

Corvo Island

Azores · Portugal

TRAVEL GUIDE

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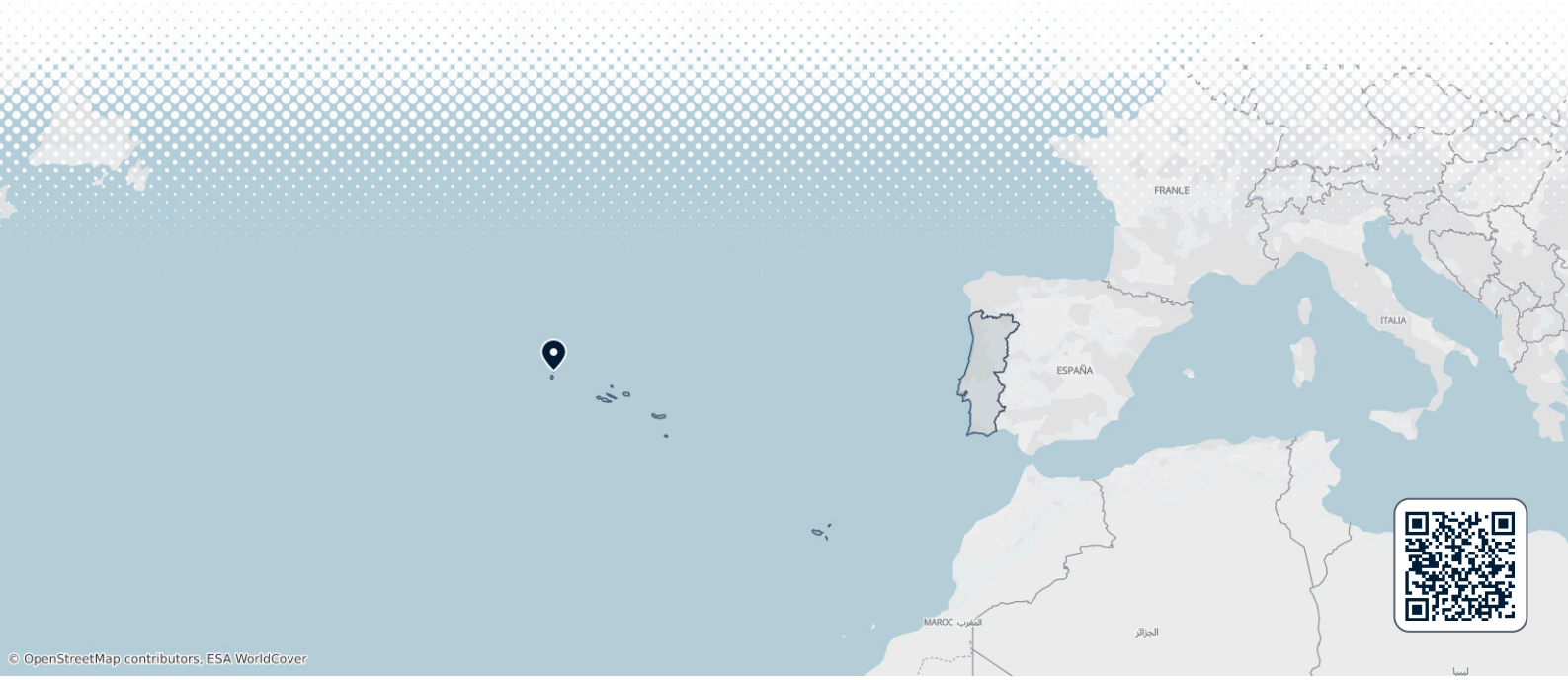

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Overview

Corvo is the smallest island of the Azores, with about 400 residents. It has one village, Vila do Corvo, and a large crater in the middle of the island. It is a quiet place for walking and birdwatching.

Most people visit on a short trip from Flores Island. The island is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

When to visit

June to September gives the best chance of clear weather and working boats. Mist and rain can come at any time. Autumn is a good time for birds on migration.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	14° / 16° Feels like 8°	13° / 10°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
February	Fair Fair for hiking	14° / 15° Feels like 8°	12° / 9°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
March	Fair Fair for hiking	14° / 15° Feels like 8°	12° / 10°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
April	Good Good for hiking	14° / 16° Feels like 9°	13° / 10°	13 rainy days · Dry air
May	Good Good for hiking	15° / 17° Feels like 11°	14° / 12°	Dry air
June	Good Good for hiking	17° / 20°	16° / 14°	
July	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 22°	19° / 17°	Humid air · UV 8 (Very high)
August	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 23°	20° / 18°	Humid air
September	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 22°	19° / 17°	14 rainy days · Humid air
October	Good Good for hiking	19° / 21° Feels like 15°	17° / 15°	16 rainy days
November	Good Good for wildlife watching	17° / 19° Feels like 12°	15° / 12°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Windy
December	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	15° / 17° Feels like 9°	13° / 11°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Windy

Best months: July, August

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

Top sights

- A Caldeirão is the large crater of the island, with a path to its rim and a lake and small islets inside.
- B Miradouro Porto da Casa is a viewpoint over the village and its small harbour.



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Getting there

- **By air**: Corvo has a very small airport. Flights are mainly from Flores. Check the current timetable.
- **By sea**: Boats link Corvo and Flores in the warm season. See Atlânticoline.
- **On the island**: The village is small and easy to walk. A local minibus takes visitors to the crater.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Portugal at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

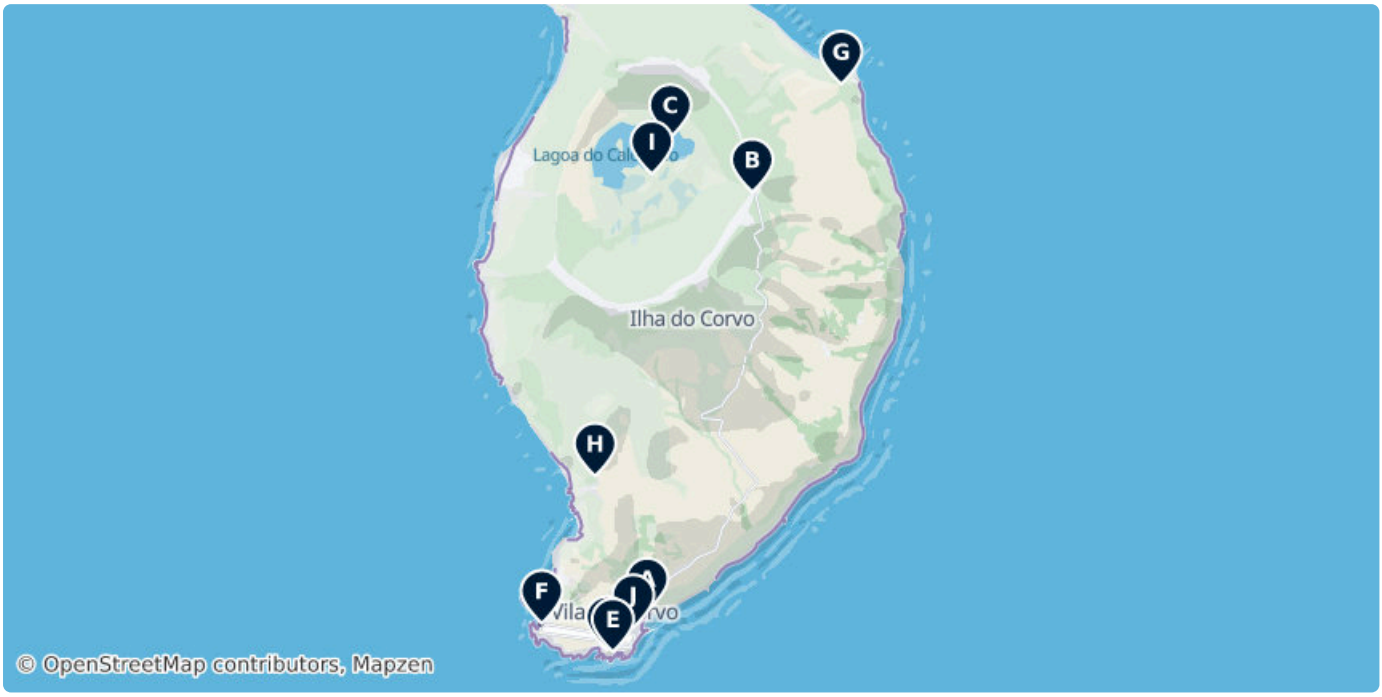
Portuguese

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Ilha do Corvo Essentials

Ilha do Corvo, the smallest Azorean island, is defined by the massive Caldeirão volcanic crater and its interior lake. This list covers the island's essential landmarks, including the trio of traditional stone windmills with swivel roofs and the 18th-century Church of Our Lady of Miracles. Visitors can explore the dark volcanic sands of Praia da Areia, the high peaks of Monte Gordo, and various coastal viewpoints that overlook the rugged cliffs and the neighboring island of Flores.



A Miradouro Porto da Casa

Overlooks the main harbor and the village of Vila do Corvo, providing views of the island's primary entry point and the Atlantic coastline.

Rua do Rego, Corvo 9980022, Portugal (39.67341, -31.11012)

B Miradouro Monte Gordo

Located on the southern rim of the Caldeirão, this viewpoint offers a panoramic perspective of the volcanic crater and the island's southern pastures.

Estrada do Caldeirão, 9980, Portugal (39.70835, -31.09874)

C Lagoa do Cachimbo

A shallow lake situated at the bottom of the Caldeirão crater. It contains several small islets that, according to local tradition, represent the islands of the Azores archipelago.

9980, Portugal (39.71291, -31.10762)

D Moinho de Vento do Gó

One of three traditional stone windmills on the island. These structures feature a conical roof and triangular sails designed to be rotated to face the wind.

(39.67021, -31.11450)

E Moinho de Vento do Agostinho

A preserved stone windmill located near the coast, representing the traditional Mediterranean-style architecture used for grinding grain on the island.

(39.67001, -31.11386)

F Praia da Areia

The island's only sandy beach, characterized by its dark volcanic sand and proximity to the Vila do Corvo airfield.

(39.67239, -31.12158)

G Farol do Canto de Carneira

An automated lighthouse situated on the northern cliffs, marking one of the most remote points of the island's rugged coastline.

(39.71737, -31.08910)

H Miradouro Cara do Índio

A viewpoint named for a nearby basaltic rock formation that resembles the profile of a human face looking out toward the sea.

(39.68467, -31.11580)

I Monte Gordo

The highest point on Corvo, reaching 718 meters. This extinct volcano forms the northern part of the island and contains the massive Caldeirão crater.

Estrada do Caldeirão, 9980028, Portugal
(39.70987, -31.10964)

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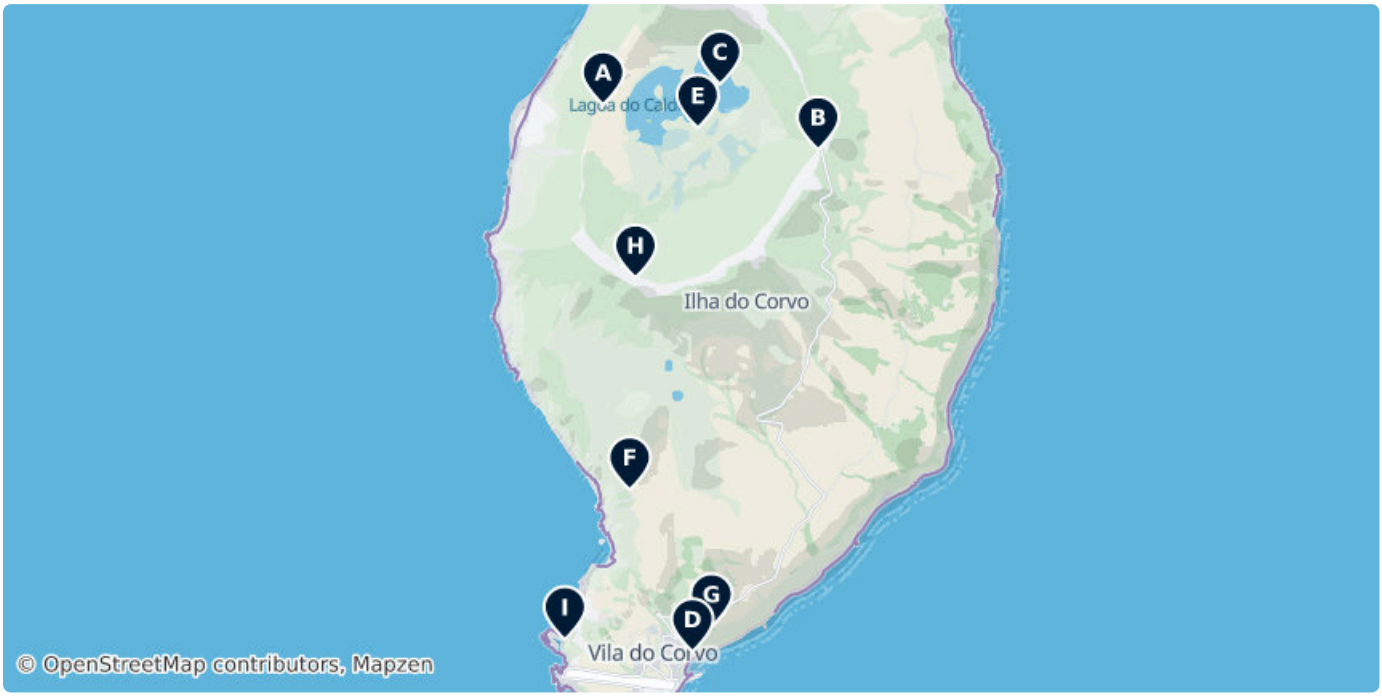
J Church of Our Lady of Miracles

Built in the 18th century, this church houses a Flemish statue of the Virgin Mary, which locals believe saved the island from a pirate attack in 1632.

Rua da Matriz, Corvo 9980020, Portugal
(39.67203, -31.11166)

Natural Wonders

Ilha do Corvo, the smallest of the Azores, is dominated by the Caldeirão, a massive volcanic crater with a 3.4-kilometer circumference. This collection features the island's primary geological landmarks, including the 718-meter Monte Gordo peak and the interior Lagoa do Cachimbo. The selection includes several miradouros (viewpoints) offering perspectives of the southern coastline, the village of Vila do Corvo, and unique basaltic formations like the Cara do Índio rock profile.



A Caldeirão

Volcanic crater with a 3.4-kilometer circumference and 300-meter depth, featuring a central lake and several small islands.

(39.71148, -31.11821)

B Miradouro Monte Gordo

Elevated viewpoint providing a perspective of the central crater and the island's northern terrain.

Estrada do Caldeirão, 9980, Portugal (39.70835, -31.09874)

C Lagoa do Cachimbo

Shallow lake at the bottom of the central crater, containing several small islets.

9980, Portugal (39.71291, -31.10762)

D Miradouro Porto da Casa

Overlooks the main harbor and ferry terminal of Vila do Corvo.

Rua do Rego, Corvo 9980022, Portugal (39.67341, -31.11012)

E Monte Gordo

The island's highest point at 718 meters, an extinct volcano that formed the central caldera.

Estrada do Caldeirão, 9980028, Portugal (39.70987, -31.10964)

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F Miradouro Cara do Índio

Natural rock formation on the cliffside resembling the profile of a human face.

(39.68467, -31.11580)

G Miradouro Sítio do Portão

Panoramic view of the southern plains, the airport runway, and the village.

(39.67514, -31.10840)

H Miradouro do Morro dos Homens

Situated on the highest rim of the crater, providing views of the interior caldera and the Atlantic Ocean.

9980, Portugal (39.69942, -31.11528)

I Miradouro Ponta do Topo

Coastal viewpoint on the southern tip of the island, overlooking the rocky shore.

(39.67425, -31.12167)

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