

Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal

The volcanic heart of the Azores — where twin crater lakes shimmer in ancient calderas, geothermal earth cooks your lunch at Furnas, and whale spouts dot the Atlantic horizon.

 Pier (Portas do Mar terminal)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Euro (€)  Portuguese

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Terminal Marítimo (Portas do Mar), 200 m from historic center

Walk to center: 5–10 min flat walk along the mosaic seafront promenade

Best For: Volcanic landscapes, whale watching, geothermal hot springs, local food

Don't Miss: Sete Cidades caldera viewpoint or a soak at Furnas thermal pools

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €6–€10 ·  **Rideshare**  Bolt ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  São Miguel Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus (Azores On Route)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Sete Cidades Caldera** — Stand at the Vista do Rei viewpoint over the twin-colored caldera lakes — one blue, one green — inside an ancient...
- **Furnas Valley & Geothermal Pools** — Watch mud pots bubble and steam vents hiss in the fumarole fields, then soak in iron-rich thermal pools at Poça da Dona...
- **Whale & Dolphin Watching** — The Azores is one of the world's top cetacean destinations — sperm whales are year-round residents, blue whales visit...
- **Azorean Pineapple Greenhouse Tour** — Visit Arruda's pineapple plantation in Fajã de Baixo — the only place in Europe where pineapples are grown in glass...
- **Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake)** — A wild, undeveloped crater lake high in the island's mountains.

BEST WALKS

- **Seafront to City Gates & Market** 1.5 km · 25 min · Flat — A classic introduction: walk the mosaic seafront promenade from the terminal to the iconic three-arched Portas da Cidade, then...
- **Fort São Brás & Jardim António Borges** 2.5 km loop · 45 min · Flat — From the city gates, walk east to the 16th-century Forte de São Brás for harbor views and the military museum (€3), then head uphill...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	57°	16d
Jun	70°	63°	12d
Aug	76°	69°	14d
Sep	74°	68°	16d
Oct	70°	65°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 7:07AM–8:18PM · Jun 6:20AM–9:06PM · Aug 6:58AM–8:34PM · Sep 7:24AM–7:50PM · Oct 7:51AM–7:04PM
Euro (€)

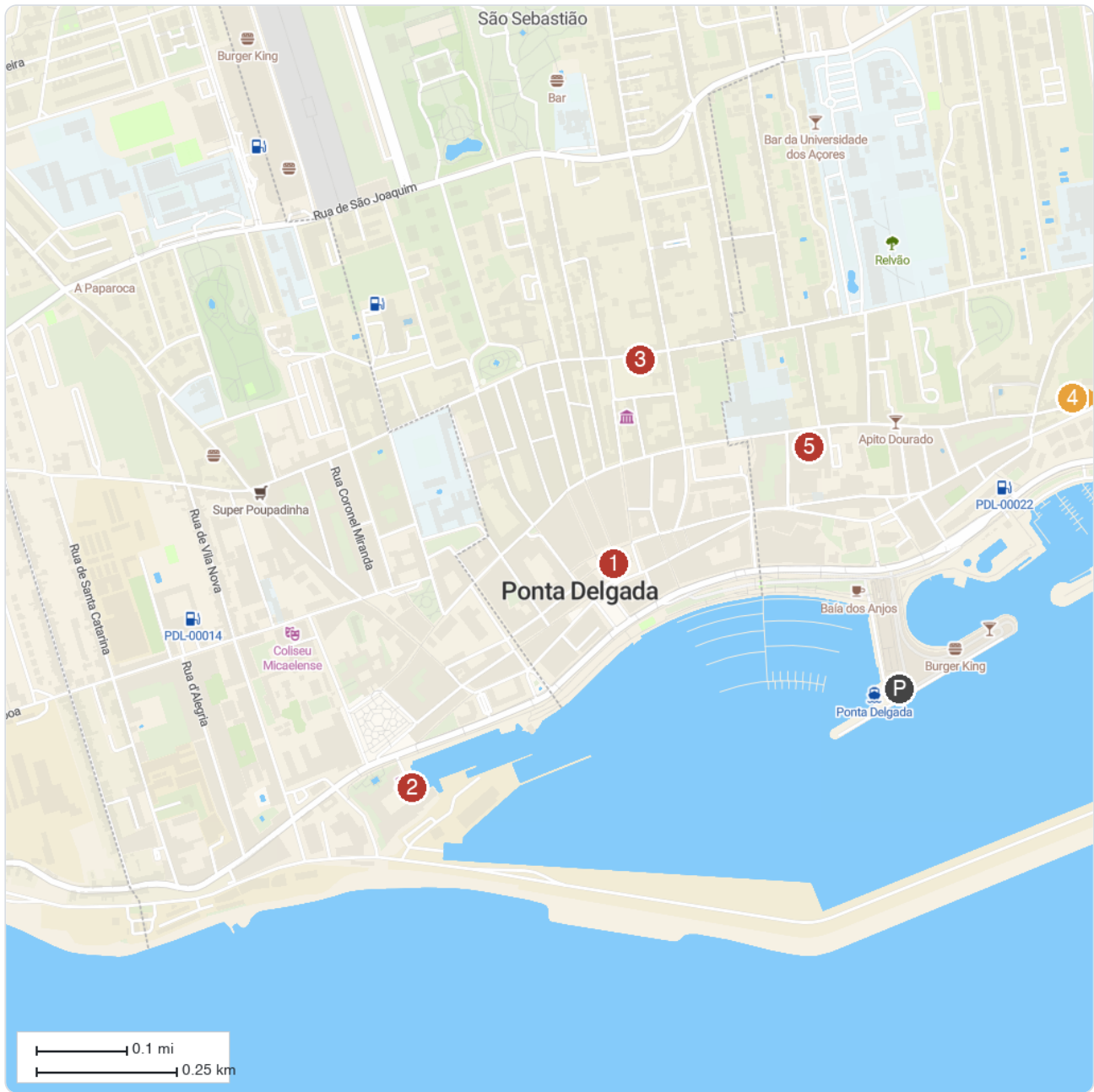
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pack layers and a rain jacket. The Azores weather changes fast — it can be sunny at the port and raining at Sete Cidades simultaneously. This is non-negotiable.

Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores, Portugal — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Igreja Matriz de São Sebastião | Ponta Delgada's beautiful 16th-century main church. | 2 Museu Militar dos Açores | Azores military history museum inside a historic fort. |
| 3 Museu Carlos Machado | Main museum: art, natural history, and Azorean ethnography. | 4 Observatório Vulcanológico e Geotérmico dos Açores | Learn about Azores volcanoes and geothermal energy. |
| 5 Mercado da Graça | Bustling municipal market for local produce, cheese, and flowers. | P Cruise port / terminal | |