

A GRAND JOURNEY BETWEEN AMERICA, AZORE ISLES & LISBON



From: \$6,000.00

Embarkation: Miami

Disembarkation: Lisbon

Dates: Wed, Apr 02, 2025 - Mon, Apr 14, 2025

Duration: 12 Nights / 13 days

Ship: EXPLORA I





📍 DAY UNITED STATES

1 Quintessential Miami

Port: Miami

Arrival Method: DOCK

Departure: 19:00

Welcome to Miami and the sweep of South Beach - backdrop to every iconic Miami movie, and forefront of Latin American culture. Stroll through pastel-hued geometric buildings in the art deco district, to graffiti mural masterpieces at Wynwood Walls. Watch Latino life unfold in Little Havana - the heartbeat of this great city - where walk-up windows sell café cortadito, sweet sugarcane juice, hatuey beer and guava ice-cream. Watch passionate locals discuss politics, play dominoes and smoke cigars. Shimmy at a salsa class, shop designer boutiques and race marlin and sharks by speedboat. Then slow your pace to uncover rare and endangered species at the Everglades National Park outdoor oasis. You'll find the Miami dream is real – and it's not just Cuban heels that will give you a spring in your step.



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2 At sea



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3 At sea



📍 DAY BERMUDA

4 Pretty in Pink Bermuda

Port: King's Wharf

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 08:00

Departure: 18:00

Picture a charming little island awash in peaceful pastels, and Bermuda – with its heavenly pink-sand beaches and endless turquoise ocean – can't be far off. Explore the beautiful shallow reefs that have played a key role in Atlantic maritime history, the shipwrecks here casting Bermuda and its 300 coral atolls as one of the world's best diving destinations; or seek Bermuda's superlative ocean-fronted fairways, surrounded by sun-bathed swaying palms and rich birdsong. Wander back through time amid the winding streets, colourful houses and pillar-box red phonebooths in whimsically British St George's and Hamilton, and then leap back into the here-and-now art galleries, restaurants and boutiques tapping into the island's breezy, blue-chip scene.



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5 At sea



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8 At sea



📍 DAY PORTUGAL

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Colourful, Cosmopolitan Horta

Port: Horta

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 12:00

Departure: 20:00

Colourful yachts bob just offshore the prettiest island in the Azores, its curvy coastline locked in the embrace of its formidable cliffs. A bevy of blue hydrangeas and beech trees drape hillsides dotted with terra cotta roofs and majestic churches. Grand panoramas continue from atop the volcanic caldera and Espalamaca Belvedere. Returning to terra firma, peace and tranquillity pervade whilst you linger along black sand beaches watching whales dance in the distance.



📍 DAY PORTUGAL

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Convents and Craters in Ponta Delgada

Port: Ponta Delgada (São Miguel) Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 08:00

Departure: 21:00

The gothic facade of Igreja de São Sebastião and the gilded carvings of Igreja de São José are a man-made prelude to the natural wonders of São Miguel, Mother Nature's incubator. Venture into the village of Furnas and its volcanic caldera, flecked with steaming geysers and mineral-rich springs shrouded in Azorean cloud forest and misty waterfalls. Then delve into the sublime world of Sete Cidades, an epic landscape of crater lakes and pine-covered slopes, where the lost city of Atlantis lies submerged.



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13 Lyrical Lisbon

Port: Lisbon

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 08:00

Enjoy the rich buzz of Lisbon. Dip into the city's strong architectural, cultural and historical connections. Wander charming-cobbled streets, colourful buildings, the river Sado and endless nature. Pilgrimage to Fatima, tour hilly villages, learn Portuguese cooking techniques and listen to the Lisbon blues. Slip to charming Cascais for quieter energy and golden beaches. And as you bathe in the captivating light, enjoy plates of petiscos which - like fado - you'll soon discover is vibrant, warm and most appealing.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

19 Experiences



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Volcanic Vistas and a Spectacular Waterfall

São Miguel is a volcanic island endowed with spectacular natural views, the finest of which are seen from Fogo viewpoint. From the mountaintop, gaze in awe at breathtaking vistas of the glittering emerald water of Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake), far below. As you descend, you'll travel through lush vegetation en route to the spectacular Caldeira Velha waterfall. Heading north, your next stop is Chá Gorreana, Europe's oldest tea garden, to enjoy local tea and a slice of pineapple cake before returning to the ship.

Port: Ponta Delgada (São Miguel)

Price From: \$100.00

Activity Level:  High-energy

Experiences: Destination Essentials

Duration: 4.00 Hrs

Available In: English

Features: History & Heritage, Wonderful Nature



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Furnas Valley Bounty: Gardens, Geothermal Cooking, and Hot Springs

Explore Furnas Valley for an up-close glimpse at a jewel of the Azores. You'll visit a historic tea plantation, then pause at the Miradouro do Pico do Ferro (Pico do Ferro viewpoint) to gaze at São Miguel's glorious landscape, before savouring a delicious lunch cooked in a geothermal earth oven. Then, head to a botanic garden, Parque Terra Nostra, to bathe in natural hot springs and learn about their remarkable health benefits. After a day spent basking in the natural beauty of Furnas Valley, return to Ponta Delgada, making a call at the town of Vila Franca do Campo.

Port: Ponta Delgada (São Miguel)

Price From: \$220.00

Activity Level:  Moderate

Experiences: Destination Essentials

Duration: 8.00 Hrs

Available In: English

Features: History & Heritage, Wonderful Nature




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Discover a Coastline Created by Volcanic Power

Few coastlines can match the south side of Faial Island, a barren, otherworldly place formed by an underwater eruption of Capelinhos in the 1950s. Stroll past ash-engulfed ruins and explore a former whaling port before reaching the modern lighthouse that replaced its destroyed predecessor. Walk unpaved coastal roads above panoramic sea views to the beautiful bay of Varadouro, a spa retreat famed for its natural volcanic swimming pools.

Port: Horta (Faial Island)

Price From: \$75.00

Activity Level:  Moderate

Experiences: Destination Essentials

Duration: 4.00 Hrs

Available In: English

Features: Action, Wonderful Nature



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Encounter Horta's Nautical Heritage

Discover Horta's roots during a walking experience through streets, gardens, markets, and museums that encapsulate Azorean life. Wander through the place known as 'Sea-City', whose fort protected it from pirates and was a welcome sight for law-abiding seafarers. Beneath the surface of the city's whitewashed façade, learn about its nautical history, taste local delicacies, catch scents of seasonal fruits and flowers, and behold views of the surrounding volcanic formations.

Port: Horta (Faial Island)

Price From: \$85.00

Activity Level:  Moderate

Experiences: Destination Essentials

Duration: 4.00 Hrs

Available In: English

Features: History & Heritage, Arts & Culture

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Escape to Bermuda's Underwater Wonderland

Take a captivating journey through Bermuda's vibrant barrier reef and coastal sea garden. Begin your expedition with a cruise through the Great Sound, where you'll marvel at healthy coral reefs and a sunken British warship, HMS Vixen, now a haven for marine life. Peer downwards into the underwater world through huge glass panel that offer over 9 square metres (100 square feet) of viewing space. As you sail, your guide will share tales of famous residents and landmarks, including Darrell's Island and the poignant Long Island Cemeteries. End your voyage with a deeper appreciation of Bermuda's rich history and natural beauty.

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Crystal Clear Kayak Adventure in Ely's Harbour

Embark on a remarkable 3.5-hour adventure with our enthusiastic guides as you glide through the pristine waters of Ely's Harbour in state-of-the-art crystal-clear kayaks. Immerse yourself in the vibrant wildlife of mangroves and coral reefs and uncover a piratical history en route to secluded palm islands. Leave your vessels on the beach to experience unforgettable shallow-water snorkelling, accessible only by sea. Afterwards, enjoy a delightful picnic with drinks and snacks before paddling back to shore. Capture picture-perfect moments for memories that last a lifetime.

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Magical Pink Sands and Jewellery Tour

Set off on a whimsical journey to Bermuda's enchanting pink-sand beach, Warwick Long Bay. Start your trip with a scenic drive to this iconic shoreline where the sands blush underfoot. Next, travel to Hamilton for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour at Alexandra Mosher Studio Jewellery. Witness the meticulous crafting of pink sand jewellery whilst savouring a complimentary glass of pink champagne and delicious chocolate. Bring your tour to a close with leisure time in Hamilton, exploring local shops before returning to your ship.

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Colonial Tea and Tales of Bermuda

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the charm of Bermuda. A friendly guide will lead you through the island's rich history and stunning landscapes. Visit a 1620s chapel and wonder at Somerset Bridge, reputedly the world's smallest drawbridge. Traverse the scenic South Shore, with its azure waters and pink-sand beaches, before arriving at Willowbank Resort. Here, indulge in a delightful tea service featuring sandwiches, scones and cakes, whilst enjoying breathtaking westward views over the reef. Conclude your tour with a relaxing return to your ship.

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Famous Homes and Hidden Hideaways Cruise

Head out on an incredible cruise with a local captain through Bermuda's turquoise waters. Revel in the island's rich history and charming anecdotes as you glide past pastel-coloured colonial homes and exclusive neighbourhoods. Marvel at the residences of celebrities like Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones, and iconic landmarks such as Gibb's Hill Lighthouse. Discover secluded island hideaways accessible only by boat, where you'll see astonishing marine life and Bermuda's amazing native plant life. You'll want to bring a camera for this unforgettable journey.

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Independent Explorations: Private Van with Guide - Half-Day

For you and up to five travel companions who wish to blaze your own trail with a fully bespoke experience, this private van for six people, for up to four hours, also features an English-conversant guide who can offer local expertise. Whether you wish to plan your own itinerary or let us offer suggestions and take care of all the technical details, entrance fees, and any required reservations in advance, you'll enjoy the utmost in style, privacy, and seamlessness so you can focus on creating memories together. Vehicles equipped for special mobility needs can easily be arranged in advance, too.

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Landscapes and Wines of São Miguel

From São Miguel's harbour, you'll head to the island's centre, where breathtaking views of cliffs carved out by lava flows, rugged scenery and prolific green vegetation await. From this otherworldly spot, your path then leads to the village of Fenais da Luz, where you'll visit the Quinta da Jardinete winery, producer of some of São Miguel's finest wines. Behold the transformative process from grape to glass. As you sample some of the winery's outstanding products paired with local delicacies, a guide describes the flavours, history and production process. Each varietal expresses the essence of the Azores in its own inimitable way, giving you an immersive taste of this remarkable region.

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Hiking to Volcanoes, Valleys and Viewpoints

Take an invigorating hike into the wild Azores landscape, the abiding expression of the region's volcanic history. Before setting off, take in the sweeping views over the Sete Cidades' caldera from the celebrated Vista do Rei viewpoint. Two alpine lakes, one green, one blue, are evidence of the island's famous seismic genesis. Along the trails, you'll encounter the rich biodiversity of the lush valley and pause at several vantage points with uninterrupted views of this spectacular, rolling terrain.

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Sail, Paddleboard and Snorkel in São Miguel

Discover São Miguel's volcanic terrain and wild shoreline on a private sailing trip combining the open sea and coastal inlets. Your skipper will drop anchor at sheltered spots beneath towering cliffs so you can paddleboard at leisure or do some snorkelling and see thriving marine life. Sample delicious local food whilst enjoying views of the stunning Azores coastline.

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Pineapple Plantation and Stunning Volcanic Panoramas

Experience the tropical charm of São Miguel as you travel through the lush countryside to Fajã de Baixo and its famous pineapple farm. Visit the farm's greenhouses and taste its trademark pineapple liqueur before heading to Sete Cidades to explore the old town and Santiago Lake. Finally, from atop an extinct volcano at Vista do Rei, take in the spectacular panoramas of rolling landscapes pocked by ancient crater lakes.

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Sample Azores Delicacies in Ponta Delgada

Enjoy a guided journey through Ponta Delgada's many delicacies, starting at a tea house that's a standing tribute to São Miguel's status as Europe's only tea producer for 150 years. Then, try Azorean pineapples at a farmers' market before going to a restaurant for an artisanal tasting menu. Throughout the day, you'll sample pastries, teas, cheeses, organic honey, flambé sausage, orange and honey liqueur, and other delights. As you explore, become acquainted with Ponta Delgada's old streets and hear about the history of this beautiful Azores island.

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Volcanic Landscapes of Faial Island

Roam a centuries-old land crafted by volcanoes and encounter some of the best views of this wild island and its neighbours. Venture from charming old towns and Azorean villages to awe-inspiring volcanic landscapes. Stand at the edge of a giant caldera, two kilometres (1.24 mi) across and surrounded by lush vegetation, and gaze up to the peak of a towering volcano. Between every panoramic view, sit back and take in verdant fields blooming with hydrangeas and dotted with windmills.

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Inspiring Wonders of the Island

Spend an idyllic afternoon exploring Bermuda's natural beauty and learning about wildlife. Your experience begins with a sightseeing drive, enhanced by your driver's local knowledge. Then, open yourself to encounters with the wonders of the animal kingdom, during a stop at Bermuda Aquarium, Museum & Zoo, where the mission is to inspire appreciation and care of island environments. Discover more than 200 species of fish and delicate marine invertebrates that thrive in shallow coastal waters. Be dazzled by displays of over 300 birds like chattering cockatoos and pink flamingos. Glimpse colorful Madagascar reptiles and meet mammals from oceanic islands, all housed in lush naturalistic exhibits that evoke your curiosity. Then, relax amidst the enchantment of picturesque bays and pretty pastel Bermuda houses dotting verdant hillsides during a drive around Harrington Sound. Your journey of wonder continues at Crystal Caves of Bermuda—one of the island's largest and most dramatic cave systems. Descend 81 steps into the caves and experience breathtaking views. Immersed amongst mysterious crystalized stalactites, gaze at the caves' astounding deep azure lakes, then follow the same steps for your ascent out of the caves. The scenic return drive along the Great Sound is a perfect moment to reflect on all you've experienced.

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Essential, Enchanting Bermuda

Fall in love with Bermuda as you visit many of its most compelling attributes during this half-day driving tour through the island. Your driver will pick you up at Royal Naval Dockyard and take you into picturesque Somerset Village—with a pass over Somerset Drawbridge, the smallest drawbridge in the world. Have your camera to hand at Gibbs Hill Lighthouse and its enthralling, 360-degree view. Be ready for occasional photo stops while Bermuda's beauty captivates you during a coastal South Shore drive where you'll glimpse the island's beloved pink-sand beaches, azure waters and, on a clear day, the imposing barrier reef that encircles the island. This drive also takes you past Bermuda Botanical Gardens, a lush, 14.5-hectare (36-acre) haven for flowers, shrubs, and trees, and then to another photo stop at John Smith's Bay whilst en route to what UNESCO calls "The Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications"—known commonly as St George's. In this earliest example of an English urban settlement in the New World, take time on your own to wander the town's quaint brick streets and admire its Colonial architecture, popping into irresistible shops along the way, or even posing for a photo on the Stocks, aside the Ducking Stool, or on the steps of Their Majesties Chappell, St. Peter's Church—the oldest Anglican church in continuous use outside the British Isles. Your route through the best of Bermuda continues with a stunning drive along the North Shore, with enchanting coastal views and glimpses of more pastel homes dotting the landscape, to Hamilton, Bermuda's capital and cosmopolitan centre. There, enjoy free time to meander fascinating Front Street, with art, high-end shops, and mouthwatering eateries all beckoning for your attention. From this life-and-soul-of-the-island hotspot, your return drive to Royal Naval Dockyard takes you along Middle Road, with gorgeous views of Great Sound to cap off your day on an enchanted island.