



PLACES OF INTEREST

1 The Historic Quarter of Ponta Delgada is home to splendid 17th and 18th century mansions.

2 The Carlos Machado Museum (Museu Carlos Machado) is located in the 17th – 18th century Santo Andres Monastery. The museum was founded in 1876 and it houses a wide collection of paintings from the 16th century, as well as sculptures, jewelry, prints, and painted ceramic tiles.

3 The Church of San Pedro is a 17th and 18th century church that overlooks the port. Its interior is elaborately ornamented with gilded altarpieces, and the paintings on the ceiling.

4 The Church of San Jose originally belonged to a 17th century Franciscan Monastery. The interior of this structure is covered with wood vaulting painted with dramatic impressions.

Beyond Ponta Delgada

Sete Cidades – is an extinct crater some 1,900 feet above sea level. From the edge of the crater there is a magnificent view of the two lakes at the bottom. One lake is deep blue, reflecting the sky, while the other is bright green, due to the beautiful setting of the lush crater walls, which are rich with vegetation. Inside the crater is the picturesque village of Sete Cidades that boasts its famous architectural style.

Ribeira Grande – is the second largest town on the island. It is a wonderful old Portuguese town, which is the largest and oldest city on the north coast. It is home to 16th to 18th century mansions.

- Admission charges are in local currency.
- When going ashore, passengers are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Ponta Delgada and the island of São Miguel we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: There is little opportunity to bargain in Ponta Delgada except in markets.

Tippling: Generally, service will be included in restaurant bills, otherwise, 5-10% is suggested. For taxis, a 10% gratuity is normal.

Local Cuisine: There is a great variety of fresh seafood available, prepared in many different ways. *Caldeirada* is a stew made with seafood, or try *Cataplana*, a dish with clams, ham, tomatoes, onions and herbs. Octopus stewed in local wine is a traditional specialty. Goat (Kid) is popular in this region, as is chicken.

Drink Specialties: There are some excellent Portuguese wines, one of the best known being Vinho Verde, a light, semi-sparkling wine, or Mateus Rose. Both are very palatable. Port also originates from Portugal; rich, fortified wine, usually served as an aperitif or as an after-dinner drink. Bottled water is recommended.

SHOPPING FACILITIES Shops are generally open from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday.

Locally produced items include: jewelry, handicrafts, wicker baskets, furniture, leather goods, embroideries and lace.

Some tourist oriented stores may accept U.S. Dollars, most accept major credit cards.

Value Added Tax (VAT), is added to most purchases. Visitors who spend over a certain amount may be entitled to re-claim some or all of the tax paid, however, regulations and conditions governing the refund of VAT are subject to change, and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.® cannot guarantee the cooperation of local authorities. Check with the individual shops for details.

LOCAL CURRENCY The unit of currency in this port of call is the euro. There are 8 euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 euros, along with 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1 cent pieces. Every euro coin carries a common European face. On the obverse, each Member State decorates the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the Member States. There are 7 euro notes. In different colors and sizes, they are denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, and 5 euros. The notes are uniform throughout the euro area; unlike coins, they have no national side. All euro notes are legal tender in all countries of the euro area.

POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES The main Post Office is located at Praça Vasco da Gama, Ponta Delgada. Phone calls can be placed with your personal calling card at phones located throughout the city. A coin may be required to access the following codes:

AT&T: 05017-1-288 / MCI: 05-017-1234
SPRINT: 05-017-1877

TOURIST INFORMATION The Tourist Office is located at Avenida Infante D. Henrique, 9500 Ponta Delgada.

TRANSPORTATION A number of taxis are usually available at the pier and some will accept U.S. Dollars. The city center is within walking distance.

USEFUL WORDS

Yes • Sim
No • Não
Good Day • Bom Dia
Good Afternoon • Boa Tarde
Thank You • Obrigado
You're Welcome • De Nada