

Essential guide to the **AZORES**

In the Azores, nature, the ocean and the weather are present throughout almost every moment of the journey. Conditions can change quickly during the day and vary considerably between different parts of the same island. This guide brings together essential information to help you enjoy the archipelago with comfort, safety and respect for the environment.

With the right preparation and the support of our team, you will be ready to enjoy the Azores with greater safety, comfort and peace of mind, focusing on what truly matters: making the most of every experience.



CLOTHING AND WEATHER

COMFORTABLE CLOTHING:

Choose light, comfortable and quick-drying clothing, especially for walks and outdoor activities. Humidity can remain high throughout the day.

VARIABLE TEMPERATURES:

Keep a light, warmer layer with you for boat trips, walks at higher altitudes or moments when temperatures may drop.

RAIN AND WIND:

Always carry a waterproof and windproof jacket. In the Azores, sun, rain, wind and fog can all occur on the same day.

IMPORTANT:

Do not choose your clothing based only on the weather at the start of the day. Conditions can change quickly and vary considerably between different areas of the same island.



ESSENTIAL PACKING LIST

FEET:

Comfortable hiking boots or shoes with good grip. Trails may include mud, rocks and slippery surfaces. Azores Tourism recommends footwear suited to the route and weather conditions.

WELL-BEING:

Reusable water bottle, moisturising lip balm, sunscreen and sunglasses.

LEISURE:

Swimwear and a towel for swimming pools, lagoons and thermal experiences. Some attractions may provide towels for an additional fee.

USEFUL ACCESSORIES:

A small backpack, rain cover and space for an extra layer of clothing.

ELECTRONICS:

Charger, power bank and European plug adapter, if necessary. Some trails may not have mobile coverage along the entire route.



MONEY AND CONNECTION

PAYMENTS:

Cards and contactless payments are accepted almost everywhere, including restaurants, shops, attractions and petrol stations.

CURRENCY:

The official currency in the Azores is the Euro, €. In most situations, there is no need to carry large amounts of cash.

INTERNET:

Mobile coverage is generally good in the main towns and populated areas. During some hikes and in more remote regions, coverage may be limited or unavailable.

ESIM:

An eSIM can be a practical solution to ensure connectivity from the moment you arrive, especially if your mobile plan does not include roaming in the Azores.

TIP:

Download maps, reservations and important information before starting activities in more isolated areas.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

TALK TO YOUR GUIDE:

Inform your guide in advance about allergies, physical limitations, special needs or any condition that may affect the planned activities.

MEDICATION:

Bring enough personal medication for the entire trip and keep the most important items in your hand luggage.

MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION:

If you take prescription medication, bring the prescription or corresponding medical documentation, preferably in English.

EMERGENCIES:

The national emergency number in the Azores is 112, available for situations requiring police, ambulance or rescue services.

LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Before starting a hike, check the weather forecast and confirm that the conditions are suitable for the route. This is an official recommendation from the Azores Trails system.



GOLDEN RULES IN THE AZORES

STAY ON THE TRAILS:

Keep to the marked trails and do not use shortcuts. In addition to improving safety, this helps prevent erosion and damage to vegetation.

RESPECT LIVESTOCK:

Do not disturb animals and leave gates, fences and private property exactly as you found them.

DRIVING:

Never stop your vehicle on the road to take photographs. Use only designated parking areas and safe stopping points.

NATURE FIRST:

Do not collect plants, stones or other natural materials, and always take all your rubbish with you.

FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE:

Local conditions always take priority over the original plan. If an activity needs to be changed, follow the instructions of your Atelier guide.