

Angra Gardens

You can take a walk through Angra Gardens starting from the Memory Monument and moving down the hill following the scenic path. The Gardens end behind the Angra Garden Hotel and there is a street side exit point. Take a left out the street exit and go down a block to come out by the city square. See directions in this chapter for the Memory Monument.



Angra Town Hall

Angra has had three Town Halls. As the city has grown, both the Town hall and its square have been dismantled and rebuilt to be larger than its predecessor. The current building, built in 19th century, boasts the largest great hall in all of Portugal. During Sanjoaninas the hall is opened up to the public for dancing.

The idea of building a square between two roads was an architectural style from antiquity, a style that was revived during the Renaissance. Praça Velha, the square in front of the Town hall, was one of the first squares to be built during the Renaissance.

Directions

From the main gate, take a right. At the 'T', take a right. At the circle, make a left. At the Via Rápida, make a right toward Angra. At the first circle in Angra, go straight. At the second circle, make a right. Follow the main flow of traffic through two lights and go straight through both. Shortly after the fire station (bomberios) you'll see a 'DO NOT ENTER' sign, (red circle with a horizontal line), make a right. At the second block, take the middle street which takes you downhill (main flow of traffic usually goes this way). The square is on the left at the bottom of the hill.



Basket Man

Custom made baskets, bins, shelves for you to buy. You can bring photos of a desired design or look through the catalog.

Directions

From the main gate, take a right. At the 'T' take a right. At the circle, go straight. Follow the road through Lajes and Vila Nova. At the sign for Agualva, turn right toward Biscoitos and go over the bridge. Go through Quatro Riberias. When you get to the sign for Biscoitos, take a left 0.5 miles past the sign. Go 0.3 miles up this street (Rua Longa). The house for the basket man is on the right at 26 Rua Longa. It's a white house with yellow trim. Parking is across the street next to a concrete garage.

Beaches



Praia: There are two beaches in Praia and three if you count the small one at the port. American beach is called that by Americans just because it's located by TTU and has easy parking next to it. There are outdoor showers to rinse off with and a snack bar is located nearby. The other beach is larger and has a snack bar and restroom across the street between the hotel and Tropical Point restaurant.

Angra: Parking is extremely limited. You may want to take the free bus. See

transportation chapter for more details.



Bullfight at the Arena (Praça de Touros) – Angra

There are a handful of bullfights held at the arena during the year, most notably during Sãojoãninhas in late June. You can buy tickets 2 hours ahead of a bullfight at the ticket window at the arena. In addition, from this location you can catch the Angra City bus to get a free ride into town for shopping. It is free to park here during the day. If you're taking the bus, it is the larger of the two buses that will arrive. Make sure you hit the stop button just before your stop when you want to exit. You can catch the bus returning to the Arena across the street from the town hall and opposite side of the plaza from Angra Garden

Hotel.

Directions

From the main gate, make a right. At the 'T', make a right. At the circle, make a left toward Via Rápida, make a right toward Angra. Go straight through the first two circles in Angra. The area is on the left just before the gas station

Camping

Below is a list of designated camping areas on the island. Other areas such as Duck Lake, Serreta, and Quatro Ribeiras are not designated camping areas and should not be treated as such. The only other place you may camp other than those listed below is on private property such as fields, where you have obtained the owner's permission.

Biscoitos (northern part of the island):

This site is located along the ocean in Biscoitos. It is often known as the best campground on Terceira because it features grills, showers, restrooms, a mini market, laundry, snack par, and plenty room for tents and cars.

Directions

Go out the main gate, make a right. At the 'T', make a right. At the circle, go straight. Continue through Lajes and Vila Nova. Just before the sign for Aqualva, turn right toward Biscoitos. Go through Quatro Ribeiras and enter Biscoitos. Take the first right after the church (there should be a sign indicating fishing port and swimming). Go down the hill until you get to a parking lot, make a right. The camping area will be on the right.



Cinco Ribeiras (southwestern part of the island):

Owned by a private business, the campground offers hot showers and electricity (bring an extension cord). There is a daily occupant fee for each person (children under 10 are free), as well as a fee based on tent size. Washing machines and showers are an additional fee. There are wonderful views of São Jorge and Serra do Santa Barbara from here.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the 'T', make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra. In Angra, make a right at the first roundabout. At the next three roundabouts, go straight. When you yield near the Hotel do Caracol, make the 1st right toward Terra Cha. Go through São Mateus and São Bartolomeu. When you come to the Cinco Ribeiras sign, make a right and go 1.1 miles and make a left toward "Porto das Cinco Ribeiras". Take this road 0.9 miles. The camping facility is just before the church on the right. It is fenced in; look for blue buildings.

Salga (southern part of island):

This site is located next to the swimming area by Salga Bay in Porto Judeu. It is run by Angra's City Hall and comes with electricity (bring an extension cord) and showers with hot water. There is a daily fee for each camper (children under 10 are free) and a fee based on tent size. There are additional fees for use of showers and washing machines.

Directions

Go out the main gate and go straight through the circle. Make the 1st right after Pizza Press (which is on the left). Make a right about 0.8 miles down (you'll see big fuel tanks on your left). In the circle, make 2nd right (sign says ANGRA – this is the way to Modelo's). Go STRAIGHT through the next two circles (and pass Modelo's). Stay on the road along Praia harbor. Go straight through the circle at the Via Rápida. Make a left at 'Y' where the Spirit House is (toward Cabo da Praia). Go 2.5 miles to the circle. In the circle, go straight and drive through Porto Martins. When you see the sign for São Sebastião, take the 3rd left (about 1.5 miles) onto Rua Fria. At the stop sign, make a left. Take the 2nd left (the first is a DO NOT ENTER) toward Salga. Go 1.6 miles to the lighthouse. Make a right and go 0.8 miles. The swimming area and camping area are on the left.



Salgueiros (eastern part of island):

Located between Porto Martins and São Sebastião along the ocean. Camping is free but there are no showers or drinking water. Water for cooking and washing purposes is available. The site is a first come, first serve basis.

Directions:

From the main gate, go straight. Make a left at the stop sign. Take the first right. At the circle, take a second exit toward Angra. Go straight through the next two circles and follow the road along the coast. Go straight when you get to the intersection with Via Rápida. At the 'Y' by the Spirit House, go left. Go through Cabo da Praia. You'll next enter Porto Martins. At the first circle in Porto Martins, take a left. Make a right at the 'T'. You will pass through the village of Porto Martins, pass a Lima Convenient Store. Continue along the coast. When you come to a 'Y', go left. The camping area will be on the right.

Cheese Factory “Queijo Vaquinha” (Cinco Ribeiras)

Canada do Pilar, 5 - Cinco Ribeiras, Ilha Terceira
Tel.: 295907138 Fax.: 295907295 Cell.: 914516192
Monday – Friday: 08:00 to 22:00
Saturday: 15:00 to 22:00

This factory in Cinco Ribeiras makes homemade cheese. Farmers milk cows with portable machines and convert the milk into delicious fresh cheese, and cheddar-like island cheese, *queijo da ilha*. At Queijo Vaquinha, an artisanal factory in Cinco Ribeiras. The owner João Henrique Melo Cota and his staff hold hundreds of round yellow wheels on shelves, not the best English but you can point out things.

This is a place where you have the opportunity to try different types of island cheese, there is also a display of traditional home made products.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the 'T', make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra. In Angra, make a right at the first roundabout. At the next three roundabouts, go straight. When you yield near the Hotel do Caracol, make the 1st right toward Terra Cha. Go through São Mateus and São Bartolomeu. When you come to the Cinco Ribeiras sign, make a right and go 0.7 miles and make a left (you should see signs for the cheese factory too). The factory is 50m down on the left with a large parking lot.



“Christmas Cave” Gruta do Natal/ “Black Lake” Lagoa do Negro

If you like rugged, this is the cave you want to go in. You'll pay a small fee to enter and need to wear one of the provided hard hats. You may even want to bring a flashlight as the cave is dimly lit. There is a place where you need to crawl through a small spot in the cave to continue the tour. The lake is small and opposite the road outside the cave. It is open from June to Sept 30 3-5:30pm, as summer season

starts, the cave hours extend.

Directions

Out the main gate, make a right. When the road 'T's, make a right. At the circle, make a left toward the Via Rápida. At the Via Rápida make a right toward Angra. Take the 2nd Agualva exit and proceed straight. Go about 2.25 miles. At the 'T' make a right toward Algar do Carvão. Go about 4.5 miles till you come to a 4-way intersection. Make a right toward Biscoitos. Go 1.3 miles and make a left toward "Lagoa do Negro". The lake is on the right and the "house" on the left is a cave entrance.

NB: if you're going to Duck Lake from Christmas Cave, continue to follow the road around to the left. You'll drive past a small volcano on your left (a close up view of a small volcano). At the 'T', make a left. At the next 'T' make a right. Duck Lake (Lagoa Falca) will be on the right.



"Coal Cave" Algar do Carvão

Created by gases passing during the islands volcanic formation; the grottoes go to a depth of 330 feet. It is considered a natural reserve and is filled with stalactites and stalagmites and a small pond. This cave is the easiest to get around in if you can manage lots of steps and it is well lit. It even has music piped in it. It looks similar to a coal cave but it is a dormant lava tube. There is a small fee to enter the cave. It is open from June to Sept 30 3-5:30pm, as summer season start hours extend.

Directions

Out the main gate, make a right. When the road 'T's, make a right. At the circle make a left toward the Via Rápida. Make a right toward Angra. Take a 2nd Agualva exit and proceed straight. Go about 2.25 miles. At the T, make a right toward Algar do Carvão. After 2 to 2.5 miles, turn right at the status of a person and a "volcano" and signs to Algar do Carvão. Go about a half a mile over the cattle guards and park in the make-shift lot. Walk straight ahead, down the path to a building that contains the entrance to the cave.

Cultural Congress (Centro de Cultural de Congressos)

Special exhibits and concerts are held here. Keep your eyes open for the Crossroads for events occurring here.

Directions

Make a right out the main gate. At the T, make a right. At the circle, make a left toward the Via Rápida. Make a right onto the Via Rápida toward Angra. In Angra, at the first circle, make a left. Cultural Congress is on the right near the stop light.

Duck Lake "Lagoa da Falca"

Duck Lake is a quiet area in the center of the island to spend time with family and friends. There are ducks to watch (bring old bread if you like) and a place to picnic. There are grills and concrete picnic tables. Just bring your charcoal and tablecloth!

Directions:

Out the main gate, make a right. When the road Ts, make a right. At the circle, make a left toward Via Rápida. At Via Rápida, make a right toward Angra. Take the 2nd Agualva exit and proceed straight. Go about 2.25 miles. At the T, make a right toward Algar do Carvão. Go about 4.5 miles till you come to a 4-way intersection. Continue straight for about 2 miles and you'll see a sign for Lagoa da Falca on the right.



Forte de Santa Catarina (Cabo da Praia)

This fort is not open to the public and can only be viewed from the outside as it was used to protect Praia. Its yellow coloring may stand out in the winter when the grass is all green, but it helps make the fort hard to see from the ocean during dry summers.

Directions

Go out the main gate and go straight through the circle. Make 1st right after Pizza Press (on the left). Make a

right at about 0.8 miles (big fuel tanks on the left). In circle, make a second right (sign says ANGRA – this way to Modelo's). Go STRAIGHT through the next two circles, past Modelo's. Stay on the road along Praia harbor. Go straight through the circle at the Via Rápida. Make the left at Y where Spirit House is (toward Cabo da Praia). After passing the Casa da Povo, make the next left. At the T, make a left. Make the 2nd left (paved roads) and a quick right. The yellow fort should be on your left and maybe you'll see some cows grazing around it.

Horseback Riding (Posto Santo – Angra) - Quinta do Malhinha



CENTRO EQUESTRE TERCEIRENSE

Quinta do Malhinha

Angra do Heroísmo

Phone: 295 217 543

They provide riding lessons for several levels of riding, trail rides, dressage competitions, participation in parades, board horses for our clients and they also lease horses. The horses they have are Lusitano, Arib, and a mix breed of Lusitano and Arib. POC is: Ms Celina Reis, Celina.Reis@LAJES.AF.MIL she works on Contracting Office, but her husband and son run the business.

Directions:

Take the Via Rápida to Angra. Turn right at the Toyota dealership toward Vinha Brava and Biscoitos. Continue straight on the road to picada Bagacina and Posto Santo. Drive 1.1 miles uphill. Carefully turn left to Posto Santo. Follow the road downhill at the T. Turn right at the stop sign and go 0.4 miles through town. On the right there will be a white wall. Enter a 2nd tiled sign reading “Quinta da malhinha”. Stables and pens will be on your left and parking up on your right.

Lajes War Cemetery - Praia

This cemetery is the final resting place for the allied soldiers who died while serving on Terceira during WWII (1939-1945). There are soldiers from Great Britain, Australia and even Poland.

Directions

This is the best way to go so you don't miss it the first time. Go out the main gate and make a right. At the T, make a right. At the circle, make a left toward the Via Rápida. At the Via Rápida, make a left. At the circle, follow the signs to the “base aerea” Two blocks on the right; you'll see Lajes War Cemetery on the walls.

Lighthouse

The lighthouse is what most Americans think of when they hear the word lighthouse. The southeastern part of the island is particularly foggy in the winter so use caution at that time of year.

Directions

Go out the main gate and go straight through the circle. Make the 1st right after Pizza press (on the left) Make the right about 0.8 miles (big fuel tanks on the left). At the circle, make the 2nd right (sign says ANGRA – this way to Modelo's). Go straight through the next two circles past Modelo's. Stay on the road along Praia harbor. Go straight through the circle at the Via Rápida. Make a left at the Y where Spirit House is (toward Cabo da Praia). Go 2.5 miles to circle. In the circle go straight and drive through Porto Martins. When you see the sign for São Sebastião, take the 3rd left (about 1.5 miles) onto Rua Fria. At the stop sign, make a left. Take the 2nd left (first is a DO NOT ENTER) toward Salga. Go 1.6 miles to the lighthouse.



Memory Monument

The memorial stands upon the site of the first fortress, St Luis da memorial, built on Terceira in 1474. The fort was built with the idea of controlling the high ground, but was later abandoned as it did little to protect the shore from invasion being so far inland. The monument is in memory of King Pedro IV who led the liberals to fight against his uncle Dom Miguel. In 1831, he watched the liberals sail from this site going to Portugal to take back the throne for his daughter Maria II.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. When the road reaches a T, make a right. At the circle, make a left. On the Via Rápida make a right toward Angra. At the first circle in Angra, make a right. At the next circle, go straight. At the third circle, make a left (blue hospital signs). At the DO NOT ENTER SIGN make a right. The monument will be on the left. It reminds me of a little of Washington Monument except it is painted white and goldenrod.

Miradouros

There are several scenic overlooks around the island with signs labeling them “miradouros”. These places typically offer unobstructed views on high ground and available parking.

Alagoa Fajazinha: An overlook by the ocean between Agualva and Quatro Ribeiras. Turn right at the brown tourism sign and follow that road down to the parking area with brick paths to the coastline.

Caldeira: Out the main gate, make a right. Make a right at the T. At the circle, go straight toward Lajes. Go through the center of Lajes. When things start looking like you’re leaving town and you begin descending down a hill, there is a concrete sign on the left pointing to a road on the right. Take this road about 0.5 miles; you’ll see a miradouro sign on the left. You can also go straight for a nice view of the ocean or find a good fishing spot.

Miradouro at Raminho: Follow the main island road through Lajes, Agualva, Biscoitos and Altares. You’ll come to a turn out on the right for a miradouro.



Monte Brasil

Monte Brasil is inside the fort in Angra. It’s an old volcano that offers magnificent views of Angra, deer (wild and caged), ducks and the Pico das Cruzinhas (little crosses hill) which has a monument to mark the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Azores. This is where the Spanish used to conduct hangings of Portuguese leaders during their rule. You can also see the British guns from WWII that are still present. This usually closes at sunset.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra. In Angra, make a right at the first roundabout. At the next three roundabouts go straight. When you come to the bottom of the hill and yield at oval round, you want to go straight toward the Hotel do Caracol (blue building on opposite side of roundabout) and then make a left toward the center of Angra along the coast and passing the Hotel Terceira Mar (pink hotel). At the next circle take the first right. Go 0.4 miles. During these 0.4 miles you’ll pass through a traffic light and then start going up a hill. Turn right at the intersection just before the fountain on the wall (there’s also a silver “street sign” with Monte Brasil on it on this corner). Take a second right and proceed through the gates of the fort. Make your 1st left. Take a right when the road forks to make your way to the top.

Museu de Angra do Heroísmo (Angra)

Tel: (351) 295 213 147/8

E-mail: museu.angra.info@azores.gov.pt

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30-17:00

Saturday and Sunday: 14:00-17:00

Closed Mondays and Portuguese Holidays

It’s located across the street from the Dai Hou Chinese Restaurant. The Angra Museum resides in the former monastery of São Francisco. This was the third monastery to be built on the island, and was once the headquarters of the Franciscan Order of the Azores. Today it houses important collections of paintings, statues, and ceramics. Additionally, it possessed a section on weaponry and navigation dating back to the 15th century. There is a library, cafeteria, and gift shop associated with the museum.



Organic Farm (Fontinhas)

Owner: Avelino Ormonde

Rua das Fontinhas, 57

Tel: 295579145

Cel: 964122264

For times please give a call to make arrangements. The farm is open throughout the year with products of the season, to include baby leaf salad that should be ordered in advance. For the best variety, arrive early. Owners speak excellent English.

Directions

Go out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. At the circle, make a left toward the Via Rápida. Make a right onto the Via Rápida. Make the first left. Go 0.4 miles to 59 Rua das Fontinhas on the right. It's a small, older white house with green trim and a driveway on the street and walk up the driveway on the left of the house to the rear of the house where produce is sold.

Praia Municipal Market

Open fruit and vegetable market. It is suggested to park at a metered space just after making the left at the circle with the fountain and walking from there. Remember to bring coins to pay the meter.

Directions

From the main gate, go straight through the circle. When you come to a stop sign, make a left. Take the next right. After going downhill take a 2nd turn out of the circle. At the circle with the fountain, make a left. This street will become cobblestone. The market is on right two blocks down after the road becomes cobblestone.

Praia Theater (Auditorio Ramo Grande)

This theater is sometimes mentioned in the Crossroads for art shows or performances. There are many movies playing but are often in Portuguese with American subtitles. You can sometimes see an American movie playing in English with Portuguese subtitles as well.

Directions

From the main gate, go straight through the circle. When you come to a stop sign, make a left. Take the next right, after going downhill take the 2nd turn out of the circle. At the circle with the fountain, make a left. This street will become cobblestone. When you can no longer go straight, make a right. Take the next left. The side of theater is on the right at the end of the block so park on this street and walk.

Santa Bárbara (west side of the island)

Santa Bárbara is the highest point on Terceira at 3350 feet (1021m). When the horizon is clear at Lajes Field, it's a good day to head up to Santa Bárbara. From the top you can often see several islands and a magnificent view of smaller volcanoes on Terceira. Not recommended for a visit during gusty weather or during December-March as there can be frequent hail storms.

Directions

Out the main gate, make a right. When the road Ts make a right. At the circle, make a left toward Via Rápida. At Via Rápida make a right toward Angra. Take the 2nd Agualva exit and proceed straight. Go about 2.25 miles. At the T, make a right toward Algar do Carvão. Go about 4.5 miles till you come to a 4-way intersection. Continue straight (you'll have to make a right and a quick left) toward Doze Ribeiras. Go about another 4.5 miles (passing Duck lake), you'll see a sign on the right going up the mountain that says "Serra de Santa Bárbara". Follow that road up to the top.



Holy Mary statue (Praia)

In a small park on the crest of the hill overlooking the city of Praia is a statue of Mary, mother of Jesus. It is a beautiful view of the city of Praia and the ocean.

Directions

Out the back gate by Biera Mar housing, make a right. Follow the road past the school and take a right to the traffic circle. Go around the circle and make a left up the hill. Pass

through Santa Rita neighborhood about two miles. Make a right down a road (you may see a sign that points to a miradouro 300m) that leads to the statue.

São João Baptista Fort, Monte Brasil



This fort has a large fortified wall 4km long. It was built during the Spanish era and named São Filipe (after King of Spain, Filipe) to protect the Spanish from the Portuguese. The Portuguese eventually gained control of the fort after waiting 2 years for the Spanish to run out of water. It was continuously modified until and including the period of WWII where it gained fame as the place where famous figures like “Gungunhana” and “Dom Afonso VI” were imprisoned. It is now a working Portuguese Army base although tours of the castle are offered during the summer, beginning at the top of the house. At the foot near the entrance of the fort

is a large playground as well.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra. In Angra, make a right at the first round about. At the next three roundabouts, go straight. When you yield near the Hotel do Caracol, make a left going toward the center of Angra along the coast. At the next circle, take the first right. Go through one light. Make a right at the silver street sign pole pointing toward Monte Brasil near the top of the hill. Make the second right. Park at the entrance of the fort or drive into the fort gate so you can continue to the top of Monte Brasil.

São Mateus Fort

There is a small fort in São Mateus that on the coast and is yellow. It is open at times during the morning but does not look like it's a museum about the fort. Still it makes for a great picture and experience.



Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra. In Angra, make a right at the first round about. At the next three roundabouts, go straight. When you yield near Hotel do Caracol, make the second right toward São Mateus. You'll travel 1.8 miles along the coast until you get into São Mateus. The fort is on the left just before the São Mateus port.

Serra do Cume (northeast side of the island) – also called Praia Ridge by Americans

This ridge is 1788 feet high and has a nice view of the center of the island. You can see Goat Island (Americans call it split rock) and on good days other islands like São Jorge.

Directions

Out the main gate, make a right. When the road Ts make a right. At the circle, make a left toward the Via Rápida. At the Via Rápida make a right toward Angra. Take the first left toward Fontinhas. When the road T's make a right. Make the first left by the bust/statue. When this road Ts make a right followed by the first left. This road takes you to the top.

Serra Ribeirinha (southern side of the island)

This vista offers a great view of Angra and Goat Island (also called split rock) on the way to Angra off the Via Rápida.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra for 8.9miles and make a left (should see signs for Serra do Rebeirhna on hwy). Make the second right. Make the first left. This road takes you to the top.

Swimming Holes- “Zona Balnear”



Biscoitos: (northern side of island)

There is a snack bar and restrooms located nearby. Along with a parking lot for vehicles and a soccer field.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. At the circle, go straight and pass the airport entrances. Continue through the towns of Lajes and Vila Nova. Just before the sign for Agualva, make a hard right toward Biscoitos. Go through Quatro Ribeiras and enter Biscoitos. Take the first right after the church (there will be a sign indicating fishing port and swimming/”balnear”). Go down the hill until you get to a parking lot.

Cinco Ribeiras: (southwestern side of island)

This swimming spot offers a nice view of São Jorge. It is located near the camping facilities in Cinco Riberas. There are a few restaurants nearby if you need a snack.

Directions

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra. In Angra, make a right at the first round about. At the next three roundabouts, go straight. When you yield near the Hotel do Caracol, make the 1st right toward Terra Cha. Go through São Mateus and São Bartolomeu. When you come to the Cinco Ribeiras sign, make a right and go 1.1 miles and make a left toward “Porto das Cinco Ribeiras”. Take this road 0.9 miles. Park and walk down the ramps to the ocean.

Porto Martins: (eastern side of island)

There is a parking lot for vehicles. There is a snack bar, restrooms, and Búzios Italian restaurant nearby.

Directions:

Go out the main gate and go straight through the circle. Make 1st right after Pizza Press (which you’ll see on the left). Make right at about 0.8miles (you’ll see the big fuel tanks on your left). In circle, make 2nd right (sign says ANGRA—this way to Modelo’s). Go STRAIGHT through next two circles and pass Modelo’s. Stay on the road along Praia Harbor. Go straight through the circle at the Via Rápida. Make left at Y where Spirit House is (toward Cabo da Praia). You’ll see an industrial area on the left. Pass a church on the right, pass through some residential are while going up a hill. Coming down the hill, you’ll see a wine barrel on the left welcoming you to Porto Martins. Next you’ll drive along the coast. Take the next left. Follow this road around being careful to stay near the wall in the curve on the narrow two lane road. After the curve, take the first left. The swimming hole is on the left.



Quatro Ribeiras: (northern side of island)

There is a small parking lot. The swimming hole includes a swimming pool filled with ocean water and a breathtaking view of the northern coast line. Located just in Quatro Ribeiras, prior to Biscoitos.

Salga Bay: (southeastern corner)

This is a large ocean swimming area, with a camping and convenience store in the immediate area near Porto Judeu.

Directions:

GO out the main gate and go straight through the circle. Make first right after Pizza press (which is on the left). Make a right at about 0.8 miles (you’ll see big fuel tanks on your left). In circle, make 2nd right (sign says ANGRA—this way to Modelo’s). Go STRAIGHT through the next two circles (and pass Modelo’s). Stay on the road along Praia Harbor. GO straight through the circle at Via Rápida. Make left at U where Spirit House is

(toward Cabo da Praia). Go 2.5 miles to circle. In circle, go straight and drive through Porto Martins. When you see the sign for São Sebastião, take the third left about 1.5 miles onto Rua Fria. At the stop sign, make a left. Take the second left (the first is a DO NOT ENTER) toward Salga. Go 1.6 miles to the lighthouse. Make a right and go 0.8 miles. The swimming area is on your left.

Silveira: (southern side of island)

On the west side of São Mateus, this swimming hole has a salt water pool.

Directions:

Going out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. Make a left at the roundabout. Make a right at the Via Rápida going towards Angra. In Angra, make a right at the first round about. At the next three roundabouts, go straight. When you yield near Hotel da Caracol make the second right toward São Mateus. You'll travel along the coast for 2.6 miles and go through the heart of São Mateus. The swimming hole is on the west side of the village.

“Sulphur Pits” Furnas do Enxofre:



The sulphur pits are an emission of gas from the earth. *If you happen to come upon a cave nearby, do not enter as the gases are very dangerous.*

Directions:

Out the main gate, make a right. When the road Ts, make a right. At the circle, make a left toward the Via Rápida. At the Via Rápida, make a right toward Angra. Take the second Agualva exit and proceed straight. Go about 2.25 miles turn right and follow the signs for “Furnas do Enxofre”. After crossing the cattle guards, you'll see some sulphur emissions on the right. Continue straight and park in the lot. Follow the hiking paths for the short walk to see more sulphur pits.

Wine Museum “Museu do Vinho” (Biscoitos)

Canada do Caldeiro
Ilha Terceira – Açores
Tel. (351) 295908404
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Hours

10:00 – 12:00

13:30 – 16:00

Sunday and Monday Closed

In September they have a festival to show how the grapes used to be harvested and stomped (you can help) before Portugal joined the European Union.

Directions

Go out the main gate, make a right. At the T, make a right. At the circle, go straight. Continue through Lajes and Vila Nova. Just before the sign for Agualva, turn right toward Biscoitos. GO through Casa do Povo (town hall) for Biscoitos and turn left. The Wine Museum is 50m ahead on the right.

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