The Azores and Spain

9 Days
April 2021
THE AZORES AND SPAIN

MARVEL AT THE MAGNIFICENT; NATURE, HISTORY, ARTS & FOOD

DISCOVER THE CULTURES OF PORTUGAL & SPAIN

The world really is full of wonderful places and with this 9-day tour to Azores and Spain you really will get a taste of it all.

You’ll begin this adventure of learning and discovery on the Portuguese remote archipelago of Azores. Flying into the island of São Miguel be prepared to be wowed as you gaze upon landscapes of forest-wrapped volcanic peaks, azure lakes and perfect calderas. Then fly east to Spain spending two nights in the dynamic city of Madrid and take in the history and culture of the capital city. Finally you’ll fly to Barcelona for a good dose of arts and food. Discover Park Güell, designed by the Catalan architect Gaudí and much, much more.

With 3 to 5-star central hotel stays, daily breakfasts and delicious 3-course dinners, prepare yourself for an unforgettable adventure that will leave you with memories that will last a lifetime.

“In 18 years of doing student tours, this, with Lingo Tours, was hands-down my favorite. I’m already planning for next year!”

Chris Bowen, Teacher and Group Leader, USA
**DAY 1 – Departing Flight**
Depart Boston, Massachusetts on an overnight flight to Azores, Ilha de São Miguel, Portugal.

**DAY 2 – Arrive Ponta Delgada, São Miguel**
Arrive in Ponta Delgada, Azores and be greeted at the airport by your Tour Manager. Check-in to your hotel and take an introduction walking tour of the town and learn all about its history and culture. Visit the Botanical Gardens and much more. Welcome Dinner at night.

**DAY 3 – São Miguel**
Keep those camera closes by as you explore the island of São Miguel on a guided, full day tour. From cascading waterfalls, to rugged coastlines and breathtakingly beautiful views, the natural wonder of the island will undoubtedly stop you in your tracks. Debrief all together over dinner at night.

**DAY 4 – São Miguel & Madrid**
Start the day with a visit to one of the Azores natural caves or lava tubes and marvel at this geologic phenomena. Walk through the old lava tunnels with an expert guide and listen to how these natural wonders are formed. Then it’s off to Spain you fly! Board your flight bound for Madrid and enjoy a late night dinner in the capital.

**DAY 5 – Madrid**
Explore Madrid on a guided sightseeing tour led by an expert local guide which includes entrance to the Royal Palace. Enjoy the afternoon however you like with some structured free time. Join your Tour Manager on a city discovery walk, visit museums, or enjoy a spot of shopping, eating or relaxing – the choice is yours! Regroup for a Paella dinner in the evening.

**DAY 6 – Madrid OR Optional Extra: Toledo**
Enjoy a free day in Madrid or join your Tour Manager for the Optional Extra day excursion to Toledo. Travel to this ancient city which is set high on a hill above the plains of Castilla-La Mancha. Visit Santa Iglesia Catedral Primada de Toledo (Toldeo Cathedral) which is considered to be among some of the greatest Gothic structures in Europe. Return to Madrid and enjoy dinner all together at night.

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**DAY BY DAY**

“*The hotel was in a great location. We were able to walk back and forth to the waterfront with no issues.*”

~ KATHY, USA
DAY BY DAY

DAY 7 – Barcelona
Travel by speed train to Barcelona. Once you’ve checked-in to your central hotel, enjoy a guided sightseeing tour which includes entrance to Park Guell with an expert local guide. Visit the Olympic Stadium and many other key sights. Evening dinner.

DAY 8 – Barcelona
Start your day with a Tour Manager walk of Barcelona’s old town neighborhood, Barri Gòtic (the Gothic Quarter). Then you’ll make your way over to the foodie’s paradise that is La Boqueria Market. Visit Barcelona Cathedral before taking some time out for lunch. Make the most of some afternoon free time where you’ll set the pace; a visit to the famous Sagrada Familia, Barceloneta beach, or the Picasso Museum may be on your list. Gather back together for a special Farwell Dinner at night before being dazzled by a Flamenco show.

DAY 9 – Departing Flight
Transfer to airport for your return flights to the USA.

"Such an awesome experience! Made amazing friends and memories all thanks to Lingo Tours!"
- FERNANDO PINEDO, USA
DID YOU KNOW?

The world is full of interesting things and here are some facts about the places you’ll visit that you may not have known.

DISCOVERING SAO MIGUEL – AZORES
São Miguel is the largest island of the Azores archipelago and wears its elder status proudly, with an enviable landscape of forest-wrapped volcanic peaks, azure lakes and improbably perfect calderas. Its charming capital. There are 271 volcanic caves known in the Azores spread all over the archipelago except for Corvo island. In São Miguel we currently know 28 volcanic caves, most of them located in “Complexo Vulcânico dos Picos” a recent region of basaltic fissure volcanism that develops between Sete Cidades volcano and Fogo volcano.

THE ROYAL PALACE – MADRID
Home to the Kings of Spain from Charles III to Alfonso XIII, Madrid’s Royal Palace is a journey through Spanish history. The palace, inspired by sketches made by Bernini for the construction of the Louvre in Paris is built in the form of a square and looks out over a large courtyard with galleries and a parade ground. Comprised of over 3000 rooms it includes the Royal Armoury which is one of the most significant collections of its kind, housing weapons and armour worn by the kings of Spain and other members of the royal family since the 13th century.

MERCADO DE LA BOQUERIA – BARCELONA
The foodie paradise of Mercado de La Boqueria dates back to 1217 when tables were first laid out to sell meat, before being transformed into a pig market in 1470. And so is it just meat that you can buy there? No way! The market has a wide array of fruits, vegetables, cheeses, cakes, sweets, spices, herbs... the list goes on. A true Spanish spectacular, even if you’re not big into food it’s well worth a visit, as you stroll up and down the aisles marveling at the colors, sounds and smells of a thriving market place.
**FLIGHT DATES**

**Depart:** 17 April 2021*: From Boston Logan (BOS) to Ilha de São Miguel (PDL)

**Return:** On Day 9 of the tour: From Barcelona, Spain (BCN), to Boston Logan (BOS)

* Departure date is subject to 2 days +/- change.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

- A specialist Tour Manager from beginning to end
- Round-trip airfares and all European airport transfers
- Flight from the Azores to Spain
- Speed train from Madrid to Barcelona
- 3 to 5-star central hotels
- Daily hot breakfasts and 3-course dinners
- Private local guide for sightseeing tours in:
  - Island Tour – Azores
  - Volcanic Caves – Azores
  - Madrid and Royal Palace
  - Barcelona and Park Guell
- Visits and entrances to sights including:
  - São Miguel Island Panoramic Tour – Azores
  - Punta Delgado Cave System – Azores
  - Royal Palace – Madrid
  - Park Guell – Barcelona
  - Flamenco Show – Barcelona
- Private high-quality motor coach for transfers and excursions plus local transportation and transfers for included activities
- Smartphone app for all travelers with schedules, timings, menu choices, safety modules, maps, hotel info and more
- A private web page for your group and tour
- A personal Lingo Tours online account for making payments, updating personal details etc.

"I can’t imagine a better tour experience! Interesting and varied destinations, loads of historic background and local information, plus great accommodations and transportation."

JAN ERICKSON, USA
OPTIONAL EXTRA

Toledo Day Excursion – $87 p/person

- Transportation to and from Toledo
- Entrance to Santa Iglesia Catedral Primada de Toledo (Toledo Cathedral)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Minimum amount of travellers to run the Toledo Day Excursion is 16 travelers + Group Leader.

- Optional Extras are by pre-booking only, please select this option when you are logged into your Lingo Tours online account. Details for how to do this are included in the Welcome Information - Your Lingo Tours Online Account PDF which you are emailed upon your successful enrollment.
RATE CARD

“The trip was perfect in just about every way. Loved every minute of it. I would not hesitate to go on a Lingo Tour again, and would encourage anyone to use them for their tour needs. THANK YOU for the wonderful experiences!”

– PATRICE MESCHKE, USA

OLYMPIC STADIUM, BARCELONA

TRIPLE ROOM RATE
$3,387

TWIN/DOUBLE ROOM RATE
$3,623

SINGLE ROOM RATE
$3,977

PLEASE NOTE:

• Triple Room Rate is for travelers sharing one room with three single beds. Twin/Double Room Rate is for travelers sharing one room with either two single beds (Twin) or a double bed (Double - adults only). Solo travelers who chose either the Triple or Twin/Double rooming option can specify who they would like to share a room with when they enroll otherwise they will be matched into room formations based on age and gender.

• Rates do not include gratuities, excess airline luggage fees, nor transport to/from USA airport.

• Rates are based on no/little fluctuation in the exchange rate between USD and Euros. Should the USD weaken significantly towards the Euro, a correction in tour price would be done accordingly.

• The minimum amount of travelers is 18 travelers.
ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

HOW TO SIGN UP:

1. Visit your tour’s private webpage: http://www.lingo-tours.com/AZS143
2. Click on the Enroll Here! button at either the top or bottom of the page.
3. Fill in the online enrollment form and create your Lingo Tours account.
4. Pay your registration fee of $150 USD.

This registration fee is included in the total tour price and is not an additional cost.

For further assistance, please contact clientservice@lingo-tours.com

DEADLINES:

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – 17 October 2020
TOUR MUST BE 25% PAID BY – 17 October 2020
TOUR MUST BE 50% PAID BY – 17 December 2020
TOUR MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY – 17 February 2021

YOUR TOUR PAGE:

http://www.lingo-tours.com/AZS143
SAFETY ON TOUR
Safety on tour is always a top priority and we are committed to providing safe environments for all those that embark on a Lingo Tours adventure. Our dedication and the importance that we place on safety while on tour ensures that it is a key driver of any decisions that are made throughout the tour planning phase as well as during the tour.

We are continually considering current travel safety recommendations which are advised by federal, state and local government bodies as well as by organizations such as the European Tourism Association (ETOA). These help us understand and define what is considered safe areas for group travel so they can be followed and adhered to.

Risk assessments are completed before each activity and the necessary rules and protocols that ensure the group and individuals safety are communicated to all those on tour.

We also conduct audits with all our suppliers as well as fire safety checks which are carried out at each hotel included on the tour. These audits and checks ensure all our suppliers are meeting appropriate health and safety standards and guarantee that all Lingo Tours’ suppliers are safety certified and follow all European safety regulations.

CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND RE-ROUTING
Lingo Tours always have a contingency plan in place for all our tours which ensure that proper and immediate follow-up steps are able to be taken as soon as possible in response to an emergency situation. Any extra costs inflicted by the emergency situation or disturbance event will be covered by Lingo Tours – this includes accommodation, transportation, as well as any meals that would’ve otherwise been included in the itinerary.

For more information on safety on tour as well as contingency planning and re-routing, please refer to the Safety on Tour page on our website:
http://www.lingo-tours.com/safetyontour/

TOUR INSURANCE
Lingo Tours requires you to have travel insurance for your trip however we do not provide or act as a broker for insurance. You can find more information regarding insurance while on tour as well as links to insurance providers at the bottom of our Tour Insurance page:
http://www.lingo-tours.com/tourinsurance/

As an indication, for a US national traveling to Europe and similar touristic destinations on a full-length tour, full coverage insurance ranges from 65 USD – 120 USD.
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