



PONTA DELGADA

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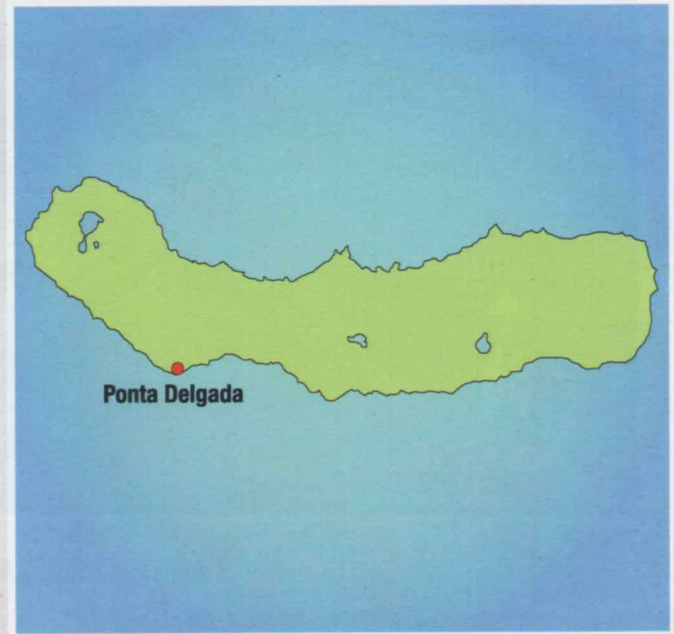
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Port Adventures:

- Check your ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your Port Adventures Team will direct you to transportation.



Travel Safety Tips

As in any tourist destination, you will want to take some basic precautions to make the most of your time ashore.

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas.
- Avoid wandering from the main shopping and tourist areas into unfamiliar territory. If venturing out independently, have a plan, use only licensed taxi operators.
- Leave your valuables in your stateroom safe and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Exercise caution when using ATMs.
- Cameras and handbags should be carried close to your body or concealed out of sight. People who carry handbags or backpacks are particularly vulnerable to purse snatchers on scooters.
- In general, use the same level of precaution you would use in any tourist destination.

Please remember that while in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.

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PONTA DELGADA OVERVIEW

Maritime capital of the largest most populated island of the Azors, Sao Miguel, known as the "green island" due to its miraculous transformation of volcanic landscape into a staggering scenery of lush green woods and fields of many different crops. The capital of this garden-like paradise is lined with impressive renaissance churches, convents and other monuments, noble mansions of basalt (a volcanic rock abundant in the city's architecture) and an excellent museum, the Museu Carlos Machado, lodged in the former monastery of Saint Andrew and reflecting Sao Miguel's history and its fishing and farming communities.

Ponta Delgada had its beginnings as a simple village inhabited by fisherman attracted by its safe inlets. Due to its great location on the South Coast it became the main port of the island, thus justifying the transfer of the customhouse to Ponta Delgada in 1518 and its being made capital of Sao Miguel in 1546. Fortifications were built in the 16th and 17th century to defend it from corsair attacks. Economic expansion brought prosperity within churches and other monuments. In 1831 the constitutional forces landed in Pesqueiro da Achadinha in the northeastern region, and Ponta Delgada became the port of departure of the liberal expedition that went ashore in northern Portugal in 1832 right after the siege of Oporto. Ponta Delgada was promptly proclaimed the constitutional charter of Queen Maria II, daughter of D. Pedro IV. about 3,500 Azorians, most of them from Sao Miguel took part in the successful expedition.

The building of the artificial port, work on which was started in 1861, came to lend dynamism to Ponta Delgada, and several industries were set up around it. In 1947 the opening of the road artery called Avenida do Infante D. Henrique changed the appearance of the town and hid the original ports of Sao Francisco and Caldeira Da Ribeira De valverde, closely linked to the island's history, nowadays Ponta Delgada is one of the administrative centers of the Autonomous Region and the main pole of the University of the Azores set up in 1975. It is also the largest town in the archipelago.

The county has many idyllic sites for calm walks to admire spectacular views, but Ponta Delgada also offers the visitor facilities for big game fishing, sailing, canoeing, and Jet Ski.

Capital: Ponta Delgada

Location: West, 1,054 miles off of the coast of Portugal

Taxi: Taxis are available

Currency: Euro

Language: Portuguese

Population: 68,809 (2011)

Banking: Banks are open from 9am to 5:30pm.

Post Office: The post office is open Mon. – Fri. from 9am to 5pm.