

Azores

Island Adventure | WITH A STAY IN LISBON



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Embark on an adventure to Lisbon and the mystical Azores archipelago, 870 miles off Portugal's coast in the North Atlantic Ocean. Stay for two nights in Lisbon and eight nights on three Azorean islands. With your intimately small group, limited to 24 travelers, enjoy first-class hotels and internal flights as you uncover traditional yet modern Lisbon and the Azores' pristine natural beauty and rich cultural heritage.

Begin in Lisbon to see notable highlights on a guided city tour. Then, fly to the Azores archipelago to begin your discovery of Terceira, Faial, Pico and São Miguel islands. You'll explore picturesque villages, thrill to a whale-watching expedition, take a ferry ride to marvel at Pico's vineyard landscape and journey off-road to visit remote Sete Cidades. Along the way, encounter otherworldly volcanic landscapes and ethereal crater lakes amid lush tropical forests, delve into the Azores' whaling history, stroll beautiful botanical gardens and visit Europe's oldest tea plantation. Plus, savor a lunch of Cozido das Furnas stew cooked in hot lava rock, an experiential farmstead dinner and Pico's unique wines!

This exceptional program has been thoughtfully designed with educational enrichment from expert guides and lecturers. Our Azores Island Adventure will surely be a crowd-pleaser, so guarantee your spot by making your reservation today!

Sincerely,



Michael P. McCay
Assistant Vice President and Executive Director
The University of Tennessee Alumni Association

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém, Lisbon
2. Central Zone of the Town of Angra do Heroísmo in the Azores, Terceira
3. Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture, Madalena, Pico

Monastery of the Hieronymites





Discovery begins here



Prepare to be captivated by Lisbon and the enigmatic Azorean islands on this outstanding adventure! Spend two nights in Lisbon and then fly to the Azores archipelago to experience four volcanic islands over eight nights. Step into an extraordinary world of pristine natural beauty to discover lush emerald forests, turquoise crater lakes and geothermal wonders. Stroll through centuries-old villages and delve into the region's rich cultural heritage and whaling history. Plus, savor authentic Azorean food and local wines!

Top: Criação Velha vineyards | Above: Local folk dancers

Cover: Sete Cidades | Mail panel: City gates of Ponta Delgado | Angra do Heroísmo

Inspiring Moments



- **Discover Lisbon** on a panoramic city tour and visit Jerónimos Monastery.
- Be awed by the **Azores breathtaking natural splendor**, where volcanic drama meets lush, botanical abundance.
- Delight in a boating expedition to the acclaimed **Azores Whale Sanctuary**.
- See Pico's astonishing **lava vineyards**.
- Step into the surreal, **moss-draped lava cave** at Algar do Carvão.
- **Thrill to an off-road expedition** to the ethereal Sete Cidades twin crater lakes.
- Gaze into Faial's majestic, deep-forested Caldeira from **atop the crater's rim**.
- Savor a traditional stew **cooked in Furnas' geothermal ground**.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Lisbon

Day 1 | In-transit

Depart for Lisbon, Portugal. 🌐

Day 2 | Lisbon, Portugal

Arrive in Lisbon, transfer 🚗 and check in to the Dom Pedro Lisboa hotel.

This evening, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception, with canapés.

Day 3 | Lisbon

Lisbon City Tour. Uncover Lisbon's highlights on a guided, half-day panoramic tour. See the majestic 16th-century Tower of Belém and the nautical Monument to the Discoveries. Visit the Jerónimos Monastery, an excellent example of Manueline architecture and tribute to Portugal's Golden Age. Follow the Tagus River and make a photo stop at the stunning, historic waterfront Praça do Comércio square with beautiful views.

Free Time: Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4 | Terceira Island, Azores | Angra do Heroísmo

After breakfast, fly to Terceira. Arrive, transfer and check in to the Azoris Angra Garden.

Enrichment: *History of the Azores.*

Angra do Heroísmo. On a guided walk of this city founded in 1478, stroll to the central square and visit the well-preserved City Hall. Admire its Portuguese colonial architecture with baroque elements and delve into the city's rich history. Savor flavorful local cuisine at lunch together.

🌐 **AHI Connects | Azorean Dinner.** Travel to an authentic Azorean farmstead to peruse the market, discover the island's culinary heritage and relish dinner in the atmospheric farmhouse.

Day 5 | Terceira | São Sebastião

Terceira. Get to know the island on a scenic panoramic island tour, making stops to witness breathtaking views and the 15th-century church in São Sebastião, and have lunch. Continue to Algar do Carvão and make a thrilling descent into the surreal lava tube with moss-covered walls and rare translucent stalactites. *(Active)*

Conclude the day in Biscoitos. Take a dip in a natural lava rock pool or relax at a local café.

Day 6 | Faial Island | Horta

After breakfast, board a short flight to Faial.

Faial Tour. Head to the Capelinhos Volcano to uncover the history of the 1957 eruption that vastly altered the island's landscape. Break for lunch and drive to a viewpoint on the rim of the majestic Caldeira do Cabeço Gordo to be awed by the vast, deep and verdant volcanic bowl. Continue to Horta while gazing at the sweeping views of Horta Bay and Pico Mountain.

Arrive and check in to the Azoris Faial Garden.

Free Time: The rest of the day is at your leisure.



15th Century church of São Sebastião



Gorreana Tea plantation



Ribeira Grande

Day 7 | Pico Island | Faial

Vineyards of Pico. Enjoy an early morning ferry ride over to Pico. Visit the Criação Velha vineyards, marveling at grapevines growing in black basalt stone walls, a striking contrast to the deep-blue ocean. Learn about the island's 500-year-old viticulture techniques and Pico's mineral-rich Verdelho wine. Then, relish lunch with Pico wines at a local winery nearby.

Lajes & Whaling History. Tour the Whaler's Museum in Lajes, a major whaling hub from the 18th century until 1984. Understand the Azores complex whaling history via exhibits of whaling boats, harpoons, historical documents and photos, illustrating the whalers' daily lives. Take the ferry back to Faial and your hotel.

Day 8 | Faial | São Miguel Island | Ponta Delgada

Enrichment: Contemporary Azores.

After the lecture, fly to Ponta Delgada on São Miguel Island. Arrive, have lunch and set out on your walking tour of this capital city.

Ponta Delgada & Carlos Machado Museum.

On a guided stroll, appreciate the grand black basalt city gates with whitewashed accents, charming squares with colorful Portuguese pavement designs and the 17th-century City

Hall. Visit the Carlos Machado Museum to see exhibits showcasing natural history, devotional and other art, and Azorean heritage.

Check in to the Octant Ponta Delgada hotel.

Day 9 | São Miguel | Furnas

Furnas Crater. Head to the village of Furnas to stand in awe at the Lagoa das Furnas volcanic crater lake, surrounded by misty green hills and dotted with steaming fumaroles, bubbling mud pools and sulfur vents. Watch as the traditional Cozido das Furnas stew is buried in the ground to be cooked by volcanic heat. Later, savor the delicious stew for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Terra Nostra Park. Explore the lush botanical haven of extraordinary plant species, Romantic architecture and orange thermal waters.

Gorreana Tea Factory. Visit Europe's oldest tea plantation still in operation to meander in the tea fields and tour the production factory.

Day 10 | São Miguel | Ribeira Grande

Whale Watching. Embark on a thrilling boat expedition to look for sightings of majestic and



Volcanic cave, Algar do Carvão



Furnas



Included Features



Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **2 nights** in Lisbon, Portugal, at the first-class Dom Pedro Lisboa.
- **2 nights** in Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira Island, at the first-class Azoris Angra Garden.
- **2 nights** in Horta, Faial Island at the first-class Azoris Faial Garden.
- **4 nights** in Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island, at the first-class Octant Ponta Delgada.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- All transfers in the Land Program: flights, ferries and deluxe motor coaches.

Extensive Meal Program

- 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 2 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Whale watching

graceful whales and playful dolphins in one of the world's largest whale sanctuaries.

Crater Lake & Iconic Waterfall. Set out for the center of the island to visit the magnificent Lagoa do Fogo crater lake within a volcanic massif. Continue to the Caldeira Velha nature preserve to be mesmerized by the warm iron waterfall enveloped by mist and lush ferns.

Ribeira Grande. Stroll along the azulejo-tiled streets of this town steeped in Portuguese character. Admire the baroque Town Hall and the graceful, arched Ribeira Grande Bridge.

Day 11 | São Miguel | Sete Cidades

Jeep Excursion. Venture to a remote volcanic crater region, stopping at the serene Canário Lake for stunning panoramic views of one of the Azores most iconic natural wonders – the blue-green twin lakes of Sete Cidades, set in a vast crater amid lush mountainous forests.

Farewell Festivities. Delight in this evening's reception, dinner and folklore performance.

Day 12 | In Transit

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the Ponta Delgada Airport for your return flights home.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Active Travel

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking distances of up to 3 miles on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces, including lava fields; hills and/or stairs
- getting on/off motor coaches, boats, ferries and/or 4 x 4 jeeps





Lisbon



Terra Nostra Park



Capelinhos Volcano & Interpretation Center

2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates✈	September 28 – October 9, 2026
✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.	
Tour dates*	September 29 – October 9, 2026
* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.	

Land Program

Full Price	\$6,045
Special Savings	\$750
Special Savings Price*	\$5,295
*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.	
Deposit amount is \$750 per person.	
Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.	
Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).	
All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).	
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- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

Accommodations



Dom Pedro Lisboa | Lisbon



Azoris Angra Garden | Heroísmo, Terceira Island



Azoris Faial Garden | Horta, Faial Island



Octant Ponta Delgada | Ponta Delgada, São Miguel Island



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