

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 the islands of Sao Miguel and Santa Maria. 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 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 of up to 100 feet.

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
- Domestic 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 17, 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.

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:
\$5,755 DIVER / \$5,095 NON-DIVER
7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS PORTUGAL:
\$5,825 DIVER / \$5,295 NON-DIVER

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

Sample Itinerary

Aug 25, 2026 - Fly from Boston to Azores. The flight is a red eye (most of them are) so there are several flights from St. Louis to Boston that will get us there in PLENTY of time.

Aug 26, 2026 - Arrive in Ponta Delgado (PDL). Clear customs and recheck luggage for 30 min flight to Santa Maria (SMA). Flight doesn't leave until 5pm so there is time for a tour of the island and a cozida feast in Furnas. 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 morning. There are other flights later on but they would minimize our land tour time. 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. There are 3 direct flights to Porto that day. One at 8:30am, another at 3pm or so and another around 8pm. Afternoon one is probably best to avoid a problem with flying after diving. If we want to do the morning flight, shallow dives can be planned the previous day. We can also do another day in Sao Miguel and leave the following morning. There is plenty to do. Assuming we take the early flight (on Sept 5 or 6), after arrival in Porto, we will do a 4-6 hr. city tour before settling down at our hotel.

FLIGHT TO PORTO IN PORTUGAL (OPO)

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 or other hub city. There are several options.