

Cape Verde Archipelago 2016-17

PRAIA - SANTIAGO

Duration: 3 hours. Afternoon tour including transportation, guide and entrances.

The excursion starts with a short half an hour trip to Cidade Velha (once Ribeira Grande), first capital of Cape Verde. Here we walk through the village, visiting the fortress of São Filipe, the Pelourinho, the Sé Catedral, and Church of Nossa Senhora do Rosário and the convent of São Francisco. Afterwards we drive towards Plateau to have a look at its main attractions; Cidade Velha which has been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Praça Alexandre de Albuquerque, surrounded by old buildings, exemplifying the old colonial architecture style, like for instance the Palácio da Justiça, the church of Nossa Senhora from 1900, the Municipality, the Culture Palace Ildo Lobo, the market and the miradouro.

FOGO – THE VOLCANIC ISLAND

Duration: 8 hours. Full day tour including transportation, guide & lunch (beverages during lunch not included).

The excursion starts with a visit to Fogo Natural Park appreciating the greatest tourist attraction in Cape Verde and one of the most impressive landscapes in the world. We continue to Forno, one of the areas where the drop-by-drop irrigation method is used, a technique adopted by farmers on the island in order to minimize the effects of drought. The visit to Achada Furna will give the visitor a chance to get to know the community where new homes were built for the population of Chã das Caldeiras after the 1995 eruption.

Trekking to Pico Pequeno – Hiking to the crater formed during the 1995 eruption. One can still find extremely hot spots, apart from the sulphur. A multi-coloured landscape worth a visit. (optional)

Lunch will be taken at Portela, offering both fish and meat dishes. Try the traditional Chã das Caldeiras wine, better known as Manecon and take the chance to purchase and sample Fogo coffee and cheese. Continue with a Visit to the Museum and the Wine Cooperative before we return to the port.

SAO NIKOLAU

Duration: 7.5 hours. Full day tour including transportation, guide and lunch (beverages during lunch not included).

The day will start with the visit of the historical town of Ribeira Brava. Then by foot we will first walk up the north slope of the valley to reach Terra Quebrada and its great view point before slowly heading towards the village of Queimadas. At one moment we will take a side trail to enter the little Eden of Tugud, an amazing land of agriculture. Thanks to the spring running out of the mountain and to its microclimate everything grows: manioc, sweet potatoes, tobacco, mangoes, goyavas, oranges, and many other fruits and vegetables. It will be in the middle of a banana plantation where sea food lunch will be served. Before driving back to the port we will visit a distillery and try the famous "grogue cana-cana" (white rum).

One last look to this idyllic island on the way back to the cruise will surely leave you with a smile.

SANTO ANTAO

Duration: 7 hours. Full day tour including transportation, guide & lunch (beverages during lunch not included)

A full day excursion discovering the major sites of the island, passing by the famous road of Corda, Água das Caldeiras, Ribeira Grande, Ponta do Sol and, of course, by Paul – a green jewel among the villages of Santo Antão. On the way we will visit plantations of sugar cane and we will taste in home-distillery "grogue" – the white rum made by sugar cane where you will have the possibility to buy some bottles. The Santo Antao tour will show you the fabulous contrast between an arid southern region, a forest in altitude and the fabulous vegetation from the North. A tour no one should miss!

ST. VICENTE – CULTURE CITY

Duration: 3 hours. Guided walking tour.

MINDELO is known as the cultural capital of the country. We will go on a discovery tour of the lively markets and the secret corners of the harbor town. On this tour you will be walking towards the harbor along the famous of MINDELO bay RUA DE PRAIA with traditional shops and monuments like and you will see the cultural centre, (former customs) and the fish market. You will also visit of the African market PRACA ESTRELA passing a traditional quarter, with the town hall, and the vegetable market. Before returning to the pier, you will pass the historical main street RUA LISBOA and the very lively PRACA NOVA- Free time for shopping

MAIO – THE ADORABLE

Duration: 2.5 hours. Guided Walking Tour

Vila do Maio, also known as Porto Inglês, is a city in the southwestern part of the island of Maio in southeastern Cape Verde. It is the main urban settlement of the island, and also seat of the Maio Municipality. The city is still (colloquially) known by its old name, Porto Inglês (Portuguese for "English port"), in opposition of the older Porto Português (present day Calheta). The port of Vila do Maio has ferry services to the island of Santiago with Praia. The inconclusive Battle of Maio was fought between British and French frigate squadrons close to the town on 23 January 1814 in the last stages of the Napoleonic Wars.

PRICES:

Tour Name	Per person (4-10 persons)	Per person (11-more)
SANTIAGO	€ 56--	€ 51--
FOGO	€ 70--	€ 64--
SAO NICOLAU	€ 95--	€ 75--
ST. ANTAO	€ 90--	€ 72--
ST. VICENTE Walking tour	€ 30--	€ 25--
MAIO Walking tour	€ 45--	€ 40--

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Transportation takes place by Toyota or similar Minibuses with no A/C no P/A
- The level of the tours is considered easy except the lever of the St. Vicente walking tour which is considered moderate.