

Flowers, crater lakes and pure nature - hiking on Flores

Overview

Flores, the westernmost island of the archipelago, is an insider tip for hikers and nature lovers. The flora is unique and many consider it to be the most beautiful island in the Azores. It blooms in all colors for months on end. Enjoy this special corner of the world!

Your accommodation is also special. You live in your own stone house in a formerly abandoned village near the town of Fajã Grande, which has been lovingly restored - without losing its tradition and connection to the past. The houses are nestled in the middle of nature, surrounded by idyllic tranquillity. The center is the house with reception and restaurant, where breakfast - surrounded by plants and flowers - is taken and other meals are served on request. With your rental car you are flexible and independent, but we have already included two hiking transfers for you. Two of the most beautiful hiking trails on the island start south and north of your accommodation, but end there. A rental car won't help either... You should definitely plan a day trip to Corvo, the smallest of the Azores islands.

This trip is generally not suitable for people with reduced mobility. Please contact us for further information.

Details

1. DAY



Arrival on Flores- The flower island

Arrival on Flores. Your rental car will be waiting for you at the airport. It is about 30 minutes drive to your accommodation in the west of the island near Fajã Grande, the westernmost village in Europe. Make your first stops at the viewpoints along the way. You will be impressed! Then move into your cottage and immerse yourself in pure nature, idyll and times gone by. There are beautiful waterfalls near your accommodation, and a short walk there is absolutely worthwhile!

5 nights in a vacation house with breakfast

2. - 5. DAY



On the trail of fragrant flowers, rushing waterfalls and impressive basalt columns

Discover the island with your rental car, enjoy unspoiled nature and great hiking trails or relax with a good book in the nature that surrounds you everywhere. You have plenty of time to discover the island of Flores! A must: the uninhabited highlands of the island with its beautiful crater lakes. On two days, a hiking transfer is included for you in the morning (organized by your accommodation), once to Ponta Delgada and once to Lajedo. From there, official hiking trails lead back to Fajã Grande and to "your" village. On the paths, sometimes along the cliffs, sometimes through villages, you will encounter countless natural beauties.

Hikes: On Flores you will find the most beautiful hikes in the Azores. Surrounded by forests and waterfalls, you will never cease to be amazed. On the paths, sometimes along the cliffs, sometimes through villages, you will encounter countless natural beauties. An easy and very beautiful hike is the one to the Poço Ribeira do Ferreiro waterfalls. If you would like a hiking transfer there in the morning, please contact the hosts at your accommodation.

Reserva Florestal Natural: The two nature reserves on the Flores plateau are unfortunately often covered in clouds, but with a bit of luck this route will be even more mystical. The highlands are characterized by volcanic lakes and rugged landscapes. And when the light breaks through the clouds, it is a truly magical moment.

Canyoning: If you want to get to know the island's waterfalls and steep cliffs up close, you should try canyoning. Under the supervision of a trained guide and with safety equipment, you can abseil down cliffs and explore the landscape by climbing. If you are interested, simply contact us or your accommodation.

Santa Cruz das Flores: The small town in the center of which the airport is located invites you to stroll around. The large church and the graffiti art are particularly worth seeing.

Day trip to the neighboring island of Corvo: A day trip to the smallest island in the Azores, Corvo, is also highly recommended. Let yourself be driven up to the Caldeira and hike back to the village. It seems as if time has stood still. Not even 500 people live on the island. Your accommodation will be happy to help you book a boat to Corvo.

6. DAY



Departure

Enjoy a last breakfast in your village and then say "goodbye". Drive to the airport, where you will return your rental car.

Dates & Prices			
from	until		Price
01.05.2024	31.05.2024		647 €
pro Person bei 2 Reisenden im Ferienhaus			
01.06.2024	30.09.2024		759 €
pro Person bei 2 Reisenden im Ferienhaus			
01.10.2024	31.10.2024		607 €
pro Person bei 2 Reisenden im Ferienhaus			

Included services

- 5 nights with breakfast (private vacation home in stone construction with bedroom, bathroom with shower/WC and living area with fully equipped kitchenette)
- 5 days rental car Rental car category A small car (example models Citroen C1, Toyota Aygo or similar), from arrival/to departure airport: unlimited free kilometers, including fully comprehensive insurance with reimbursement of excess*; second driver possible at no extra charge; 24-hour emergency service of the rental car company
- *Reimbursement of the excess: In the event of damage, you must pay the amount for the damage incurred to the rental car company on site (maximum excess amount: €700). If you submit the damage report, photos, proof of the deductible and the rental vehicle contract to the ALLIANZ insurance company in Germany on time after returning the car/after your vacation, the amount will be refunded to you. This is because vista verde azores has taken out this additional insurance for all travelers there. The additional insurance reimburses the contractually owed and charged deductible of the comprehensive insurance for passenger vehicles in the event of accident and theft as well as the contractually owed and charged necessary costs due to damage to the underbody, tires, windshield, side and rear windows, exterior mirrors and roof of the rental vehicle in the event of an accident
- 2 hiking transfers (accommodation-Ponta Delgada and accommodation-Lajedo)
- English-speaking contact person at the accommodation
- Travel documents with official links and detailed descriptions of the hikes
- 24-hour emergency telephone number (always English-speaking, often also German-speaking) on site

not included services

- Arrival and departure to/from Flores (possible with a domestic flight from/to Faial, Terceira or São Miguel islands with SATA Air Açores)
- Fuel for the rental car
- Excursion to Corvo (bookable via the accommodation)
- Additional meals and activities