Azores Trails

ETHICS AND SECURITY

- Carefully study the route map and additional information provided to ensure a safe journey.
- Check the weather forecast before embarking on a given trail.
- Inform someone about your plans and expected return time.
- Ensure that your clothing is appropriate for the weather and conditions.
- Be aware that mobile phone coverage may be intermittent or non-existent in some areas.
- Stay within the marked trails.
- Pick up and dispose of any litter you find.
- Avoid disturbing wildlife and livestock.
- Do not collect or disturb natural samples.

AZORES ITINERARY

In the Azores, people have used footpaths in their daily life for centuries. Goods to be exchanged and people heading to festivities in neighboring villages have passed through them. The network of these paths is being restored, allowing anyone to visit the most beautiful areas of each island, especially their impressive volcanic landscapes and mystical natural woods.

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This great route crosses the island of São Jorge, from the south to the north coast and back. It is the longest route included in the island of São Jorge and is divided into 2 stages.

**Stage 1, covering 36.5 km, affords fantastic views over the islands of Pico and Faial. It starts from Porto do Salto in the south coast, with its narrow streets and traditionally cobbled roads, and Fajã dos Vimes, where you can get acquainted with traditional handmade quilts and taste locally planted and brewed coffee.**

**Stage 2, covering 15 km, connects Fajã dos Cubres (“small, flat strips of land by the sea”) and is divided into 2 sections.**

The first section, from Fajã dos Cubres to Cardal, is 7.7 km long and ends next to the Igreja de Nossa Senhora de Cruz da Graciosa (“Holy Christ Sanctuary”) and by the Caldeirinha ([Hill of the Fires], which is a 40-meter deep and 2-km wide crater of a dormant volcano, the Caldeira do Faial, a 400-meter deep volcanic cave, which took shape about 800,000 years ago and is divided into 2 stages. The first stage, covering 17.7 km, connects the area of Barra (“main town”) and the rural area of Cardal. In this stage, you will be able to visit the lighthouse do Enxofre, which is a 40-meter deep and 195-meter long volcanic cave. The second stage, covering 12.8 km, connects the village of Lou to the starting point in Barra, with the Caldeirinha (Calm and warm lagoon) and the village of Lou and allows you to admire the island’s west coast and south coasts, especially the Natural Reserve of the Pods of Prainha and the Barra do Enxofre, which is a 40-meter deep and 195-meter long volcanic cave. This route is intended for group guided to an environmentally friendly and sustainable type of tourism as well as to promote the island’s natural and cultural heritage in the Azores.

**Great Route of Fajã**

**Stage 1, covering 26.5 km, affords fantastic views over the islands of Pico and Faial.**

The first stage, covering 26.5 km, connects Fajã dos Cubres (“small, flat strips of land by the sea”) and is divided into 2 sections. The first stage, covering 13.8 km, connects the area of Barra (Santa Cruz do Graciosa) and the village of Lou and allows you to admire the island’s west coast and south coasts, especially the Natural Reserve of the Pods of Prainha and the Barra do Enxofre, which is a 40-meter deep and 195-meter long volcanic cave. This route is intended for group guided to an environmentally friendly and sustainable type of tourism as well as to promote the island’s natural and cultural heritage in the Azores.