



Azores Events 2019

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January

- 00h00 01| New Year - Celebrations through all islands

February

- 02| “Azores Trail Run – Columbus Trail” – Santa Maria Island. Trail Running event to explore the best walking trails and places to visit on the oldest island in the archipelago
- 23-24| “XVII Exposição de Camélias das Furnas” - The Terra Nostra Garden Hotel Casino’s is the stage for the exposition of “Camélias”. It is an event held annually, which has been consolidated internationally as an enriching offer of culture and beauty.

March

- 05| “Carnival” - Celebrations through all islands
- 21-21| “Azores Airlines Rallye” – São Miguel Island. Rallye event, this year, already in its 54rd edition. Remains one of the most spectacular events on the international calendar, European Rallye Championship (ERC). Stages criss-cross breath-taking scenery and lush countryside and are characterized by their sandy surface and narrow and undulating nature. And because the timed tests are often no wider than the width of a car, there is simply no margin for error, particularly on the “Sete Cidades” test along the rim of a volcanic crater lake. Changeable weather is also a factor with conditions switching from sunshine to showers and fog patches.
- “Terceira Gastronomy Festival” - The Festival will take place in the restaurants of the Island during opening hours. During this period, restaurants will offer a special menu consisting of: starter, 1 main course (meat, fish or healthy) and dessert. In addition to these menus, the restaurants will also have a children's menu consisting of a main course and a dessert.

April

- 09-13| “TREMOR – The Music Festival” – São Miguel Island. The sixth edition of TREMOR. In 2019, São Miguel becomes a privileged stage for music, with an interdisciplinary program that includes cinema, surprise concerts in unexpected places of the island, interactions in the landscape, workshops, party, street art, music in the community and artistic residences. On the last day, Ponta Delgada trembles with concerts in multiple spaces of the city, revealing the city inside and out, and taking as a creative yard the singularity of the largest island of the Azores.

May

- 17-19| “VIII Grande Prémio Liberty Seguros” – São Miguel Island. Cycling Event with road cycling stages. On the 1st day a prologue is played, followed by 3 stages in a row through the best views in the world.



- **24-26| “Azores Trail Run – Whaler’s Great Route”** – Faial Island. Trail Running event to explore the best walking trails and places to visit on this charming island
- **24-30|“Festas do Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres”** – São Miguel Island. The largest religious festival in the Azores, takes place at São Miguel Island and it has its peak in the procession through the streets covered with flower rugs, on the fifth Sunday after Easter. Exist a large fair designated "Home, Field and Sea" as well as many food stalls. There is also plenty of entertainment on the street.
- | **“Festas do Espírito Santo”** starting in May until October, the Holy Ghost Festivities take place in all the Islands. It is the feasts that join the religious part with the profane part

June

- **21-30|“Sanjoaninas”** - Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island. The popular and music festival “Sanjoaninas” are a remarkable event with credits signed at local, regional, national and international level, being the most profane festivals in the Azores. As a multicultural setting, the parties gather a variety of activities of high quality animation, which cannot be combined at any other time of year.
- **24| “Festas de São João”** - Vila Franca do Campo, São Miguel Island. Festivities where one can find a wide variety of cultural events, such as concerts, parades, etc.
- **28-13July|“Walk & Talk”** – São Miguel Island. Public Art Festival that stimulates creation in the specific cultural and geographic context of the Azores. From visual arts to performing arts, to architecture, design, music or video, more than a festival, Walk&Talk is a platform that encourages artistic creation in permanent dialogue with the territory, culture and the Azorean community.
- **29| “Cavalcadas de São Pedro”** - Ribeira Grande, São Miguel Island. It is a parade with a very great historical character, a tradition of which there are records with more than 500 years. The cortege brings together knights, lancers, corineros and the king who, dressed in rigor, make a journey
- **“10 Fest – 10 Days- 10 Chefs”** – São Miguel Island. This international gastronomy festival aims to give the food an increasingly important tourism sector in the Azores, valuing a contemporary perspective our products and flavors. It will be an unforgettable experience prove the Azores on 10 extraordinary dinners, by the hand of professional excellence.



July

- **04-07|“Festa do Chicharro”** – Ribeira Quente, São Miguel Island. Very popular festivities with music and food shows, always focusing on quality and making the difference.
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- **11-15| “Festival de Julho”** – Calheta, São Jorge Island. The program is packed with lots of music, culture, gastronomy and entertainment
- **12-13| “Maia Folk”** – Maia, Santa Maria Island. Traditional Music Festival. It is customary during all summer nights that the people who enjoy their holidays in this place join the sound of accordions and guitars dancing and living happily. According to the organization, so-called “Folk Music” is the best way to bring together generations and cultures.
- **18-20|“Santa Maria Blues”** - Anjos, Santa Maria Island. Is believed to be the biggest blues festivity in Portugal.
- **18-22| “Festas da Madalena”** – Madalena, Pico Island. The festivity program is packed with lots of music, culture, gastronomy and entertainment.
- **19-22|“Festa do Emigrante”** - Lajes, Flores Island. The Emigrant Festivity is used for promotion and appreciation of culture and traditions, namely folklore, marches, gastronomy and handicrafts. It presents a bit of history and identity, as well as historical and natural heritage.
- **24-28| “Cais Agosto”** – São Roque, Pico Island. During those days it’s possible find the usual gastronomy events, music and fun.
- **“Red Bull Cliff Diving”** – São Miguel Island. In a magnificent location, athletes apply perfect flights from volcanic rocks.
- **“Regata Les Sables- Horta-Les Sabes”** – Horta, Faial Island. International regatta connecting the French city of Sables D’Olonne to the city of Horta - Faial Island.

August

- **1-4| “Festival Cais das Poças”** – Santa Cruz, Flores Island. In addition to the evening entertainment that will be brightened with nationally renowned musical groups is a party aimed at activities and water sports, especially the holding of a Sport Fishing Tournament. There is also the free distribution of a Fish Soup to all those who want to taste the delicious gastronomy of the island of Flores.
- **2-11|“Festas da Praia”** – Praia da Vitória, Terceira Island. It’s the 29th edition and this festivity counts with music shows, animation, entertainment and food demonstrations.
- **2-11|“Feira Gastronómica do Atlântico”** – Praia Vitória, Terceira Island. Gastronomic event that counts on the participation of several regions of national tourism, and also some foreign presence, with the aim of promoting and divulging the best of their respective gastronomy



- **04-11|“Semana do Mar”** - Horta, Faial Island. Nowadays, the “Semana do Mar” – “Sea week” is even one of the biggest nautical festivals in Portugal. There are also fairs of handicrafts, gastronomy and about sea industry
- **8-13| “Festival Ilha Branca /Festa do Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres”** - Santa Cruz, Graciosa Island. It is part of the Feast of the Lord “Santo Cristo dos Milagres”. It is a festival destined to all ages, because the music genre is diversified and it counts on the presence of regional, national bands and also Dj's.
- **15-17| “Monte Verde Festival”** – Ribeira Grande, São Miguel Island. The beach of Monte Verde is the stage for an eclectic and dynamic musical poster, able to join various public and cross the rock with reggae, indie pop is the electronic music.
- **15-19| “Festival de Nossa Senhora dos Milagres/Festival dos Moinhos”** - Corvo Island. The smallest island of the Azores fills at this time because they are two parties in one, in which apart from the religious festival there is a music festival and it is possible to eat and drink.
- **19-25| “Semana dos Baleeiros”** – Lajes, Pico Island. It gathers thousands of visitors for sports activities (sea and land), in which we can highlight the Boat Race, the religious festivities in Honor of Our Lady of “*Nossa Senhora de Lourdes*”, the many shows in the beautiful Atlantic scenery and the gastronomy of the lots of street entertainment.
- **21-25|“Festival Parapente”** – São Miguel Island. This paragliding festival are considered one of the eight best European Paragliding Festivals. This event allows a unique experience when flying over the wonderful landscapes of São Miguel.
- **22-24|“Maré de Agosto”** – Praia Formosa, Santa Maria Island. The Oldest Musical Festival in Portugal. Takes place at the end of August with an extensive program of daytime and evening activities divided into several spaces. During those days there's a lot of musical entertainment with Portuguese musical groups but also musical groups of various nationalities.
- **“PDL White Ocean”** - The historical center of Ponta Delgada plunges into an ocean of emotions. Traditional stores, restaurants, bars and hotels receive a unique event that brings to the city thousands of locals and tourists all dressed in white. There are various musical and entertainment shows throughout the city. Events for all ages, lots of excitement, good repose and joy to celebrate the summer.
- **“Grande Festival de Folclore da Relva – Mostra Folclórica do Atlântico”** – Relva, São Miguel Island. Folklore Festival that brings groups from different regions of the world in order to make known the Azores, the Azorean traditions, the costumes to dress as well as their songs and their dances.
- **“Folk Azores”** – Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island. International Folklore Festival during few days with the performance of various groups from different countries in different places on the island. The culmination of this grandiose event takes place at its conclusion with "the great spectacle", in the “*Praça de Toiros*” – “Bullring” where all the groups have the opportunity to show for spectators the folkloric dance of their Region.



- **Atlantis Cup** – Faial, Pico, Graciosa e Terceira islands. It's named "Regata da Autonomia – Autonomy Regatta - Boat Race". It is a cruise sailing regatta, that crosses the islands of the central group, creating moments of great concourse with the nature of the Azores.
- **"Feira de Artesanato e Sabores Tradicionais"** – Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island. The main goal is to privilege the genuineness, tradition and singularity of the local handicraft with the participation of several artisans from third countries and with the collaboration of all the groups of folklore of the island Terceira.

September

- **27| "International Tourism Day"** – Different celebrations through all islands
- **."Azores Airlines Azores Pro (Surf)"** - São Miguel Island. One of the most important events annually in the world surfing qualifying circuit at Santa Barbara beach.
- **"Big Game Fishing Tournament"** - São Miguel Island. The Azorean sea is one of the favorite destinations of the fans of big-game fishing. Enormous blue and white marlins swim in this part of the Atlantic, as well as dolphin-fishes and Atlantic bluefin tunas, among other species of tuna. Between the islands of the triangle (Faial, Pico and São Jorge), the challenge is always on, even though any of the remaining islands can be a point of departure for high quantity and quality fishing outings. On land, it is possible to find many specialized operators of big-game fishing. Those that prefer to fish independently may rent boats and equipment and leave in search of the coveted trophies.

October

- **04-06| "Azores Triangle Adventure"** – Faial, Pico and São Jorge Islands. It is a sporting event of Trail Running, which will take place on the three islands. On each island there will be a stage.
- **18-20| "Wine in Azores São Miguel 2018"** – São Miguel Island. Is the largest business event in the Azores. It is a wine festival with a strong gastronomic component. In addition, it demonstrates a great concern with the commercial / promotional part of the products present at the fair.
- **3-5| "Angrajazz - Jazz Festival"** - Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island. It takes place annually and claims itself as a main-stream festival, with the main purpose of spreading and developing the appreciation of this kind of music in the Azores Islands. Some of the concerts have realized at the festival have been considered, by specialized media one of the best in Portugal.
- **"Outono Vivo"** - Praia da Vitória, Terceira Island. It starts with its usual book fair, food festival on city's restaurants and also cafe-concerts. A festival that guarantees lots of entertainment, culture and taste.
- **"Azores MTB World Marathon Series"** – São Miguel Island. It is an event that integrate the World Cup of Marathons and the Portuguese Cup of Marathons. For the potential of tourism promotion in the region, it is part of the Cycl'in Azores program. The event departs and arrives in the center of the largest city of the Archipelago - Ponta Delgada - and



takes participants to explore some of the most beautiful landscapes and rails in the world, one of them officially considered one of the Seven Wonders of Portugal – “Sete Cidades”.

December

- **08| “Dia das Montras”** – Window Day – It is a special day at some cities of the Azores. The stores on the main streets decorate their shop windows in the most beautiful way possible and stay open all night. It's a day when thousands of people come out onto the street, socialize and start preparing Christmas festivities.
- **07|“Epic Trail Run”** – São Miguel Island. The race will begin at Sete Cidades lake shore, one of the seven natural wonders of Portugal. Another highlight of the event is the passage through “*Água de Pau*” mountain range in the volcanic classified as a regional natural reservation. The highest height is Barrosa Peak, with 974m maximum height, where runners will be able to appreciate astonishing views over “*Lagoa do Fogo*”. The finish line is at “Furnas” near the lake, the perfect place to be familiar with abundant volcanic hot springs that heat the soil where holes are dug to cook the famous and typical “cozido” dish. The race contemplates the pathways over this geothermal phenomenon.
- **25| “Christmas Day”** - Celebrations through all islands
- **31-01|** - There are several events. All the cities prepare a great musical show with a lot of fireworks. Highlight for the city of Ponta Delgada that is flooded with people. It is a great party with lots of fun and excitement. In addition, there is formal ball with a lot of musical animation.