

# Beyond the Blue

The 2027 Portugal Flagship Expedition

September 16-28, 2027





## Leave the crowded mainland behind for the edge of the Atlantic.

This is an invitation to the untouched. We are bypassing the standard tourist corridors for a deep, immersive journey into the volcanic archipelago of the Azores, culminating in the golden elegance of Lisbon.

Limited to an exclusive group of maximum 24 guests.



## The green calderas and thermal earth of São Miguel.

Discover Sete Cidades, where local legend explains the striking twin blue and green lakes resting in a massive volcanic crater. Experience the raw geothermal power of the Furnas Valley, where your traditional cozido das furnas meal is slow-cooked directly inside the boiling, volcanic earth.





## Confronting the raw, rocky frontier of Faial.

Navigate the striking ash hills and desolate beauty of the Capelinhos Volcano, a landscape forever altered by the spectacular 1957 eruption. Later, walk the marina of Horta, a historic haven where sailors crossing the Atlantic leave their painted murals on the harbor walls.



## Taste the terroir of volcanic ash.

The fiery origins of Faial have cultivated an agricultural profile unlike anywhere else in Europe. Experience an exclusive tasting of volcanic ash wines at a local winery, where the rugged, mineral-rich soil imparts a uniquely rare and striking character to every glass.



# Step into the stone labyrinth of Pico Island.

Take an optional daytime detour across the channel to the shadow of Mount Pico, Portugal's highest peak. Explore the striking UNESCO-protected vineyard culture, where grapes grow inside currais—intricate, hand-built pens of black lava rock designed to protect the vines from harsh ocean winds and salt. Return to the comfort of your Faial basecamp by evening.



## The colorful heritage and ancient caves of Terceira.

Walk the vibrantly trimmed, white-washed streets of Angra do Heroísmo, a UNESCO World Heritage capital. Descend into the quiet, ancient stillness of Algar do Carvão—the “Cavern of Coal”—a rare, hollowed-out lava tube, and swim in the dramatic natural volcanic rock pools of Biscoitos.





# A golden departure from the City of Seven Hills.

Say farewell to the archipelago and cross the Atlantic to Lisbon. Explore the coastal grandeur of the capital, from the imposing 16th-century Belém Tower to a special guided exploration of the Ajuda National Palace, the former royal residence of King Luís I.



## Your sanctuaries at the edge of the world.

An untamed landscape requires an uncompromising retreat. Throughout the expedition, you will be anchored in premium, boutique properties that hold Travelife GOLD certifications. These sanctuaries offer a perfect balance of sustainable philosophy, historic charm, and modern luxury.



## Vila Galé Collection, São Miguel

Located in the historic center of Ponta Delgada. This boutique property is a masterclass in architectural rehabilitation, transforming the historic 19th-century São Francisco hospital into a modern sanctuary. Features a serene cloister, sun deck, and the Satsanga Spa & Wellness center.



# Hotel do Canal, Faial

Your boutique basecamp in Horta. Located directly on the waterfront, this property embraces the island's rich transatlantic history. Enjoy a sophisticated maritime vibe, a state-of-the-art spa, and unrivaled views of Pico Mountain rising across the harbor.



# Torel Terra Brava, Terceira

A five-star luxury stay nestled in the UNESCO World Heritage town of Angra do Heroísmo. Striking a perfect balance between casual luxury and sophisticated elegance, the hotel's design is deeply inspired by the four natural elements—earth, air, fire, and water—that shape the island's vital spirit.



# BessaHotel Liberdade, Lisbon

A modern, exclusive urban retreat positioned just minutes from Lisbon's premier shopping and dining avenue. After exploring the city, unwind in the Tabik Garden, the B Pool & Spa, or your beautifully soundproofed, design-forward room.

# The profile of an explorer.

This itinerary is designed for the on-the-go traveler.



- **Activity Level 3:** Expect 2-3 hours of walking and standing per day.



- **The Terrain:** You will navigate uneven surfaces, hills, ancient stone streets, and various modes of local transport.



- **The Group:** Capped at a maximum of 24 guests to ensure absolute exclusivity and intimate access to the islands.





Secure your place beyond the blue.

The 2027 Portugal Flagship Expedition awaits.

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