

Ponta Delgada

You'll likely arrive by plane to Ponta Delgada on the south coast. Ponta Delgada is the largest city in the Azores and where you'll find the most São Miguel accommodation options. Ponta Delgada is also home to most restaurants, both the traditional and the more modern, and has the only nightlife on the Island. Despite being the largest city in the Azores, the city center has mostly 2-3 floor buildings and maintains a charming feel. We've outlined in red the areas that are within about a 20 minute walk from the city center.

Stay at least a couple days in Ponta Delgada unless you really want to get away from people. If you're not renting a car, Ponta Delgada is also your best bet, because you'll find most tour operators and taxis. But do yourself a favor and rent a car. You'll appreciate the flexibility and the better opportunities to explore.



Ponta Delgada Hotels

[Azor Hotel](#) (\$\$) Enjoy amazing Ponta Delgada harbor views from the rooftop pool and bar and also from your smartly decorated room at this spacious design hotel. There is on-site parking for a fee (and nearby free parking). If you like luxury, a super tasty selection at breakfast, a good bed, and a responsive 24-hour front desk, stay here.

[Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico](#) (\$\$) A brand-new, classically designed hotel sits on the water and offers room views of Ponta Delgada Harbor (and great beds). The hotel has a maritime theme, with rich colors and stylish gold fixtures. The hotel has an inviting indoor pool located in a large room lined with fragrant local wood that is perfect for relaxing. There's a great on-site restaurant and a generous complimentary breakfast. There is on-site parking for a fee (and nearby free parking). Stay here if you like classic luxury and an attentive staff.