

# AZORES - LEARN TO RIDE IN A WEEK

## ITINERARY

Transfers are included from Ponta Delgada airport and flights can arrive and depart at any time.

During the Learn to Ride Week you have ten hours of riding lessons either in the riding arena or out on trails as well as theory lessons, such as how to care for and tack up your horse.

The aim is that by the end of the week you can join the spectacular full day ride to Sete Cidades.



This ride is suitable for beginner and novice riders, or those wishing to gain confidence.

The week also includes some non-riding excursions. For such a small island there is a lot to see.

On one afternoon you visit Lagoa do Fogo - an enormous lake surrounded by igneous vegetation located in the crater of an extinct volcano (Fire Lake) and Caldeira Velha (a warm natural swimming pool with a waterfall). The trip continues to Caldeira Velha where a warm water river joins a steaming geyser to form a pool under the leafy forest of tree ferns. The last visit will be at Gorreana tea plantation.



One morning, provided it isn't too windy, you might like to get up early and go for a whale and dolphin watching trip from Ponta Delgada (pay this locally). The Azores is one of the best places in the world to see whales and dolphins. The trips have a 95% record of seeing dolphins and c.50% chance of seeing whales.



Another non-riding trip is to visit the historic town of Ponta Delgada. There are interesting old churches to visit or you may prefer to wander through the markets and see the colourful array of fruits and vegetables. Sao Miguel is a large producer of pineapples and it is also possible to visit a pineapple plantation.



The Quinta da Terca house is one of the oldest buildings on the islands full of interesting features. You should ask for a tour of the private parts of the house, which is really worth seeing.



Twin room at Quinta da Terca

There are five guestrooms each with a private bathroom (showers). One has a double bed and four have twin beds (some are double beds, and some are

singles). The rooms have a television and a small selection of toiletries are provided in case you have forgotten anything.

A single supplement is payable to guarantee a single room. If you are willing to share, the supplement is payable initially and then refunded if we find you a sharer.

You have meals in the welcoming dining room converted from a former stable. There are plenty of places to sit and relax, either indoors or on the veranda or in the gardens adjoining the horse paddocks.

You will be transferred to Ponta Delgada airport. Check-out from your room is at 12:00. If you are on a late flight and planning to go to the beach or to Ponta Delgada for the day then you may be asked to check out of your room before you go. Lunch today is payable locally. There are bathroom facilities you can use prior to going to the airport.