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**National Trust Tours**

# Islands of the Azores: Basalt Peaks to Volcanic Vineyards

April 16-23, 2026

*Aboard National Geographic Orion*



**SPECIAL AFFINITY GROUP SAVINGS OFFER**



**Dear National Trust Traveler,**

Nearly 1,000 miles from the Portuguese mainland, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, there is a wild archipelago brimming with volcanic beauty and vibrant maritime culture. From gem-like crater lakes and black-sand beaches to rich viniculture and culinary specialties, there is a whole world waiting to be discovered on *Islands of the Azores: Basalt Peaks to Volcanic Vineyards*.

We invite you to join us on an unforgettable exploration of the Azores aboard the *National Geographic Orion*. On this immersive 8-day voyage, you'll experience the wild wonders that this enchanting archipelago has to offer, traveling from one island to the next in supreme comfort.

*National Geographic Orion* offers luxurious accommodations, wellness activities and incredible dining. Experience unrivaled encounters with the natural beauty and dramatic landscapes of the Azores from the comfort of your cabin, the ample deck space or one of several inviting community spaces. Be on deck as we round the islands in search of the variety of whales that inhabit or pass through these waters, like fin, sperm and minke whales, to name a few.

Don't miss the exceptional and illuminating experiences of our *Islands of the Azores: Basalt Peaks to Volcanic Vineyards* expedition April 16-23, 2026.

**To reserve your place call 888-484-8785 or 202-588-6300.**

Sincerely,



Meg-Annacone-Poretz, MTA  
Director, National Trust Tours

**Special Offer**

Save on the cabin fare when traveling with National Trust Tours. See page 12 for details.

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# THE ALLURE OF THE AZORES

## **Explore Volcanic Isles in the Heart of the Atlantic**

Towering basalt peaks, bubbling hot springs, emerald green farmlands and the fascinating history of the explorers, whalers and farmers who called these remote islands home—this is just a sample of what you'll explore in the Portuguese archipelago of the Azores. All born from volcanoes, each island has a unique landscape and history that you'll uncover as you discover these remote gems. Experience the warmth and hospitality of local communities as they share a glimpse into their island life with traditional dishes, world-class wine and cheese tastings, and fado music. It's an unforgettable perspective, and it's available uniquely on this intimate, immersive expedition.

## **Discover the Wonder of Whales**

April is one of the best months to see the different whale species that pass through these waters on their annual migrations, and whale spotting is a tradition that locals have passed down from generation to generation. Hear from these whale spotters, and learn about the stories of explorers and conquerors who all had a part in weaving the tapestry of island history. Witness the local commitment to sustainable growth and to protect the ecosystems and wildlife of the archipelago.

*Opposite page (from top): Pico Island; sperm whale surfacing; Angra do Heroísmo on the island of Terceira.*









# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ORION

## Built for Awe

The nimble, 53-cabin *National Geographic Orion* takes travelers to secluded ports and shores that offer a more personal perspective on the Azores. Luxuriously appointed for maximum comfort, she has a spirited onboard environment and enticing outdoor spaces that offer panoramic views of the archipelago's volcanic cliffs and emerald mountains.



The wellness program was designed to connect you more deeply with your oceanic surroundings, whether you choose to greet the day with a morning stretch on deck or unwind with a massage in the spa. Relax as you sail from one island to the next, enjoying



breathtaking scenery from the soothing sauna or top-deck plunge pool. Onboard restaurants include an inviting dining room and outdoor café—both featuring local cuisine and sustainable ingredients sourced directly from nearby lands and waters.

*Opposite page (from top): Sunset view on the upper deck; guests exploring by Zodiac; outdoor café. This page (from top): National Geographic Orion; yoga and morning stretch.*

# TRAVEL WITH INSPIRING EXPERTS

## The Most Experienced Team in Expedition Cruising

An exceptional expedition team is key to your in-depth experience. You'll travel with a veteran expedition leader and expert naturalists, who share their knowledge of the archipelago's intricate geology and fascinating history. An undersea specialist will unveil the creatures that thrive in coastal waters, and an on-duty wildlife spotter is always ready to alert guests of noteworthy sightings. Rounding out the team is a wellness specialist, who is available for relaxing spa treatments.

## Take Great Photos with the Pros

From brilliant ocean sunsets to soaring mountains draped in lush flora, capture memories that will live on long after your trip comes to an end. On this voyage you will have the benefit of a National Geographic certified photo instructor at your side. They can help you with anything from camera settings to the basics of composition. Now, every guest—from smartphone camera users to advanced hobbyists—can learn from skilled photographers, pick up tips of the trade and take home incredible photos.



*Opposite page (clockwise from top): A guest taking photos of the sunset; Traditional cozida meal taken from the ground in Furnas Valley, a site of bubbling hot springs and fumaroles on the island of São Miguel; Traditional and symbolic red windmill on Pico island; engraving on a sperm whale tooth at the Scrimshaw Museum, opened by the Azevedo family in 1918, Horta, Faial Island. This Page: Our Lady of Peace Chapel over Vila Franca do Campo, São Miguel island.*





## Itinerary

Sail among the Old World islands in the wake of the world's great explorers, learning of their discoveries—and having plenty of your own. Flexibility is a hallmark of these expeditions, so no two trips are exactly the same. Your day-to-day itinerary may change in order to take advantage of a unique opportunity—but, rest assured, your expert expedition team will guide you over stunning peaks, enchanting vistas and wildlife-rich waters to ensure your most authentic discovery of the Azores.

### DAY 1: SÃO MIGUEL, AZORES, PORTUGAL/EMBARK

Arrive on São Miguel, the charming capital of the Azores. Transfer from the airport to the city and spend the day at your own pace exploring the sights, sounds and tastes of this island capital. Check in with the hospitality desk this afternoon before embarking the ship. (D)



### DAY 2: PICO/FAIAL

The tallest mountain on the Atlantic Ridge, the long dormant Ponta do Pico is a defining feature of this beautiful island whose claims to fame are whaling history and wine. Visit the once-booming former whaling village Lajes do Pico, and learn about the importance of the whaling industry to these islands at the Whalers' Museum. Then travel to the wine region, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where the moonscape terrain left by the lava flows has been painstakingly converted to vineyards. See the unlikely lava stone corrals that protect the precious vines, and enjoy a tasting of these very special wines. This afternoon, sail to the island of Faial in time to raise a glass at Peter Café Sport, a legendary pub where sea adventurers historically dropped off their mail. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: FAIAL

Following breakfast, head to Capelinhos, where you can see how dramatically the landscape changed when its volcano erupted in 1957. Farms and villages were covered with ash, which added nearly an extra mile of land to the island. Later, stroll in the marina, visit the excellent Scrimshaw Museum and enjoy a coffee at a local café. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: SÃO JORGE

This morning visit São Jorge, formed by volcanic fissures. An impressive mix of imposing sea cliffs and *fajãs*—coastal plateaus formed from lava

flows—the island has fertile soil that supports picturesque grasslands and farms. On trails that crisscross the ridge and beaches, hike to Caldeira de Santo Cristo Lake, known for its clams; visit the small villages perched on the fajãs; explore the coffee and tea plantations; and taste world-renowned São Jorge cheese. Be on deck with binoculars this afternoon as you sail around the tip of the island, passing cliffs with nesting sea birds and looking for Risso’s dolphin and whales. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 5: TERCEIRA**

First settled by Portuguese navigators around 1450, Terceira became a popular port of call for merchant ships and the economic and religious center of the Azores. You’ll wind along the coastline and explore historic villages like Porto Judeu, a small fishing community; Sao Sebastiao, which has a notable 15th-century parish church; and Altares, with its quaint whitewashed houses capped with traditional chimneys and painted cones. Upland at Algar do Carvao, be amazed by a huge lava tube adorned with stalactites and stalagmites, and later, stroll the streets of Praia da Vitoria. Or, take a walking tour with local guides to see the forts, palaces, churches, museums and gardens of Angra do Heroismo. Step back in time in this 15th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site and see firsthand the indelible mark left by the ancient explorers, conquerors and religious leaders. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 6: SANTA MARIA**

As you cruise towards the island of Santa Maria, be on deck to search for the islands’ many cetaceans. Go ashore at Santa Maria, historically significant as the first landfall of Christopher Columbus on his return from the Americas in 1493. You’ll see a statue of the explorer in the village of Anjos and admire breathtaking vistas as you travel along the coast. Those who choose to hike the Pico Alto-Baía dos Anjos trail will travel from the highest point on the island to the sea to observe marine birds in their azure surroundings. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 7: SÃO MIGUEL**

Explore the Furnas Valley and see its famed hot springs, hike the trails and visit a tea plantation. Sample a typical Azorean dish for lunch: *cozido*, a dish made with a variety of meats and vegetables naturally cooked underground from the heat of volcanic activity. Following lunch, join local whale spotters and a marine biologist onboard a catamaran in search of the gentle giants of the sea. (B,L,D)

### **DAY 8: SÃO MIGUEL/DISEMBARK**

Disembark in São Miguel and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



# National Geographic Orion



The gracious and intimate *National Geographic Orion* takes travelers to little-known waters and shorelines to experience natural and cultural wonders up close.

## Capacity

53 outside cabins and suites accommodating 102 guests.

## Registry

Bahamas.

## Overall Length

338 feet.

## Public Areas

Outdoor café, lounge with bar, restaurant, sundeck, reception desk, observation lounge and library, laundry, Global Gallery, marina platform. Open Bridge allows guests to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

## Meals

All meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. The menu emphasizes local flair, expertly prepared and featuring fresh, nutritious meals.

## Accommodations

All cabins and suites feature ocean views, private facilities, climate controls and a flat-screen TV.



*The lounge is the perfect place to relax.*



*Category 6 cabin.*

Equipped with Ethernet and Wi-Fi connections and USB ports for mobile devices. Some cabins have French balconies. Botanically inspired shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and lotion are all available in cabin bathrooms, as well as an Expedition Essential Kit. Hair dryers and complimentary insulated bottles are available in each cabin.

## Expedition Equipment

Zodiac landing craft, a fleet of 24 double kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, glass-bottom Zodiac, splash cam, crow's nest camera, hydrophone, underwater video camera, video microscope and a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV).

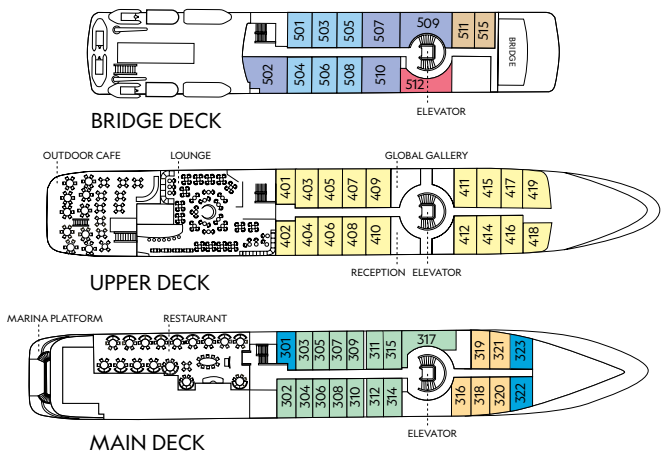
## Staff & Crew

Every staff member is committed to ensuring guests have an unforgettable experience. Your expedition will be led by seasoned naturalists and local guides. A full-time medical professional, undersea specialist, National Geographic photographer, National Geographic certified photo instructor and two divemasters are on board, and with a low staff-to guest ratio, you can hear different perspectives and gain new insights every day.

## Wellness

A wellness specialist, fitness center, LEXspa treatment room and sauna are on board.

# Ship Deck Plan & Pricing



## Voyage Dates

April 16-23, 2026

## Advance Payment Details

15% of the cabin fare, per person

Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo

Special Savings

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>\$8,917</b>	<b>\$8,204</b>
Main Deck—With an armchair, reading lamps, TV, bedside tables, coffee table, desk and marble bathrooms. #316, 318-321		
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>\$9,726</b>	<b>\$8,948</b>
Main Deck—With an armchair, reading lamps, TV, bedside table, coffee table, desk and marble bathrooms. #302-312, 314, 315, 317		
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>\$11,996</b>	<b>\$11,037</b>
Upper Deck—Cabins with a sitting area, sofa, armchair, writing desk, reading lamps, coffee table, TV, bedside table and marble bathrooms. #401-412, 414-419		
<b>Category 4</b>	<b>\$13,314</b>	<b>\$12,249</b>
Bridge Deck—Deluxe suites with separate sleeping and sitting areas, a chair and armchair, coffee table, a sofa, reading lamps, TV and marble bathrooms. #511, 515		
<b>Category 5*</b>	<b>\$14,742</b>	<b>\$13,563</b>
Bridge Deck—Suites with French balcony and a separate sitting area with armchairs and a sofa, a writing desk, coffee table, reading lamps, TV and marble bathrooms. #501, 503-506, 508		
<b>Category 6*</b>	<b>\$16,898</b>	<b>\$15,547</b>
Bridge Deck—Owner's suites with French balcony with a separate living area with a sofa, armchairs, coffee table, vanity, reading lamps, TV and marble bathrooms. #502, 507, 509**, 510		
<b>Category 1 Solo Occupancy</b>	<b>\$14,501</b>	<b>\$13,341</b>
Main Deck—Cabins with a writing desk and chair, reading lamps, coffee table, bedside tables, TV and marble bathrooms. #301, 322, 323		
<b>Category 3 Solo Occupancy*</b>	<b>\$18,144</b>	<b>\$16,693</b>
Bridge Deck—Solo cabin with panoramic window, armchairs, a table, coffee table, TV and a marble bathroom. Located in an optimal mid ship location near the Bridge, main stairwell and elevator. #512		

**\*Suite Exclusives:** The Suite Exclusives package gives guests staying in eligible cabins access to an array of amenities designed to enhance your on-board experience, including priority booking for spa treatments, complimentary laundry and other exclusive perks.

**Note:** Solo occupancy cabins available in Categories 1 and 3. Shared accommodations available in Categories 1 and 2. Third person rates available at one-half the double occupancy rate in designated triple occupancy cabins.  
\*\*#509 has double windows in lieu of a French balcony.

## INCLUSIVE PRICING

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- All accommodations aboard ship
- Excursions and airport transfers, as indicated in the itinerary
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary, both aboard and onshore. Meals and hors d'oeuvres are inspired by regional cuisine and locally sourced where possible
- 24-hour access to snacks, premium coffees and teas, non-alcoholic beverages and filtered water
- Beer, wine, cocktails and spirits. Premium wines and liquors are available for purchase
- Selection of exploration tools, including Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards and kayaks
- The guidance and company of the leading expedition staff
- Presentations by expedition staff
- Gratuities to the ship's crew
- Access to the OM System Photo Gear Locker with the latest gear to try out on loan
- Complimentary reusable water bottle
- The services of a medical professional
- 24-hour access to the lounge, observation decks, library and other shared spaces
- Morning stretch classes and access to the fitness center
- Assistance by the onboard photo instructor
- Special access permits, park and site entrance fees and port taxes
- Basic Wi-Fi, with the option to upgrade

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPECIAL OFFERS

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**SPECIAL AFFINITY GROUP SAVINGS:** Save on the cabin fare (as indicated) when traveling with National Trust Tours. Valid on this departure date of *Islands of the Azores: Basalt Peaks to Volcanic Vineyards* for new bookings only, subject to availability, may not be combined with other offers, and is not applicable on airfare or extensions. Call for details.

**BRINGING THE KIDS:** Sharing an expedition with your kids or grandkids is a life-enhancing experience. Take \$500 off the double occupancy price for each person under 18, at the time of travel. Not applicable on extensions or airfare.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Prices quoted in this brochure are per person based on double occupancy in USD. Prices quoted are valid at the time of printing, and are subject to change and availability at time of booking. Under normal conditions the total expedition price is guaranteed at the time advanced payment is made. However, our expedition pricing is determined far in advance of initial departure on the basis of then-existing projections of fuel and other costs. In the event of increases in those costs, including but not limited to increases in the price of fuel, currency fluctuations, increases in government taxes or levies or increased security costs, we reserve the right to adjust the price of your expedition or add a surcharge to cover such unexpected increases. We will always provide an explanation of the reason for increase in costs.

**COST INCLUDES:** All amenities listed in inclusive pricing above. Unused services or items included in this program are non-refundable.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare; pre- and post-expedition extensions (if applicable); additional hotel nights; passport, visa, security and immigration fees; meals not indicated; travel protection plan; items of a personal nature such as certain premium brands of alcohol, enhanced and premium Wi-Fi plans, laundry, etc.

**AIRFARE:** Airfare is an additional cost. Lindblad Expeditions will gladly assist in making your air arrangements for a \$50 per person service fee.

**RESERVATIONS:** To confirm your place, an advance payment of 15% of the cabin fare, per person is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or check. Receipt of advance payment indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due no later than 120 days prior to departure. Lindblad Expeditions reserves the right to cancel your reservation if payment has not been received by final payment due date.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:** National Trust Tours strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to covered illness or accident. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. USI Travel Insurance Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers, providing coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Travel Delay, Baggage Delay, Baggage Loss, Emergency Medical and more. Plus, you can upgrade your plan with Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) coverage for the utmost flexibility. CFAR allows you to cancel your trip for ANY reason at all and be reimbursed up to 75% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip costs (conditions apply, see plan for details). For additional information, please contact National Trust Tours at (888) 484-8785.

**ITINERARY MODIFICATIONS:** Itineraries, routing and speakers listed are correct at time of publication, and are subject to change.

**ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** Guests are advised to verify travel documents (passport/transit visa/entry visa) for the country(s) through which they are transiting and/or entering. Reliable and most current information regarding international travel can be found by contacting the consulate/embassy of the country(s) you are visiting or transiting through. We will not be responsible if you are denied entry or transit into a country if you are unable to provide valid documents as per the country's requirement.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Certain other provisions concerning, among other things, limitations of Lindblad Expeditions' and National Geographic Expeditions' (a division of National Geographic Partners, LLC) liability for loss of property, injury, illness, or death during the voyage will be provided to all guests on the ship's ticket sent prior to departure or upon request. By registering for a trip, the guest agrees to all such terms and conditions.

## CANCELLATION FEE POLICY (PER PERSON)

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**120 or more days** prior to expedition start: **No penalty:** Advance Payment will be credited toward your next expedition\*\*

**119-90 days** prior to expedition start: **50% of trip cost\*\*\***

**89-0 days** prior to expedition start: **100% of trip cost\*\*\***

\*\*Advance payments will be credited in the form of a Lindblad Expeditions Travel Certificate, valid for 12 months from the date of cancellation, and which may only be applied towards final payment on any future booking.

\*\*\*Trip cost is total price paid including extensions, charter airfare and other additional services.

We strongly recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan.

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# Reservation Form



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## National Trust Tours

### Contact Information

To register, please contact:  
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888.484.8785

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### Passenger Information

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

Guest 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name as it appears on passport)*

Guest 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name as it appears on passport)*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations: ☐ Double ☐ Single ☐ Twin share with a friend  
☐ Share with roommate assigned by tour operator.

Please indicate choice of cabin category in order of preference:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advance Payment Information:** 15% of the cabin fare per person.

☐ If paying by check, please make payable to: **Lindblad Maritime Enterprises, Ltd.**  
Enclosed is my advance payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ If paying by credit card, we will contact you to finalize your booking and collect payment information.

# Islands of the Azores: Basalt Peaks to Volcanic Vineyards

## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Search for whales, follow scenic hiking trails and learn of the volcanic history unique to the Azores.
- Soak up Azorean culture, sampling local wine and cheese, and dine on a delectable local specialty: a stew cooked underground by volcanic heat.
- Discover the varied past and the stories of explorers, whalers and conquerors who all had a part in weaving the tapestry of island history.
- Experience the commitment the locals have to sustainable growth and protecting the natural beauty and ecosystems of the archipelago.

### LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS: PIONEERING RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION

From our consistent quest to improve our practices to offsetting 100% of our carbon emissions, supporting conservation, science, and education initiatives around the planet, and investing in the communities in the places we explore, we are guided by our commitment to explore responsibly.



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