4°

JUL

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AUG

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SEP

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OCT

22.6°

NOV

19.9°

DEC

18.3°

APRIL–JUNE / SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER

Our suggested wider planning window for landscapes, gardens and group discovery. Sailing is best planned within the operator's May–October season.

EVERY SEASON HAS ITS RHYTHM

Sunshine, cloud and showers can share a day. Higher viewpoints are cooler and can be misty. Reserve alternatives for windy or wet conditions.

IPMA: Observatório Afonso Chaves, Ponta Delgada. Coastal historical averages, not a forecast for the island's uplands. Rain is possible year-round; winter is generally wetter. Photograph: Lagoa do Fogo.



Ponta Delgada



ARRIVE. FIND YOUR ISLAND RHYTHM.

The journey opens here.

Arrive at Ponta Delgada airport (PDL). ZERO coordinates the welcome, luggage and private transfer to your selected hotel, with a relaxed check-in and time to settle.

A gentle introduction to the historic centre and waterfront leads into welcome drinks and a regional dinner. The first evening is designed around arrival times.

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BALCONY / WELCOME DINING



Portas da Cidade, Ponta Delgada. The city-based itinerary assumes Grand Hotel or Octant; a Furnas base requires a different transfer and evening plan.

THE CLASSIC CITY BASE

Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico



Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico. Hotel photography: Bensaude Hotels.

[EXPLORE THE HOTEL](#)

HERITAGE. HARBOUR. HOSPITALITY.

A refined waterfront base close to the marina and historic centre. Maritime-inspired interiors give the hotel a distinctive sense of place.

Adaptable meeting rooms and event spaces make it a strong starting point for a coordinated corporate stay.

[MEETINGS & EVENTS](#)

Octant Ponta Delgada

A MODERN ATLANTIC ADDRESS

Sea-facing rooms, À TERRA dining and a rooftop pool bring a contemporary mood to the city stay. The spa creates a natural pause between island discoveries.

GATHER WITH PURPOSE

A conference centre supports working sessions alongside the incentive programme. Request the room block, private dining and event layout as one coherent brief.

Consider for design-conscious groups who value a city base, destination dining and time to recharge.

EXPLORE OCTANT



À TERRA / GASTRONOMY



À TERRA at Octant Ponta Delgada. Photograph: Octant Hotels. Private use and event arrangements to be quoted.

A RETREAT IN THE FURNAS VALLEY

Terra Nostra Garden Hotel



STAY CLOSE TO NATURE

Art Deco character, garden access and thermal bathing make Furnas a compelling setting for a slower, more intimate retreat.

THE EVENT CONNECTION

Casino Terra Nostra, Sala do Parque and Botania Hall offer different ways to gather. Select the venue around group size and the desired atmosphere.

[GARDEN HOTEL](#)[EVENTS IN FURNAS](#)

Parque Terra Nostra thermal pool. A Furnas hotel base changes the sequence and transfer plan of the city-based sample.

Five days. One island story.

A sample programme based in Ponta Delgada, with space for discovery, celebration and the unexpected.

01

ARRIVE

PDL welcome, private transfers, hotel check-in and a relaxed city evening.

02

THE CRATER LAKES

Sete Cidades by 4x4, optional kayaking or a gentle guided walk.

03

THE VOLCANIC HEART

Furnas, thermal gardens and a cozido lunch. Time to pause, then return.

04

THE ATLANTIC & GALA

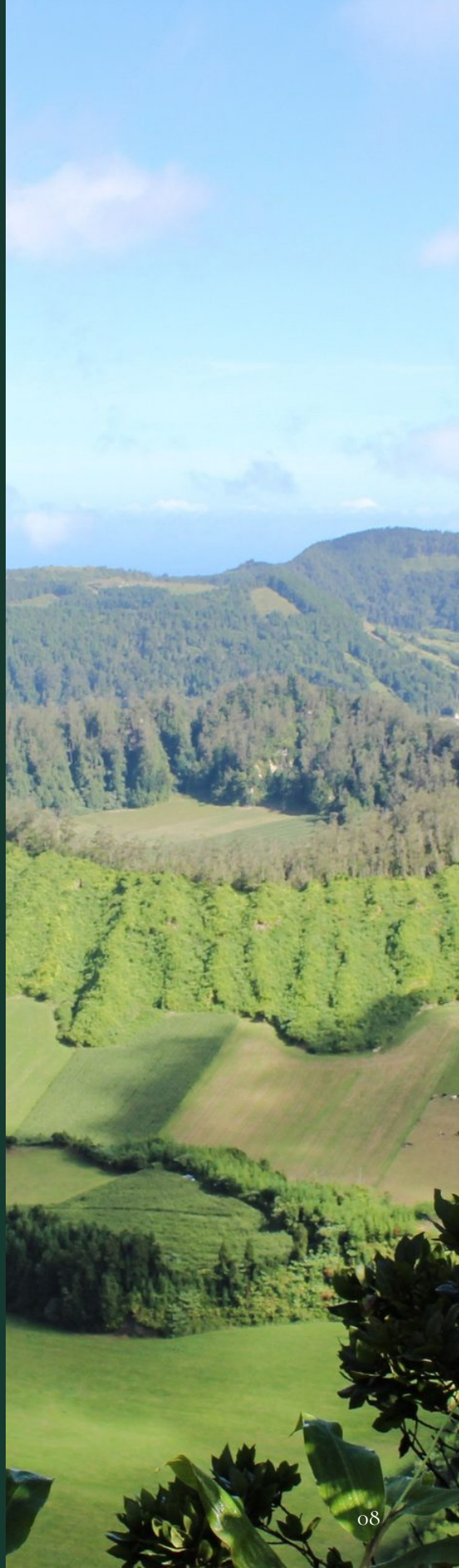
Whale watching or private sailing, hotel time and the signature celebration.

05

DEPART

Breakfast, coordinated check-out and private airport transfers.

Ocean and landscape days may be exchanged to follow the best conditions. Activities are selected, not accumulated.



DAY 02 / DISCOVER TOGETHER

Sete Cidades



Sete Cidades. Lake activities, access and viewpoint visibility depend on local conditions.

A LANDSCAPE THAT CONNECTS

Explore the crater country by guided 4×4. Add short scenic stops and a light team photography challenge, with time to enjoy the views.

CHOOSE YOUR PACE

At the lake, choose kayaking or stand-up paddling, or keep the day gentle with a guided walk. Match activity rotations to the guests.

JEEP & LAND EXPERIENCES



KAYAK / SUP AT SETE CIDADES



An encounter with the wild.



WHALE & DOLPHIN WATCHING

A marine wildlife outing brings a different energy to the programme. Travel with an experienced local operator, listen to the briefing and share the anticipation of seeing the ocean's residents.

FUTURISMO / OCEAN EXPERIENCES



Sperm whale photographed off São Miguel. Wildlife sightings are never guaranteed. Vessel choice, private use, guest suitability and sea conditions determine the final format.

AN ALTERNATIVE ATLANTIC EXPERIENCE

Under sail. At your own pace.



SailZen catamaran off São Miguel. Sailing is a separate choice from dedicated whale watching.

A SMALLER, PRIVATE GROUP

SailZen offers crewed sailing from Vila Franca do Campo. Shape a half-day, full-day or sunset experience around coastal views and time together.

A CONSIDERED GROUP FORMAT

Private catamaran capacity must fit the party. Larger incentives need rotations or another vessel plan; menus, transfers and timing are agreed in advance.

[SAILZEN / SAILING TOURS](#)[VESSEL & SEASONAL GUIDANCE](#)

Furnas, naturally.

Warm waters. A slower tempo.

LANDSCAPE / GARDENS / REGIONAL CUISINE

Follow the island inland to Furnas. Discover its volcanic landscape, make time for the botanical paths of Terra Nostra and choose a thermal bathing session before returning refreshed.

PARQUE TERRA NOSTRA



Lagoa das Furnas. Thermal access, opening schedules and suitability are confirmed for the travel dates. A garden-only option can accompany bathing.

An occasion worth gathering for.



THE ZERO CELEBRATION CONCEPT

Let the evening unfold.

An elegant reception, a locally inspired dinner and a memorable moment of recognition. Set the mood with considered lighting, music and a table that feels generous, personal and distinctly yours.

CITY / GRAND HOTEL EVENTS



FURNAS / TERRA NOSTRA



Casino Terra Nostra event setting, Bensaude Hotels. A Furnas gala is an alternative to the city venue and requires dedicated return transfers.

AN EVENING DESIGNED AROUND YOUR PEOPLE

From first toast to final dance.



01 The welcome

A reception with regional canapés, an aperitif and thoughtful non-alcoholic choices.

02 The dinner

A plated menu or agreed live stations; local ingredients and guest preferences shape the experience.

03 The moment

Awards, a short welcome address or a story from the journey. Keep the focus on the people.

04 The celebration

Live music or a DJ, dancing and a seamless return to the hotel at the agreed finish time.

Casino Terra Nostra exterior, Bensaude Hotels. A proposed event flow; production, sound, entertainment and venue permissions are quoted for the brief.

A SENSE OF PLACE AT THE TABLE

Taste the island.



FROM PASTURE TO ATLANTIC

Build menus around local produce, island cheeses and the catch of the day. À TERRA and BALCONY offer distinctive dining references in Ponta Delgada.

THE FURNAS TRADITION

Cozido das Furnas gives lunch a volcanic story. Agree the traditional meal or a suitable alternative with TN Restaurant before the group arrives.

À TERRA / REGIONAL DINING



TN / FURNAS CUISINE



Left: a dish at Octant Ponta Delgada. Right: lifting the cooking pots at Furnas; archive photograph, illustrating the local tradition.

PERSONAL HOSPITALITY, THROUGHOUT

Every guest. Every detail.



Dining at Octant; pineapples at Arruda Plantation. Indian cuisine and live stations are bespoke requests, not advertised inclusions at the featured venues.

REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

Balance Azorean discoveries with familiar choices across breakfast, lunch and dinner.

INDIAN CUISINE, IF REQUESTED

An optional themed menu or specialist chef can be explored with the hotel. Kitchen capability and sourcing need written confirmation.

LIVE STATIONS

Consider a chef-finished fish course, seasonal vegetables or a dessert counter, subject to the venue's event offer.

DIETARY CARE

Confirm vegetarian, vegan, Jain, halal and allergy needs individually, with ingredients, utensils and preparation agreed in advance.

CHOOSE THE EXPERIENCE THAT FITS

A little challenge. A lot of connection.



GOLF

Batalha or Furnas: a clinic, a relaxed round or a light tournament, shaped to ability and available tee times.

4x4 & LAKE DISCOVERY

Guided jeep discovery and selected lake activities create an engaging alternative for non-golfers.

WELLNESS & TIME OUT

A spa session or time at leisure keeps the programme generous for guests who prefer a slower pace.

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São Miguel golf landscape, Octant Hotels. Activities are alternatives within the programme; green fees, equipment, instruction and treatments require separate confirmation.

Lagoa do Fogo



A VIEW WORTH MAKING TIME FOR

Leave room for wonder.

Add a central-island discovery to the fifth-night programme. The crater landscape invites a scenic outing, while nearby coastal towns offer a different perspective on São Miguel.

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Lagoa do Fogo. Viewpoint access, transport restrictions and visibility vary; the route follows current local guidance and the day's conditions.



Grown on the island.

TEA. PINEAPPLE. TIME.

One more day opens a slower chapter. Walk the tea fields at Gorreana and discover the factory, then make room for a carefully paced regional lunch.

The taste of a place.

Arruda's pineapple greenhouses offer another island story. Combine selected stops with Lagoa do Fogo when conditions and timing allow, or choose a relaxed food-focused day.

For a hotel-based alternative, explore a hosted wine-and-cheese experience at Octant. Departure moves to Day 6.

GORREANA / TEA



ARRUDA / PINEAPPLE



Gorreana tea fields. Private guiding, group timings and hosted tastings are arranged to the final brief.

ONE ISLAND. THREE PROGRAMME LENGTHS.

Choose your rhythm.

The same attention to detail, shaped around the time available.

03

ESSENTIAL

3 nights / 4 days

D1 Arrival & welcome

D2 Crater lakes

D3 Furnas + gala

D4 Departure

04

SIGNATURE

4 nights / 5 days

D1 Arrival & welcome

D2 Crater lakes

D3 Furnas & gardens

D4 Ocean + gala

D5 Departure

RECOMMENDED

05

GRAND

5 nights / 6 days

D1 Arrival & welcome

D2 Crater lakes

D3 Furnas & gardens

D4 Ocean + gala

D5 Island flavours

D6 Departure

For three nights, an ocean experience can replace a land discovery. Longer stays provide more freedom to exchange weather-sensitive days.



ONE ACCOUNTABLE OPERATING CONTACT

Behind every effortless moment.

Arrival & movement

Airport welcome, luggage coordination, private transport and a hotel-specific route plan.

People & communication

A named ZERO lead, local guides, supplier briefings and a dedicated client contact throughout the stay.

The group experience

Rooming, activity rotations, meals, dietary care, guest communications and discreet event branding.

An island-aware Plan B

Exchange ocean and land days where possible. Hold an indoor celebration option and build buffers around flights and weather.

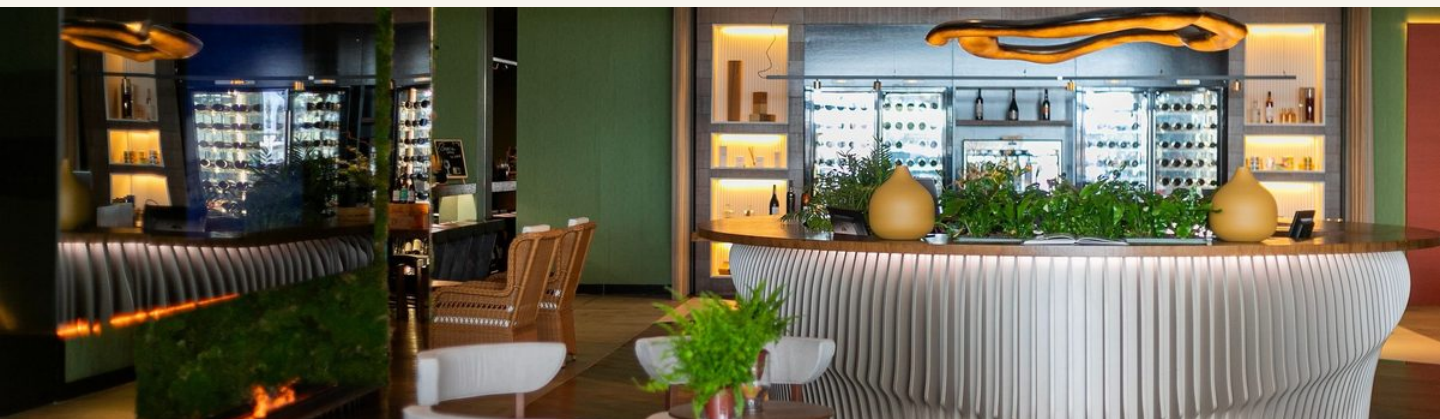


Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico, Bensaude Hotels.

Final scope and responsibilities are agreed in the proposal. Tourism, transport and maritime delivery use appropriately authorised and insured local suppliers.

CLICK TO EXPLORE EACH ADDRESS

Stay. Gather. Celebrate.



- 01 **Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico**
Classic waterfront base in Ponta Delgada.
- 02 **Octant Ponta Delgada**
Contemporary city hotel, dining and wellness.
- 03 **Terra Nostra Garden Hotel**
Furnas retreat with botanical and thermal character.
- 04 **Grand Hotel / Meetings & events**
City venue option for working sessions and celebrations.
- 05 **Casino Terra Nostra / Events**
Heritage event setting in the Furnas valley.
- 06 **Botania Hall by Terra Nostra**
An intimate villa and private-event alternative.
- 07 **À TERRA / Octant**
Regional dining and a contemporary welcome setting.

Octant Ponta Delgada. Shortlisted addresses; room blocks, private use, gala layouts and menus follow each venue's written offer.

SELECTED REFERENCES FOR A BESPOKE PROGRAMME

The experience edit.

Sete Cidades / Futurismo

Jeep, kayak, SUP and guided discovery.

Whale & dolphin watching

Futurismo's local operator profile.

SailZen / Private sailing

Catamaran tours from Vila Franca do Campo.

Parque Terra Nostra

Botanical paths and thermal bathing.

Batalha & Furnas Golf

Golf experiences with Azores Golf Islands.

Gorreana Tea Plantation

Tea fields, factory and regional heritage.

Arruda Pineapple Plantation

Greenhouses and a distinctive island crop.

TN Restaurant / Furnas

A regional dining reference.

BALCONY / Grand Hotel

Welcome or farewell dining in the city.

Octant / Wine & cheese

A hosted tasting option to explore.

Octant / Wellness

A slower alternative to active discovery.

São Miguel / Visit Azores

Official island inspiration and planning.



Arruda pineapple cultivation; SailZen catamaran. Private use, capacity, activity conditions and catering are confirmed separately. Each listing is clickable.

Let's make it yours.

THE QUOTATION BASIS

Options follow your group size, rooming preferences, 3 / 4 / 5 nights and hotel choice. Meals, activities, transport and ZERO coordination are shaped into one coherent proposal.

THE BRIEF WE NEED

Travel period and dates; headcount; twin / single ratio; land budget per guest; dietary and access needs; meeting requirements; preferred pace and celebration style.

An island programme can be as active, restorative or celebratory as you wish. A sample of what ZERO can create for your clients, your team or your private occasion.

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Vila Franca islet, seen from above. Final prices and availability follow supplier offers. Air travel is outside the land programme unless added. Sailing near the islet does not include landing inside it.

THE PEOPLE & PLACES BEHIND THE ISSUE

A real São Miguel.

Real photographs. Remarkable places. A programme made around the people who travel.

PHOTOGRAPHY / OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS

Bensaude Hotels: Grand Hotel (pp. 5, 21), Casino Terra Nostra (pp. 13–14). Octant Hotels: dining, golf landscape and lobby (pp. 6, 15–17, 22). SailZen: catamaran (pp. 11, 23). Supplier photographs link to the featured properties and experiences throughout.

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Lagoa do Fogo

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Portas da Cidade

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Terra Nostra thermal pool

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Sete Cidades landscape

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Sperm whale, São Miguel

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Vila Franca islet

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