



# The Azores: Ocean Giants Wildlife Expedition

12th - 17th April 2027 - Lisbon - Pico Island

## Day 1 - 12th April - Lisbon to Pico Island.

You will meet your guides at Lisbon Airport, where we will depart on an early flight direct to Pico Island (**Flight not included**). Once on Pico, we will travel from Pico Airport to Lajes do Pico, our base for the next 5 nights, about 40 minutes south. After checking in at **Hotel Whale'come** we will prepare for our first private 3-hour whale-watching trip that afternoon with Espaço Talassa. Once we return, we will be briefed on our sightings and settle in at Espaço Talassa for a short presentation by our guides on a topic from cetaceans to Seabirds, Sea Turtles to photography!

## Day 2 to Day 5 - 13th - 16th April - Pico Island.

We will start the day with breakfast at **Hotel Whale'come** before heading out on a private charter to search for wildlife such as **Blue Whale, Sperm Whale, Risso's Dolphin, False Killer Whale, Bottlenose Dolphins, Striped Dolphin** and **Loggerhead Turtles**. After our 3 hours on the water in the morning, we will return to be briefed by our guides on all the species we happened to spot on the trip. In the afternoon, we have the option to explore three different whaling history museums on different afternoons (*Museu dos Baleeiros, Centro de Artes, Museu da Indústria Baleeira*), as well as enjoy a coastal walk around Lajes to enjoy the scenery and coastal birds. We will then settle down for the afternoon presentation provided by Espaço Talassa.

**(There is also an option to head out on another 3-hour boat trip in the afternoon as well if people are *hardcore*! This isn't included in our 5 private boat trips, so it would be an extra cost.)**

## Day 6 - 17th April - Pico Island.

This is our final day on the island, a day to decompress and unwind from the boat trips. We will check out of Hotel Whale'com in the morning, with a couple of options before our afternoon departure. Guests are welcome to head out on a morning boat trip one last time (price not included), or we can enjoy a nice coastal walk around Lajes. We will be dropped off at the airport mid-afternoon for our departure back to Lisbon.

# **£1695 per person**

**Important Information:** \*All boat trips will be on a high-performance RIB. Due to the special nature of our activities, each customer declares to be over five years old, not pregnant, and in good physical and mental health. Espaço Talassa reserves the right to refuse boarding to any client who does not meet these conditions.

**Attention:** This itinerary is flexible and could potentially be subject to change due to weather. Pico Island is positioned in the middle of the North Atlantic, and the weather can change very quickly. Although we have 5 trips booked in the mornings, if the weather looks better in the afternoon or particularly good on one day, there is the option to move boat trips around to make the most of our time on the water.

## **What's included:**

- 5 nights accommodation at Hotel Whale'come
- 5 x 3 hour private chartered RIB trips
- Breakfast and lunch at Hotel Whale'come
- Transfer to and from Pico Airport
- Waterproofs and lifejacket on the boat

## **Things not included:**

- Flights
- Dinner (other local options are available)
- Any additional boat trips in the afternoon

## **What to bring:**

- Warm clothes including waterproof gear
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Suitable footwear (you may get wet feet on the boat)
- Suncream & Sunglasses