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## SAIL INTO THE GREEN: AZORES AHOY!

Embark on an extraordinary journey from Porto's vibrant city lifestyle to the natural treasure of six volcanic isles in the Atlantic, immersing yourself in a diverse and enriching experience. Begin your adventure in Porto, where beautiful baroque and modern architecture coexist, and tasty wines delight the palate in the picturesque Douro Valley. Brace yourself for a pure windjammer adventure, as you plunge into the world of a tall ship, navigating the vast ocean for four unforgettable days. Discover the natural paradise of the Azores, a breathtaking archipelago with thermal springs, enchanting crater lakes, and meadows adorned with colorful flowers. In the World Heritage city of Angra do Heroísmo, bask in the sunny flair, surrounded by baroque palaces, colorful churches, and a strong sense of heroic pride. The artistic world explorers of Horta will leave their mark through brightly colored outdoor artworks on quay walls, embodying the spirit of adventure that defines these unique islands. This remarkable voyage offers an incredible blend of city charm, natural wonders, and cultural treasures, providing an unforgettable escape to the breathtaking beauty of the Azores and beyond.



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 Porto (Leixões)/Portugal

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### DAY 3 Day beneath full sails

Climbing the rigging, untying ropes, setting sails - today is all about sailing. Time to lean back and relax in the deck chair and watch the passionate crew hoisting the sails by hand.

### DAY 4 Day beneath full sails

Relax on the sun deck and watch the crew climb into the shrouds and set sail. More than 4,100 sq m (44,100 sq ft) of sailcloth unfurl for a great day of sailing.

### DAY 5 Day beneath full sails

Enjoy fitness, cosmetics, massage or sun and sea with a good book in the deck chair. This day beneath full sails gives you all the options for your perfect personal wellness program.

### DAY 6 Ponta Delgada/São Miguel/Azores

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### DAY 8 Day beneath full sails

On board a windjammer, the journey becomes the destination, leaving ample room for your own personal feel-good program.

### DAY 9 Horta/Faial/Azores

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 06.00 pm Early on, Horta linked the Old World with the New and is the most international place in the archipelago. The port is a hub of activity; almost every yacht that sails across the Atlantic makes a stop at Horta, making her famous port the world's most colorful marina. The

quay walls are a kind of guest book for skippers where for centuries people have immortalised themselves with a painting or inscription. The Azores last proved their volcanic origin in 1957 when the Capelinhos volcano suddenly emerged out of the sea in an eruption. The caldera is two kilometres (1.3 miles) in diameter and Faial expanded by 2.4 square kilometres (1 square mile). Nowadays the area is a bizarrely picturesque spot.

### DAY 10 Praia/Graciosa/Azores

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm Graciosa, the second smallest island in the Azores, has the most unusual natural phenomena in the archipelago. Furna do Enxofre, the huge sulphurous cave in the dark centre of the caldera, lets you take a glimpse into the underworld. A large steaming lake, 15 metres (49 foot) deep, stretches across an 80-metre (262 foot)-high volcanic cave and is bewitchingly lit by daylight shining in. On the island's fertile soil, only slightly protected from the wind by walls of lava rubble, cereal crops, fruit and vines flourish. Red-crested windmills are now the emblem of this charming island.

### DAY 11 Angra do Heroísmo/Terceira/Azores

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 06.00 pm Two fortresses standing guard over the harbor, splendid Renaissance facades, colorful little houses, churches and palaces - the old city of Angra do Heroísmo is a shining example of Portuguese Renaissance architecture and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taking a stroll is like a journey back in time. As the oldest town in the Azores, it received city status in 1474 and was even the capital of

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Portugal for three years from 1580. In its heyday as a center for overseas trade, for centuries it was an important hub between three continents.

### DAY 12 Madalena/Pico/Azores

Arrival 08.00 am, Departure 01.30 pm At 2,351 meters (7,713 foot), Ponta de Pico volcano is the highest mountain in Portugal and magnificently epitomises the island's personality. Dominated by the mountain, Pico has only a small amount of flat coastal land, but this only makes it all the more beautiful. Many small harbours and walled fields create a contrast with the wildly dramatic mountains in the background. Laurel, juniper, tree heath and wine grow on this green island, protected by kilometre (miles)-long walls of lava. The island's viniculture has even been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Pico, once a whaling centre, now has two whaling museums and is the starting point for whale watching, as numerous sperm whales inhabit the sea around the island.

### DAY 13 Vila do Porto/Santa Maria/Azores

Arrival 01.30 pm, Departure 07.00 pm Santa Maria, with its tiny capital Vila do Porto, is the third smallest and most southerly island in the archipelago and, in contrast to the other islands in the Azores, is not a volcanic island. Like all the islands in the Azores it is lush green, but has its own softer, almost Mediterranean character. Nature is more gentle here, the land seems hillier and is characterised by green swathes of forest, steep terraced vineyards, banana plantations, lush meadows and a sea of flowers. With its perfect weather, Santa Maria is the

only island in the Azores that has broad, white sandy beaches.

### DAY 14 Ponta Delgada/São Miguel/Azores

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## YOUR SHIP: SEA CLOUD SPIRIT

**YOUR SHIP:**

**Sea Cloud Spirit**

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

Building a three-mast full-rigged ship with traditional rigging in the 21st century may seem a little unusual. For SEA CLOUD CRUISES it is a commitment to true passion for sailing. With her clear, classic line she follows the example of her elegant windjammer sisters, but goes completely new ways. An entire deck with balcony cabins, an exclusive wellness and SPA area, a fitness room with sea view, a bistro on deck as an evening alternative to "fine dining" in the restaurant - the youngest member of the SEA CLOUD family offers plenty of room for individuality in addition to genuine windjammer romance. The SEA CLOUD SPIRIT combines traditional windjammer experience with 21st century comfort with up to 136 passengers. Cabins Even more comfort: of the 69 cabins from the owner suite to the superior outside cabin, almost half have balconies or windows to open. Public areas Spacious decks, a generous wellness and SPA area, fitness with sea view and much more: on board the SEA CLOUD SPIRIT, one does not only enjoy the freedom under sails.



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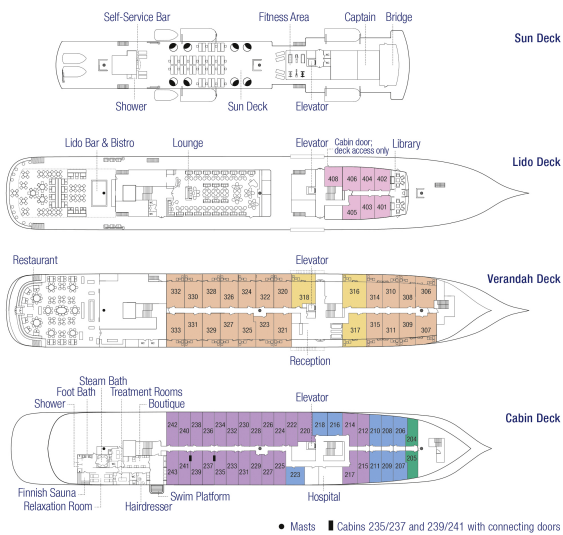
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- Cat. C ■ De luxe lido cabins, outside
- Cat. D ■ De luxe cabins, outside
- Cat. E ■ Superior cabins, outside
- Cat. F ■ Superior single cabins, outside



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