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Azores

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Azores Yacht Charter
Region: Atlantic
Gateways: PDL - TER - HOR
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AZORES

Overview

Azores yacht charter is a Atlantic island triangle operation - Marina Ponta Delgada embarkation, São Miguel, Faial & Terceira nights, and door-to-deck from PDL / HOR / TER. We hold berths and APA in writing because peak weeks sell out the obvious slips; the week is swim mornings and held tables, not a cruise-ship itinerary.

Azores yacht charter - Marina Ponta Delgada berths, São Miguel, Faial & Terceira, PDL / HOR / TER transfers and APA with Blue Ocean Club.

AIRPORTS	PDL, TER, HOR
REGION	Atlantic
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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Azores week actually runs.: Marina Ponta Delgada embark, São Miguel cadence, held tables - short legs, weather honesty.
- Embark ready: APA open, transfer timed to the passerelle, weather window checked.
- Coastal cadence: Swim mornings, held lunch, short reposition, quiet overnight.
- Tables locked: Concierge restaurants confirmed weeks out against berth nights.
- When to take the quay.: In Azores, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Marina Ponta Delgada walk-ashore energy when held.
- At anchor: Protected day-hooks when the harbour densifies.
- Usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

São Miguel
Ponta Delgada embark and crater-lake day transfers.

Central triangle
Faial-Pico-São Jorge classic.

Terceira
UNESCO Angra nights.

Ocean passages
Inter-island Atlantic legs - weather gated.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Marina Ponta Delgada
Marina Ponta Delgada - primary São Miguel yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway PDL - Transfer Door-to-deck per marina guide - Peak lead: 6-14 weeks peak

Marina da Praia da Vitória / Angra
Marina da Praia da Vitória / Angra - primary Terceira yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway TER - Transfer 20-35 min from TER - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Marina da Horta
Marina da Horta - primary Faial yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway HOR - Transfer 10-20 min from HOR - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Madalena harbour, Pico
Madalena harbour, Pico - primary Pico yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway HOR - Transfer Short channel from Horta - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Azores Hub Berths
Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Azores ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway PDL - Transfer 15-25 min from PDL - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

São Miguel day anchorage
Protected day-stop captains favour near Marina Ponta Delgada.

Azores overnight roadstead
Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Atlantic.

Terceira lee cove
Weather-aware swim cove on the Azores circuit.

Faial quiet hook
Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

Azores weather alternative
Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

São Miguel Harbour Table
São Miguel
Walk-ashore dining near Marina Ponta Delgada - book peak weeks ahead.

Terceira Shore Kitchen
Terceira
Local plates after a day on the water around Azores.

Azores Quay Classic
São Miguel
Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.

Faial Waterfront
Faial
Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

Pico Concierge Table
Pico
Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

São Miguel Shore Club
São Miguel
Signature shore stop near Marina Ponta Delgada - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

Terceira Day Shore
Terceira
Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

Azores Sunset Deck
São Miguel
End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

DOOR TO DECK

PDL / HOR / TER to Marina Ponta Delgada.

We choreograph gateway arrivals into embarkation - chauffeur timed to the passerelle.

PDL / HOR / TER
Primary Azores gateway corridor for crewed programmes. PDL corridor HOR corridor TER corridor

Chauffeur to quay
SUV briefed on Marina Ponta Delgada gates and luggage. Marina meeting point Night-before hotel if late arrival

Door-to-deck options confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - AZORES

VAT & APA - Azores short version.

On a Azores charter the base fee is only the starting line.

VAT / tax
Portuguese EU VAT - confirm commercial charter and Atlantic contingency.

APA
APA includes serious inter-island fuel contingency - often 30-40%+.

What we send PAs
A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

São Miguel

São Miguel is a core Azores charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Ponta Delgada - Day-anchor: São Miguel day anchorage - Table: São Miguel Harbour Table

Terceira

Terceira is a core Azores charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina da Praia da Vitória / Angra - Day-anchor: Azores overnight roadstead - Table: Terceira Shore Kitchen

Faial

Faial is a core Azores charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina da Horta - Day-anchor: Terceira lee cove - Table: Azores Quay Classic

Pico

Pico is a core Azores charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Madalena harbour, Pico - Day-anchor: Faial quiet hook - Table: Faial Waterfront

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- São Miguel - Crewed yacht charter in São Miguel - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Azores.
- Terceira - Crewed yacht charter in Terceira - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Azores.
- Faial - Crewed yacht charter in Faial - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Azores.
- Pico - Crewed yacht charter in Pico - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Azores.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

One island or triangle?

São Miguel weeks are simplest; Faial-Pico-São Jorge is the classic central triangle.

Horta role?

Marina da Horta is the ocean-crossing and central-group hub.

Weather?

Atlantic systems dominate - we sell flexible legs, not rigid daily harbours.

APA?

Fuel contingency matters - expect honest 30-40%+ bands.

Best season?

Late spring to early autumn for most crewed comfort.

Whale watching?

Seasonal - captains advise; never promised as a charter deliverable.

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Azores?

Yacht charter cost in Azores depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

Which marina should we embark from in Azores?

Marina Ponta Delgada is the most common embarkation for Azores, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Marina Ponta Delgada

High in peak season - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 6-14 weeks peak; 2-4 weeks shoulder. Event or festival weeks near Azores can eliminate availability. We hold Marina Ponta Delgada alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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