

# AZORES & PORTUGAL

**AUG. 25 - SEPT. 5, 2026**

Situated in the middle of the North Atlantic, the Azores is steeped in maritime history and culture. Our itinerary includes 9 nights/10 days of diving and exploring. Then, we'll fly to mainland Portugal and we'll spend 7 nights/8 days, diving and sightseeing the cities of Porto, Peniche and Lisbon.

The Azores' isolated location in the middle of the North Atlantic means they are perfect for seeing big animals and bait balls as they ride the gulf stream. Divers can expect dramatic volcanic topography, friendly groupers and mobulas and clear Atlantic waters (offering visibility up to 100'). Visiting two island - Santa Maria and Sao Miguel - you will experience the best of the Azores above and below the water.

Mainland Portugal offers diverse sightseeing options, from historic cities like Lisbon and Porto to fairytale-like towns such as Sintra and Óbidos. We'll dive the Uboat U1277 and visit Dive Sesimbra, an underwater marine reserve.



## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 9 nights / 10 days Azores (diving/land tours) **AND/OR**
- 7 nights / 8 days Portugal (diving/land tours)
- Transfers between airport and hotel
- One way flight between Santa Maria and Sao Miguel
- Hotel accommodations (double occupancy)
- Breakfast daily and some lunches
- All transfers
- Large group coach for tours
- Tanks, weights and belts
- Souvenir rashguard & trip compilation video

A \$2000pp deposit due at sign-up. Payment of \$2000pp due Aug. 15, 2025. Balance will be due April 26, 2026. All payments are nonrefundable unless we can fill your space. We recommend the purchase of trip insurance to protect your investment. Dive insurance, such as Divers Alert Network (DAN), is required.

**SEPT. 5 - 13, 2026**



## PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights (*Please contact us for recommended/required flight schedules as it will depend on whether you do one or both trips*)
- Domestic flight from Ponta Delgado to Porto (PDL to OPO) if doing both trips
- Lunches when not on dive boat and dinners
- Additional land tours
- Gratuities

## PACKAGE PRICE\*:

**9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS AZORES:**  
\$5,695 DIVER / \$5,035 NON-DIVER  
**7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS PORTUGAL:**  
\$5,765 DIVER / \$5,235 NON-DIVER

\*Final price will be adjusted to reflect current exchange rate.

## Sample Itinerary

**Aug 25, 2026** - Fly from Boston to Santa Maria, Azores (SMA) on Azores Airlines. This is red eye flight.

**Aug 26, 2026** - Arrive in Ponta Delgado (PDL) early morning. Our connecting flight to Santa Maria doesn't leave until 8 p.m. and our luggage is checked all the way through, so we have all day to tour the island and enjoy a cozida feast in Furnas. Arrive SMA and transfer SMA Airport > Hotel

**Aug 26-31, 2026** - Hotel Charming Blue, Double/Twin Room BB

**Aug 27-Aug 30, 2026** - Double Dive. Do 2 dives each day or do all day hunts for bait balls and snorkel. Preferably do bait balls on 30th so there would no problem with an early morning flight back to Ponta Delgado on the 31st.

Alternatively do a dive on Ambroiso and/or the cave which are both shallow. Land activities include an island tour and incredible beaches. We also recommend the non-divers go out with the divers for the bait balls. Even from the surface, the action can be incredible.

**Aug 29, 2026** - Tour of the Island

**Aug 31, 2026** - Fly back to Sao Miguel early in the afternoon. This flight is included in the cost of the trip. Transfer Hotel > SMA Airport

**Aug 31, 2026** - Transfer PDL Airport > Vila Franca do Campo (a parish on the Sao Miguel island)

**Aug 31 - Sep 5, 2026** - Pestana Bahia Praia, Double/Twin Room BB. Check into hotel and do an afternoon tour to pineapple plantation, tea plantation and some of unique shops downtown such as the local cheese shop and all things made from lace or cork.

**Sep 1 - 3, 2026** - Double Dive. Night dive optional. Land activities include whale watching, beaches, bicycle riding, hiking, cultural tours.

**Sep 2, 2026** - Private tour of the Island - Furnas

**Sep 4, 2026** - Private tour of the Island - Lagoas

**Sep 5, 2026** - Transfer Vila Franca do Campo > PDL Airport. For those of us continuing the trip, we will take the 8:20 a.m. flight on Azores Airlines (shallow dives will be planned the previous day) to Porto (OPO). We will arrive in Porto before noon and we will do a 4-6 hr. city tour before settling down at our hotel. For those only doing the Azores portion, you will fly from PDL back to the States.

**Sep 5 - Sep 13, 2026** - Transportation for the whole trip in deluxe coach bus. Portugal Dive Buddy accompaniment for entire trip.

**Sep 5 - Sep 8, 2026** - Pousada do Porto Rua das Flores, Double/Twin Room BB

**Sep 5, 2026** - Visit Porto half-day, private, walking tour

**Sep 6, 2026** - Dive the Uboat U1277! Not to be missed. One of the guides will take non-divers somewhere depending on interests. After diving, visit around Porto area half-day, private, van tour

**Sep 7, 2026** - Visit Porto full-day, private, walking tour. Tour of one of the oldest port wineries with a sampling of their offerings. A total blast!

**Sep 8-10, 2026** - Hotel MH Peniche, Double/Twin Room BB

**Sep 8, 2026** - Visit Peniche half-day, private, van tour. Drive to Peniche and visit Nazere which is the site of the largest waves in the world. Incredible views after a short walk. Visit the fish auction in Peniche or do some souvenir shopping in town.

**Sep 9, 2026** - Double Dive in the morning. Visit the Berlengas half-day, private, walking tour in the afternoon. Dive the Berlengas or visit the islands by ferry for the non-divers. Fantastic spot!!!!

**Sep 10, 2026** - Visit Medieval Óbidos, walking tour. Head to Lisbon and stop in the historic city of Obidos.

**Sep 10-13, 2026** - Hotel Lisboa Plaza, Double/Twin Room BB

**Sep 11, 2026** - Double Dive. Dive Sesimbra which is an underwater marine reserve where diving options include wrecks loaded with life and walls covered in gorgonians. Non-divers will visit Sintra which is another historic city and world heritage site. Gorgeous!

**Sep 11, 2026** - Visit Sintra, walking tour. Group dinner at a Fado Restaurant.

**Sep 12, 2026** - Visit Lisbon full-day, private, walking tour for group.

**Sep 13, 2026** - Fly from LIS (Lisbon) to Boston. There are several options. TAP has two non-stops to Boston.