

Flores Island

Azores · Portugal

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Flores is the most western island of the Azores, and one of the greenest. It has waterfalls, crater lakes, deep valleys and many hydrangeas. Villages are small and the pace is slow.

It is a good place for hiking and photography. Most visitors stay three to five days and rent a car.

When to visit

June to September is the driest and easiest time to hike. Hydrangeas bloom in July and August. Rain can fall in any month, and mist covers the hills often. Winter is wet and windy, and some services close.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	12° / 14° Feels like 5°	11° / 8°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
February	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	12° / 13° Feels like 5°	10° / 7°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
March	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	12° / 13° Feels like 5°	10° / 8°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
April	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 14° Feels like 6°	11° / 8°	13 rainy days · Dry air
May	Good Good for hiking	13° / 15° Feels like 9°	12° / 10°	Dry air
June	Good Good for hiking	15° / 18° Feels like 12°	14° / 12°	Dry air
July	Great Great for sightseeing	18° / 20°	17° / 14°	UV 8 (Very high)
August	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 21°	18° / 16°	
September	Good Good for hiking	19° / 20° Feels like 15°	17° / 15°	14 rainy days
October	Good Good for hiking	17° / 19° Feels like 12°	15° / 13°	16 rainy days · Dry air
November	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	15° / 17° Feels like 9°	13° / 10°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
December	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	13° / 15° Feels like 6°	11° / 9°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Windy

Best months: July, August

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Ribeira do Ferreiro Pond is a pond with waterfalls in a green valley, a short walk from the road.
- B Westernmost point of Europe marks the westernmost point of Europe, on the island's west coast.
- C Miradouro Rocha dos Bordões is a viewpoint over tall basalt columns and the sea.
- D Miradouro da Fajãzinha looks over the village of Fajãzinha and its waterfalls.
- E Miradouro da Caldeira Rasa e Caldeira Funda is a viewpoint over two crater lakes in the centre of the island.
- F Miradouro do Portal is a viewpoint with wide views of the coast and cliffs.
- G Miradouro da Fajã do Conde looks over a flat coastal area below the cliffs.
- H Miradouro de Ponta Delgada is a viewpoint near the village of Ponta Delgada.

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Getting there

- **By air**: Flores Airport (FLW) has flights from other Azores islands. Check the current timetable, as routes change by season.
- **By sea**: Inter-island ferries run mostly in summer. See Atlânticoline.
- **Nearby**: Corvo Island, the smallest island, is reached from Flores by a short flight or boat in season.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Portugal at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

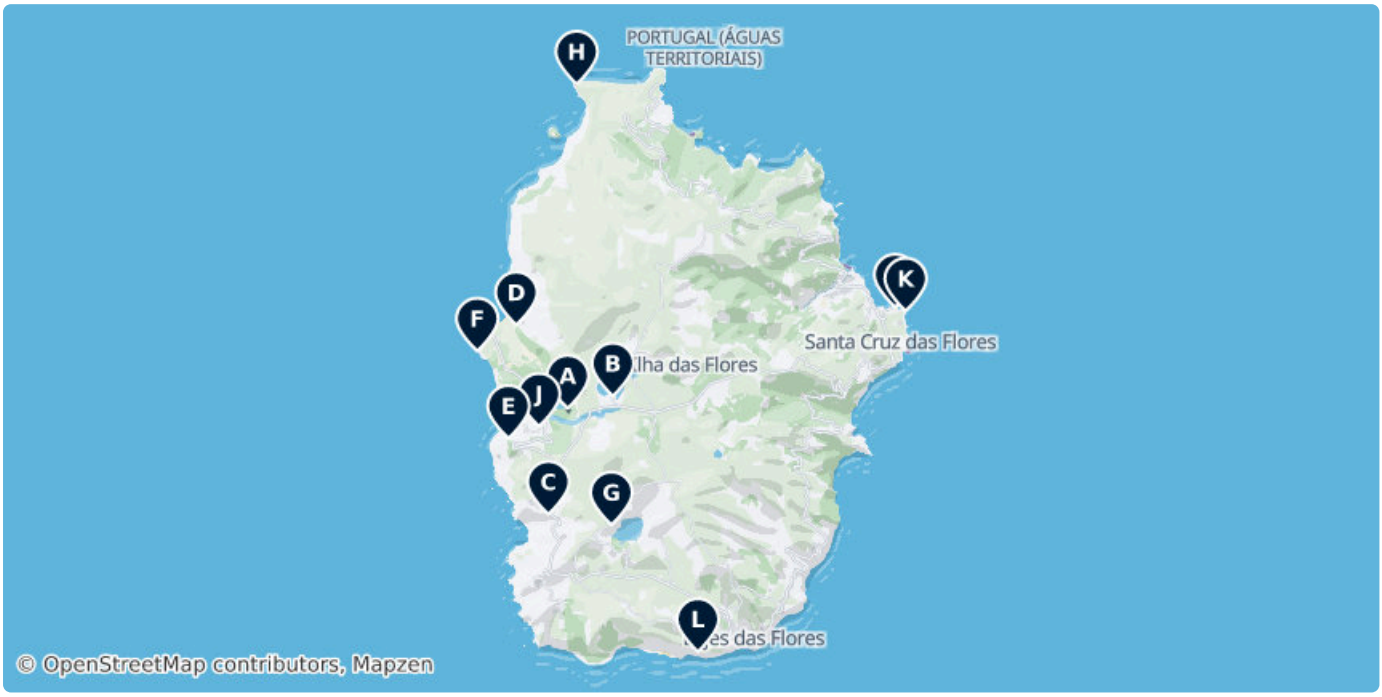
Portuguese

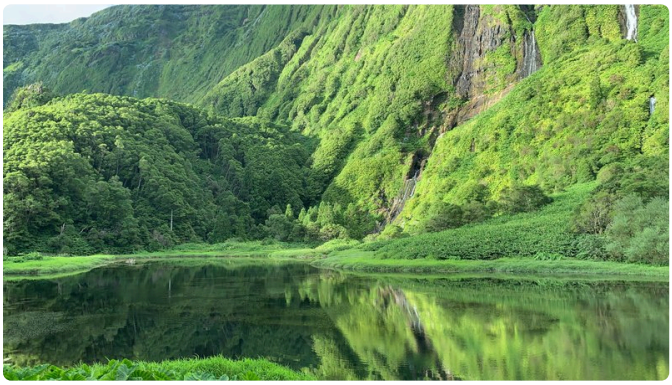
TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Ilha das Flores Essentials

Ilha das Flores, the westernmost point of Europe, is defined by its dramatic volcanic landscape and high concentration of water features. This list highlights the island's most significant geological sites, including the basalt columns of Rocha dos Bordões and the twin crater lakes of Caldeira Rasa and Caldeira Funda. It covers the towering waterfalls of Poço da Ribeira do Ferreiro and Poço do Bacalhau, alongside maritime heritage at the Boqueirão Whale Factory Museum and the historic 1920s Albarnaz Lighthouse.





A Ribeira do Ferreiro Pond

A vertical cliff wall where approximately 20 waterfalls cascade into a lagoon. Accessible via a forest trail, it is one of the island's most significant natural amphitheatres.

Trilho PR2FLO, 9960-438 Fajã Grande, Portugal (39.43708, -31.23865)

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B Miradouro das Lagoas

Panoramic viewpoint overlooking the twin crater lakes of Lagoa Negra and Lagoa Comprida. The lakes are notable for their contrasting dark green and deep black waters.

(Unnamed Road), 9960, Portugal (39.44022, -31.22369)



C Miradouro Rocha dos Bordões

A geological monument featuring massive vertical basalt columns formed by volcanic cooling. This 'organ pipe' formation is a protected site of high volcanological interest.

Estrada Regional 2-2A, 9960630, Portugal
(39.40993, -31.24510)

D Poço do Bacalhau

A 90-meter waterfall located in Fajã Grande. The cascade drops into a small natural pool used for swimming, surrounded by high cliffs and endemic vegetation.

9960, Portugal (39.45836, -31.25571)

E Miradouro do Portal

Located on the western coast, this viewpoint provides a wide perspective of the villages of Fajãzinha and Fajã Grande, framed by high sea cliffs and the Ribeira do Ferreiro waterfalls.

(39.42935, -31.25831)



F Extreme points of Europe

This is a list of the extreme points of Europe: the geographical points that are higher or farther north, south, east or west than any...

9960, Portugal (39.45167, -31.26866)

G Miradouro da Caldeira Rasa e Caldeira Funda

Offers a dual view of two volcanic lakes at different elevations. Caldeira Rasa sits in a shallow basin, while the deeper Caldeira Funda features a waterfall flowing into its crater.

(39.40722, -31.22420)

H Farol do Albarnaz

Built in 1925 on the Ponta do Albarnaz, this lighthouse marks the northwestern tip of the island. It provides clear views across the channel toward the neighboring island of Corvo.

(Unnamed Road), 9970, Portugal (39.51993, -31.23570)

I Whale Museum

Housed in a former whaling station, this museum preserves industrial machinery, tools, and tanks used for processing whale oil and flour during the island's 20th-century whaling era.

Rua do Boqueirão, Santa Cruz das Flores 9970390, Portugal (39.46290, -31.13014)

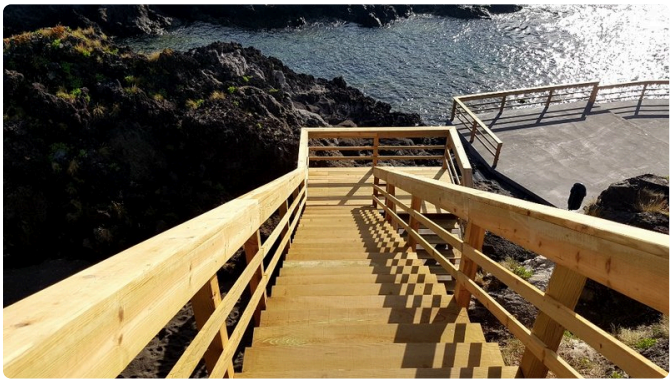
Sa–Su 14:00–17:30



J Miradouro da Fajãzinha

Provides a view of the traditional village of Fajãzinha, characterized by its stone architecture, agricultural plots, and the surrounding green escarpments of the western coast.

Ramal para a Fajãzinha, 9960-150 Fajãzinha, Portugal (39.43243, -31.24815)



K Natural swimming pool

Volcanic rock pools located in Santa Cruz das Flores. These natural basins fill with seawater and offer a sheltered area for swimming in clear Atlantic waters.

9970, Portugal (39.46194, -31.12664)

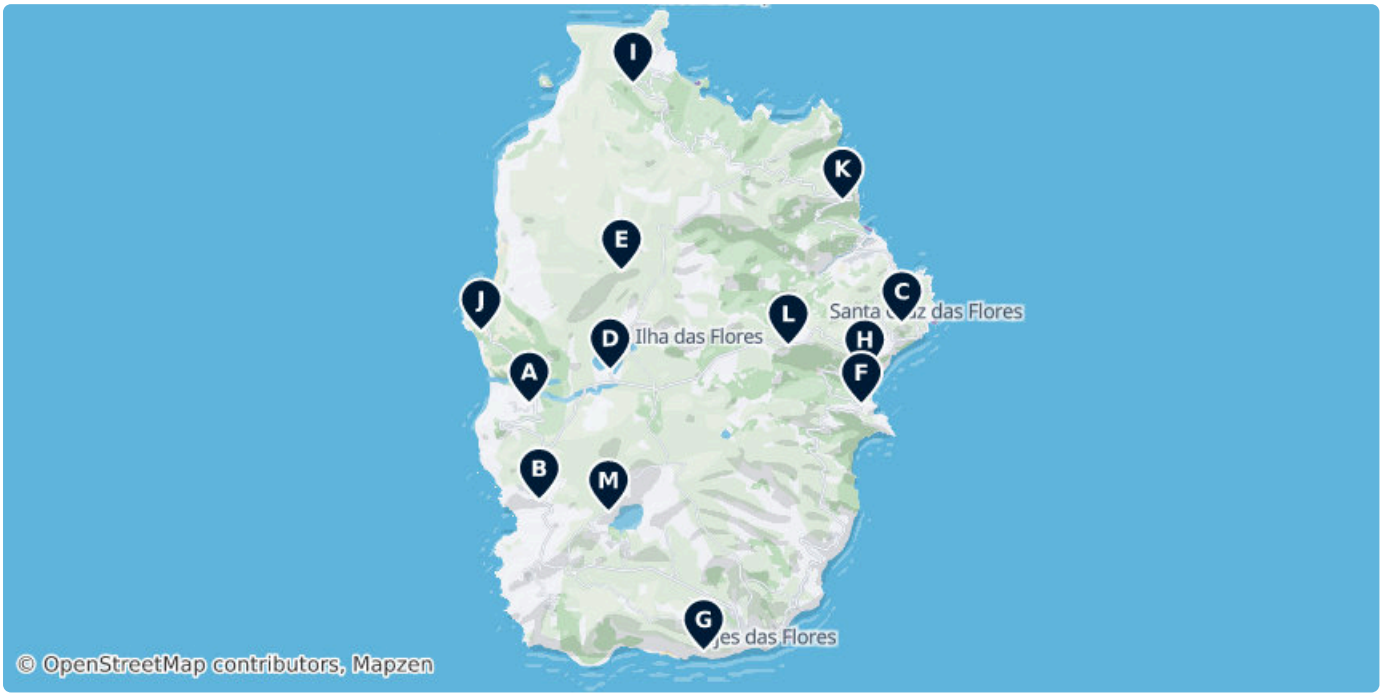
L Miradouro da Fajã de Lopo Vaz

Overlooks a secluded coastal plateau at the southern tip of the island. The viewpoint shows the steep descent to the fajã, which is known for its microclimate and wild goats.

(39.37477, -31.19552)

Stunning Flores Viewpoints

Flores Island's rugged topography offers diverse vantage points, from the 914-meter summit of Morro Alto to coastal lookouts like Rocha dos Bordões, a vertical basalt formation. These sites overlook the island's seven volcanic calderas, including the twin lakes of Caldeira Rasa and Caldeira Funda, and the traditional coastal villages of Fajãzinha and Ponta Delgada. Several points, such as Vigia da Baleia, retain historical significance as former maritime observation posts for the whaling industry.





A Miradouro da Fajãzinha

Overlooks the village of Fajãzinha and the western coastline, featuring steep green cliffs and the Ribeira Grande waterfalls.

Ramal para a Fajãzinha, 9960-150 Fajãzinha, Portugal
(39.43243, -31.24815)



B Miradouro Rocha dos Bordões

Features a unique geological formation of vertical basalt columns, created by the slow cooling of lava flows.

Estrada Regional 2-2A, 9960630, Portugal
(39.40993, -31.24510)



C Miradouro do Monte das Cruzes

Offers panoramic views over Santa Cruz das Flores, the local airport runway, and the neighboring island of Corvo.

(Unnamed Road), 9970, Portugal (39.45114, -31.13572)



D Miradouro das Lagoas

Provides a dual perspective of Lagoa Negra and Lagoa Comprida, two volcanic crater lakes distinguished by their differing depths and water colors.

(Unnamed Road), 9960, Portugal (39.44022, -31.22369)

E Morro Alto

Morro Alto is the highest mountain of Flores, Azores, Portugal. It is part of a trachytic process represented by the Pico da Sé, forming an...

(Unnamed Road), 9970, Portugal (39.46333, -31.22028)

F Miradouro da Caveira

Coastal viewpoint overlooking the village of Caveira and the rugged eastern cliffs of the island.

(39.43227, -31.14797)

G Miradouro da Fajã de Lopo Vaz

Overlooks one of the island's earliest settled areas, a secluded coastal plain accessible via a steep hiking trail.

(39.37477, -31.19552)

H Miradouro da Fajã do Conde

Situated on the eastern coast, this point provides views of the agricultural fields and coastal settlements near Santa Cruz.

Estrada Regional 1-2ª, 9970-275 Santa Cruz das Flores, Portugal (39.43991, -31.14695)

I Miradouro de Ponta Delgada

Located on the northern coast, offering views of the village of Ponta Delgada and sightings of Corvo Island across the channel.

Estrada Regional 1-2ª, 9970-062 Ponta Delgada, Portugal (39.50689, -31.21679)

J Vigia da Baleia

A former lookout post used by the whaling industry to spot sperm whales off the western coast of Flores.

(39.44928, -31.26263)

K miradouro dos Cedos

Overlooks the northern cliffs and the Atlantic Ocean near the village of Cedros.

(39.47970, -31.15361)

L miraduro Arcos Ribeira da Cruz

Features views of the valley and the natural stone arches formed along the Ribeira da Cruz waterway.

(39.44593, -31.16998)

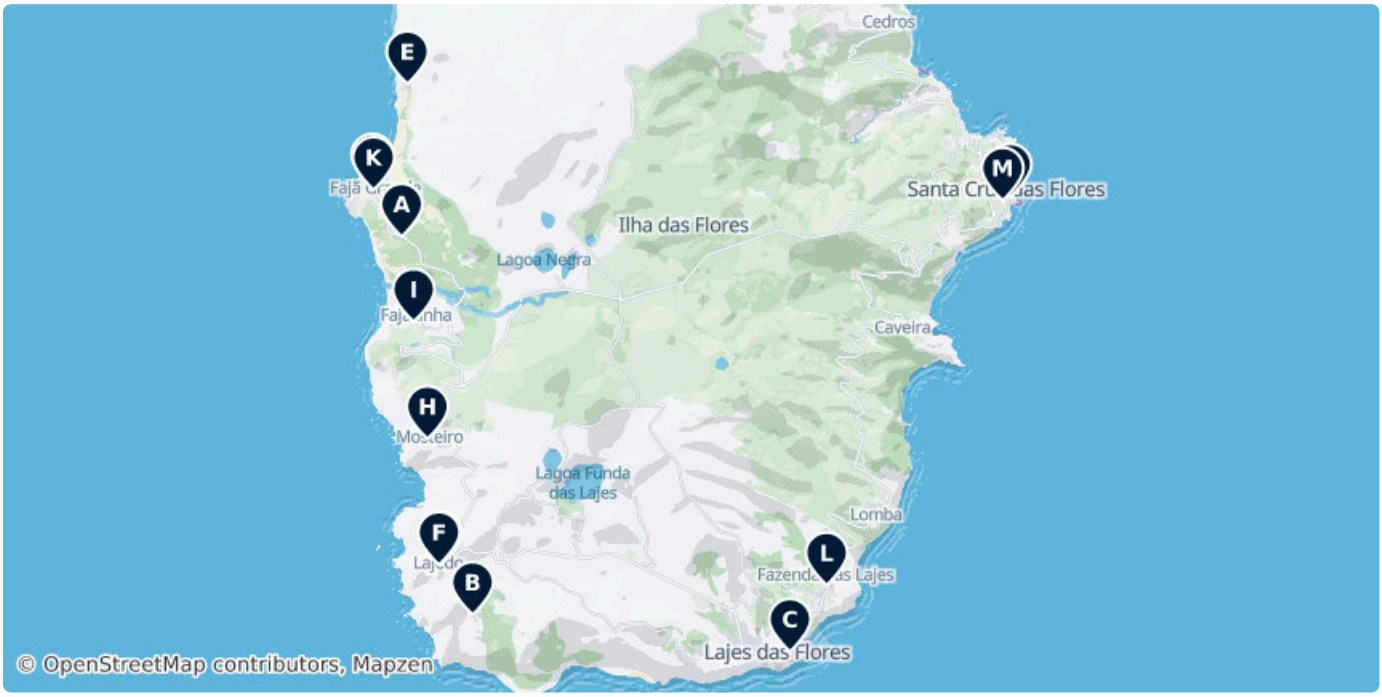
M Miradouro da Caldeira Rasa e Caldeira Funda

Overlooks two distinct volcanic craters; Caldeira Rasa sits at a higher elevation than the deeper, darker Caldeira Funda.

(39.40722, -31.22420)

Religious Sites & Historic Churches

Discover the religious heritage of Flores through its diverse collection of 18th and 19th-century churches and unique Holy Spirit shrines. From the grand Baroque facade of the Mother Church in Santa Cruz to the humble, colorful "Impérios" found in rural parishes like Fajã Grande and Lajedo, these sites reflect the island's deep-rooted Catholic traditions. The architecture frequently utilizes local black basalt, creating a striking contrast against white-washed walls typical of the Azorean archipelago.





A Capela de Santo António de Lisboa

Small chapel in Ponta Delgada featuring traditional basalt stonework.

(39.44621, -31.25674)

B Capela da Costa do Lajedo

Rural chapel in Costa do Lajedo overlooking the Atlantic coast.

(39.38425, -31.24168)

C Igreja de Nossa Senhora do Rosário

18th-century parish church in Lajes das Flores with prominent bell towers.

(39.37822, -31.17435)

D Igreja Matriz Nossa Senhora da Conceição

The island's largest church, built in the 18th century with an ornate Baroque facade and gilded woodcarvings.

2 Rua de Santa Catarina, Santa Cruz das Flores 9970336, Portugal (39.45273, -31.12752)

E Igreja de Nossa Senhora do Carmo

19th-century church in Cedros featuring a simple white-and-black basalt exterior.

(39.47117, -31.25554)

F Império da Casa do Espírito Santo

Traditional shrine in Lajedo used for Cult of the Holy Spirit festivities, decorated with a symbolic crown.

(39.39244, -31.24882)

G Igreja de Nossa Senhora dos Milagres

Parish church in Lajedo serving as the village's primary religious center.

(39.39246, -31.24840)

H Igreja Paroquial de Mosteiro / Igreja da Santíssima Trindade

19th-century church in Mosteiro built to serve the small coastal community.

(39.41307, -31.25127)

I Igreja da Nossa Senhora dos Remédios

18th-century church in Fajãzinha featuring classic Azorean architecture and a single bell tower.

(39.43224, -31.25420)

J Império de Baixo da Fajã Grande

Small devotional chapel in Fajã Grande used for Holy Spirit rituals and Pentecost celebrations.

(39.45436, -31.26298)

K Igreja Paroquial de São José

Parish church of Fajã Grande, notable for its basalt construction on the island's western coast.

(39.45385, -31.26271)

L Igreja do Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres

Neoclassical church in Fazenda characterized by its twin towers and elevated position.

(39.38908, -31.16659)

M Igreja de São Boaventura

Former Franciscan convent church in Santa Cruz with a refined historic facade.

3 Largo 25 de Abril, Santa Cruz das Flores 9970331, Portugal (39.45211, -31.12923)

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