



## PRIVATE ISLAND EXPERIENCES

*Designed around your pace. Inspired by the island.*

Volcanic crater lakes, steaming thermal earth, wild Atlantic coastlines and the quiet green rhythm of farm life — São Miguel is one of the last truly undiscovered corners of Europe. VIVA Quinta arranges every day of it privately, so your only decision is where the island takes you next.

***Choose one unforgettable day, or let VIVA Quinta design a complete private itinerary for your entire stay.***

### Ten Days. One Extraordinary Island.

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*A sample ten-day private guided itinerary*

No two days on this itinerary feel alike. Each one has its own personality — a deliberate balance of landscape, culture, food, ocean and adventure, paced for the way you actually want to travel. Days may be booked individually or combined into a longer journey, and the order can always be adjusted for weather, availability and how the group is feeling.

#### DAY 1 • PONTA DELGADA & LOCAL LIFE

### Cobblestones, Coffee & Pineapple Fields

*A gentle, story-rich introduction to the island*

Wander the black-and-white cobbled streets of São Miguel's storybook capital, then step into the warm, humid glow of a working pineapple greenhouse — a uniquely Azorean tradition found almost nowhere else on Earth. It's an easy, unhurried welcome to island life, full of small discoveries and even smaller cups of exceptional coffee.

- Guided walk through Ponta Delgada's historic center
- Portas da Cidade, main church, marina and waterfront
- Local market and regional food discoveries
- Azorean pineapple greenhouses and optional tasting
- Coffee, pastry or ice-cream stop at leisure

***Estimated separate fees:*** Historic sites are generally free; allow approximately €5–€20 pp for optional tastings or museum entry.

***Optional finish:*** A relaxed Azorean dinner in Ponta Delgada.

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DAY 2 • SETE CIDADES & THE WEST COAST

## Twin Crater Lakes & a Lava-Black Sunset

*From cloud-level viewpoints to the edge of the Atlantic*

Rise above the clouds to gaze down into one of the most photographed views in the Atlantic — twin lakes, one blue, one green, cradled inside an ancient volcanic crater. From there, the road drops toward São Miguel's wild, black-lava west coast, finishing where the Atlantic sets the evening sky on fire.

- Lagoa do Canário and Boca do Inferno viewpoint
- Vista do Rei and the twin lakes of Sete Cidades
- Sete Cidades village and lakeside viewpoints
- Mosteiros coast and natural pools
- Ponta da Ferraria, tide and sea conditions permitting

**Estimated separate fees:** Viewpoints and coastal stops are generally free; optional thermal or attraction fees are confirmed if selected.

**Optional finish:** Sunset in Mosteiros or Ferraria.

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DAY 3 • WHALES & THE SOUTH COAST

## Giants of the Atlantic

*Open ocean in the morning, sun-warmed coastline by afternoon*

Head out to sea with an experienced marine crew in search of sperm whales, dolphins and the open-ocean magic that put the Azores on every serious traveler's list. Return to land for a lazy coastal lunch, a hilltop shrine with sweeping views, and a swim in volcanic tide pools if the sea allows.

- Whale and dolphin watching with a shared licensed boat operator
- Lunch at leisure in Vila Franca do Campo or Caloura
- Nossa Senhora da Paz viewpoint
- Vila Franca do Campo waterfront
- Caloura coastline and natural swimming area, conditions permitting

**Estimated separate fees:** Whale watching approximately €65–€78 per adult and €45–€54 per child; meals are additional.

**Optional finish:** A seafood dinner or a quiet evening at VIVA Quinta.

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DAY 4 • THE FURNAS VALLEY

## Fire, Flowers & a Feast Cooked by the Earth

*São Miguel at its most elemental*

Watch lunch cook itself — literally — in a pot lowered into ground kept at a steady simmer by the volcano below it. Between bites of smoky, slow-cooked cozido, wander a botanical garden thick with camellias and soak in iron-rich thermal waters that have been soothing travelers since the 19th century.

- Furnas Lake and traditional cozido cooking area
- Caldeiras, fumaroles and Furnas village
- Traditional cozido lunch
- Botanical garden and iron-rich thermal bathing
- Pico do Ferro or another panoramic viewpoint

**Estimated separate fees:** Thermal garden approximately €17 pp; alternative hot springs commonly €10–€14+ pp; cozido lunch approximately €20–€35 pp.

**Optional finish:** A light evening after a full sensory day.

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## DAY 5 • LAGOA DO FOGO & RIBEIRA GRANDE

# The Crater in the Clouds & Hidden Forest Pools

*Wild highlands, waterfall country and a warm soak beneath giant ferns*

Few viewpoints on São Miguel rival the raw, wind-swept drama of Lagoa do Fogo, the island's highest and least-tamed crater lake. Descend into fern-draped forest for a soak in warm, iron-tinted pools, then wander the historic streets of the island's charming north-coast capital.

- Pico da Barrosa and Lagoa do Fogo viewpoints
- Caldeira Velha forest and thermal pools
- Salto do Cabrito waterfall area
- Historic centre of Ribeira Grande
- North-coast viewpoints and optional local tasting

**Estimated separate fees:** Caldeira Velha approximately €10 adult with bathing or about €3 for park-only access; advance time-slot booking may be required.

**Optional finish:** A traditional or contemporary dinner in Ribeira Grande or Ponta Delgada.

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## DAY 6 • NORDESTE & THE WILD EAST

# Waterfalls at the Edge of the World

*Hydrangea roads to the island's remote, untouched edge*

The roads narrow, the hydrangeas thicken and the island turns impossibly green as you head into São Miguel's most remote and dramatic corner. Waterfalls tumble past centuries-old watermills, garden viewpoints perch above sheer cliffs, and the pace of everything slows to island time.

- Ribeira dos Caldeirões waterfalls and watermills
- Nordeste village
- Ponta do Sossego and Ponta da Madrugada
- Coastal viewpoints and quiet parishes
- Regional lunch or tasting stop

**Estimated separate fees:** Scenic stops are generally free; allow approximately €20–€35 pp for lunch and optional tastings.

**Optional finish:** Return through the island's dramatic eastern landscapes.

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## DAY 7 • CHOOSE-YOUR-LEVEL ADVENTURE

# Canyons, Cascades & Courage

*Trade the van for a harness — or keep your feet dry*

Drop into a freshwater canyon carved by centuries of rushing water, sliding, rappelling and jumping your way down waterfalls alongside an expert guide. Prefer to stay dry? Swap in a treetop canopy course beside Furnas Lake for a family-friendly dose of adrenaline instead.

- Safety briefing and equipment fitting
- Beginner or intermediate canyon selected for the group
- Waterfalls, optional jumps, slides and rappels
- Alternative: treetop canopy circuits beside Furnas Lake
- Recovery stop for a warm drink or relaxed lunch

**Estimated separate fees:** Introductory canyoning from approximately €70 pp; advanced routes €95–€145+ pp; treetop course €25–€35 pp.

**Optional finish:** A restorative in-villa massage can be quoted separately.

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## DAY 8 · THE NORTH COAST, BY LAND & SEA

# Tea Fields & Secret Sea Caves

*Europe's only tea plantations, then volcanic caves from the water*

Europe's only tea plantations spread across the north coast in impossibly tidy green rows — walk among them and taste the leaf where it grows. Then take to the water to slip into volcanic sea caves invisible from the road, carved by centuries of Atlantic swell.

- Tea plantation, historic factory and tea tasting
- Short plantation walk, weather permitting
- Porto Formoso and north-coast viewpoints
- Fishing-harbor introduction
- Seasonal sea-caves and volcanic-cliffs boat tour

**Estimated separate fees:** Tea-factory visit is generally free; sea-cave tour approximately €49 adult, €30 teen and currently free for ages 6–12 on the referenced shared product.

**Optional finish:** A coastal food stop or sunset viewpoint.

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## DAY 9 · ACTIVE SETE CIDADES

# Paddle the Volcano

*The twin lakes again — this time at water level*

Return to the twin lakes, this time at water level. Glide across still crater water by kayak or stand-up paddleboard, pedal the lakeside road by bike, and picnic on the shore of one of the most surreal landscapes in the Azores, with the pace set entirely by your group.

- Lakeside orientation in Sete Cidades village
- Kayaking or stand-up paddleboarding
- Bike ride around the lake and village
- Picnic or casual lakeside lunch
- Short scenic stops missed on the earlier west-coast day

**Estimated separate fees:** Basic rentals from approximately €16 pp for bikes or €20 per tandem kayak/hour; combined self-guided options around €30 pp; guided experiences from about €65 pp.

**Optional finish:** A relaxed return through the western countryside.

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# Sail Into the Sunset

*The journey ends the way it should — on the water*

Close the journey the way it deserves to end: on the water, under sail, with nothing left on the schedule but the horizon. Swim, snorkel and toast the trip's final sunset before returning to VIVA Quinta for one last, unhurried evening.

- Private sailboat or catamaran experience
- Coastal cruise with swimming or snorkeling when conditions allow
- Alternative short visit around Vila Franca islet
- Farewell lunch or sunset toast
- Return to VIVA Quinta for a final relaxed evening

**Estimated separate fees:** Private sailing from approximately €375 per boat for a shorter cruise; larger or full-day charters from roughly €650 to €1,260+; islet boat tour €28 adult and €22 child.

**Optional finish:** A farewell dinner chosen to match the group's preferred style.

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## Build Your Own Island Days

*Every activity below can be arranged privately, subject to availability and participation requirements — just ask VIVA Quinta to create the right combination for your group.*

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| <b>Ocean &amp; Water</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private sailing — half day or full day</li><li>• Whale and dolphin watching</li><li>• Snorkeling</li><li>• Private kayaking</li><li>• Private fishing boat</li><li>• North-coast caves by Zodiac</li><li>• Stand-up paddleboarding and coastal exploration</li></ul> | <b>Adventure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canyoning</li><li>• Coasteering</li><li>• Buggy tour</li><li>• Mountain biking in Furnas or Sete Cidades</li><li>• Forest treetop course with climbing, abseiling and zip lines</li><li>• Beach zipline</li></ul> |
| <b>Nature &amp; Exploration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private west São Miguel tour</li><li>• Private east São Miguel tour</li><li>• Walking trails and nature hikes</li><li>• Volcanic landscapes and viewpoints</li><li>• Thermal-water experiences</li><li>• Tea plantation and local tastings</li></ul>          | <b>Wellness &amp; Leisure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private in-villa massage</li><li>• Private yoga session</li><li>• Golf experience</li><li>• VIVA Quinta farm walk and tasting</li><li>• Private stargazing evening</li></ul>                         |

# Private Touring Rates

Reserve a dedicated private van and guide with personalized route planning and guest support from VIVA Quinta. Rates are per private van, not per person.

| Option              | Price  | VAT 16% | Guest Total | Effective Rate |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-------------|----------------|
| Single day          | €950   | €152    | €1,102      | €950/day       |
| 3-day package       | €2,775 | €444    | €3,219      | €925/day       |
| 5-day package       | €4,500 | €720    | €5,220      | €900/day       |
| 7-day package       | €6,125 | €980    | €7,105      | €875/day       |
| 10-day Grand Island | €8,500 | €1,360  | €9,860      | €850/day       |

Included: private van and guide for the confirmed daily duration, personalized itinerary planning and VIVA Quinta booking coordination.

Additional: activity tickets, attraction admissions, meals, refreshments, gratuities, overtime, special access and services not expressly listed in the confirmation.

## Package Flexibility

- Package days may be used on non-consecutive dates during the same confirmed stay.
- VIVA Quinta may rearrange touring days when weather, sea conditions or operational circumstances make a change advisable.
- Unused package days are not refundable after the first package day has begun, except where VIVA Quinta or the provider cancels without a suitable replacement.
- The itinerary remains flexible; final routes depend on guest preferences, opening hours, road conditions and safe access.

## Estimated Activity Ticket Fees

*NOT included in private touring rates — planning estimates based on recently published local rates, confirmed separately for each guest's chosen date, group and activity format.*

| Experience                  | Sample Price                            | Typical Format / Note                                            |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Whale & dolphin watching    | Adults €65–€78 · Children €45–€54       | Shared boat; approximately 3 hours                               |
| Coasteering                 | From €65–€75 pp                         | Usually approximately 3 hours                                    |
| Canyoning                   | From €70 pp                             | Introductory routes; advanced routes commonly €95–€145+ pp       |
| Private sailing             | From €375 per boat                      | Short private cruise; larger/full-day charters can exceed €1,200 |
| Hot springs / thermal park  | Approx. €8–€10+ pp                      | Price varies by thermal venue, age and access period             |
| Treetop canopy course       | €25–€35 pp                              | Course access depends on height and selected level               |
| Sea caves & volcanic cliffs | Adult €49 · Teen €30 · Child 6–12 free* | Shared 2-hour seasonal boat tour; private option by quotation    |
| Kayaking                    | From €65 pp                             | Guided coastal or islet experience                               |
| Stand-up paddleboarding     | From €55 pp                             | Guided experience; rentals may cost less                         |
| E-bike experience           | From €65 pp                             | Guided routes; self-guided options may cost less                 |
| Vila Franca islet boat tour | Adult €28 · Child €22                   | Approximately 50–60 minutes                                      |

*\*Sample child policy shown for one currently published shared sea-cave product; the selected operator's current age rules and price will control.*

## How Activity Tickets Are Arranged

- **1.** Select the experiences you would like VIVA Quinta to investigate.
- **2.** Provide the preferred date, number of participants, children's ages and any medical, mobility, swimming or dietary considerations.
- **3.** VIVA Quinta checks availability, current pricing, participation requirements and cancellation terms with an appropriate provider.
- **4.** You receive a separate activity quotation. The reservation is made only after written approval and any required payment.
- **5.** Confirmation details, meeting instructions and required clothing or equipment information are supplied before the activity.

*Important: Activity tickets are governed by the selected provider's availability, age and fitness rules, safety decisions, cancellation policy and weather or sea-condition procedures. Quoted prices may include or exclude VAT depending on the supplier's published terms; the final VIVA Quinta quotation will show the amount payable.*

## Make It Your Own

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### Private Guide & Concierge Service

Enjoy a dedicated private vehicle, personalized itinerary planning and assistance with experience and restaurant bookings throughout your stay. Pricing is provided according to group size, timing and chosen arrangements.

### VIVA Quinta Farm Breakfast

Start the day at the farm with a freshly prepared breakfast in the peaceful surroundings of VIVA Quinta.

**Adults €25 • Children under 13 €15**

Available daily. Please reserve in advance and advise us of allergies or dietary requirements when booking.

## How to Book

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- Tell VIVA Quinta which experiences interest you.
- Share your preferred day, group size, ages of any children and special requirements.
- We will check availability and provide a personalized proposal and price.
- Your experience is confirmed once the required booking and payment arrangements are complete.

### Book Through VIVA Quinta

Ask your VIVA Quinta host for availability, recommendations and a tailored quotation.

## Good to Know

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**Prices and VAT.** Published private touring rates are per van and are subject to 16% Azores VAT as shown. Activity tickets and other additions are priced separately. If a tax rate changes before performance, the legally applicable rate will be used.

**Quotation and contract.** A booking is not confirmed until VIVA Quinta issues written confirmation. The confirmation identifies the dates, daily duration, inclusions, exclusions, passenger limit, payment schedule and any special arrangements. It forms part of these terms and controls if a specific detail differs.

**Payment.** A 50% reservation deposit is due when the booking is accepted. The remaining balance is due 14 days before the first confirmed service. Bookings made within 14 days require full payment at confirmation.

**Guest cancellation.** The reservation deposit is non-refundable. Cancellations received more than 14 days before the first service may receive a refund of amounts paid above the deposit. Cancellations within 14 days and no-shows are non-refundable, subject to any mandatory legal rights.

**Package use.** Three-, five-, seven- and ten-day package days may be non-consecutive but must be used during the same confirmed stay. Once the first package day begins, unused days are non-refundable except where VIVA Quinta or the relevant provider cancels and no suitable replacement is offered.

**Flexible by design.** Sample timings and routes are illustrative. Experiences may be adjusted to match guest preferences, group needs and the natural pace of the day.

**Availability.** Experiences, guides, vehicles and reservations are subject to availability and are not confirmed until VIVA Quinta has issued confirmation.

**Weather and sea conditions.** Outdoor, thermal and ocean activities depend on safe operating conditions. Routes or activities may be rescheduled, replaced or cancelled when necessary.

**Age and participation requirements.** Some activities have minimum ages, height or weight limits, swimming requirements, fitness expectations or other restrictions. Please share the ages of all children when enquiring.

**Thermal areas and attractions.** Opening hours, access rules, tides and reservation requirements can change. VIVA Quinta will confirm the current arrangements before booking.

**Meals and tastings.** Food stops and restaurant suggestions can be tailored to dietary preferences and availability. Meals are not included unless specifically stated in your proposal.

**Transport.** Private transport is included only when expressly listed in the confirmed proposal. Airport transfers and other transfers may be arranged separately on request. If an airport transfer is requested on a booked experience day, it is included in the daily rate.

**Activity tickets.** Activity prices shown are illustrative and may change without notice. Tickets are confirmed only after availability, final supplier pricing and participation requirements have been checked. The selected provider's cancellation and refund policy applies to its activity.

**Changes by VIVA Quinta or a provider.** VIVA Quinta may change the order, timing, route, vehicle, guide or activity when reasonably necessary. If a material service is cancelled, VIVA Quinta may offer a comparable alternative, reschedule it or refund the affected service amount.

**Guest responsibility.** Guests must provide accurate ages and disclose relevant mobility, medical, pregnancy, swimming, allergy or fitness considerations before booking. Guests must follow guide and provider instructions and arrive at the confirmed meeting time.

**Safety.** All activities remain subject to the safety rules, equipment requirements and decisions of the licensed or qualified experience provider.

**Personal belongings and insurance.** Guests are responsible for personal belongings and are strongly encouraged to carry suitable travel insurance covering cancellation, medical care and the activities selected.

**Force majeure.** VIVA Quinta is not responsible for delay, change or cancellation caused by events beyond reasonable control, including severe weather, unsafe sea conditions, road closures, strikes, government action or attraction closure. Refunds are limited to amounts recoverable from the affected supplier unless mandatory law requires otherwise.

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## THE ISLAND, YOUR WAY

*Private experiences thoughtfully arranged by VIVA Quinta*