



Open Group Trip Cabo Verde – Southern Islands
Fire Island Fogo – African Island Santiago – Hidden Beauty Maio
6-14 pax – with English Speaking Tour Leader

Highlights:

- Chã das Caldeiras with **hike Pico Pequeno** from the eruption of 2014
- **Wine tasting** of the fiery Fogo Wine
- Inside **City Tours** São Filipe – Praia – Porto Inglês
- Cultural Tour Cidade Velha – **UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- Discover the hidden pearl Maio including **Turtle Watch**
- **Beach Walk on Maio Island**
- Qualified English-speaking tour leader Carlos Martins (also German, Portuguese, Spanish)



Itinerary:

Day 1 Arrival on Santiago

Tue, 23.07. Individual arrival on Santiago Island at noon or midnight with TAP Portugal or with Royal Air Maroc at night. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel in the capital Praia. (-/-/-)

2 nights: Hotel Oasis Praiamar, standard rooms, breakfast

Day 2 Praia & Cidade Velha

Wed, 24.07. After breakfast welcome and introduction by the local tour leader Carlos Silva Marstins. Afterwards you will have an inside city tour over the historical Plateau of Praia including a visit of the clothing market Sukupira. We will engage ourselves socially and participate in the project "Cidade Verde", where all of you will plant a tree in the capital. This is not only to turn Praia back into a "green city" but also to avoid erosion and desertification of the island. Emileno Ortes will introduce his project! Afterwards, transfer to Cidade Velha - Cabo Verde's former capital and important centre of the slave trade. Included lunch at the sea before you will get to know all about the history of the country. The tour will finish at the fort São Filipe (entrance included). In the afternoon transfer back to your hotel. In the evening welcome dinner at a restaurant in town. (B/L/D)

Day 3 From Santiago to the Fire Island Fogo

Thu, 25.07. After breakfast and transfer to the airport Nelson Mandela and short domestic flight to the volcano island Fogo. Upon arrival transfer to São Filipe. In the afternoon inside city tour through the historical town of São Filipe followed by a visit of "Casa Memoria". In the evening included dinner in town. (B/-/D)

3 nights: Hotel Xaguate, rooms with sea view, breakfast

- Day 4**
Fri, 26.07. **Rural Fogo – Coffee, geology, fascinating landscapes**
Today you will explore the island of Fogo and visit the highlights of the island. In Mosteiros you will enjoy a coffee tasting followed by a lunch. In the late afternoon beach walk to Tortuga and delicious three meal course in stunning sunset atmosphere. (B/L/D)
- Day 5**
Sat, 27.07. **Fascinating Chã das Caldeiras and walk Pico Pequeno**
In the morning you will drive up to the entrance of the National Park. From there you will hike up the small crater erupted the last time in 1995 and is located directly next to the crater of the eruption of 2014, which you are going to visit too today. The most impressive impression are the fields of Sulphur and lava you are passing on your hike. Moreover, you have an amazing view over the whole Caldeira and the dimensions of the last eruption. The hot and colorful sulphur areas still show the volcanic activity under your feet. The tour will end in the village of Portela, where you will enjoy a typical lunch including a wine tasting of the fiery Fogo Wine. In the afternoon transfer back to São Filipe. The evening is at your own disposal. (B/L/-)
- Hike: Ca. 4h, +350 / -340 hm, moderate.*
- Day 6**
Sun, 28.07. **Back to Santiago**
In the morning transfer to the airport and flight back to Santiago. The rest of the day is at your own disposal. Enjoy a refreshing bath at the swimming pool of the hotel. (B/-/-)
- 1 night: Hotel Oasis Praiamar, standard rooms, breakfast**
- Day 7**
Mon, 29.07. **The Hidden Pearl – Maio & Island Tour!**
Today you will travel to the place where Carlos is from – Maio. In the morning transfer to the airport and flight to Maio. Upon arrival transfer to Porto Inglês and breakfast in town. Today Carlos will show you “Nha Terra” – his land! During the city tour followed by an island tour you will visit a museum, have a short walk at the Salinas, visit a ceramic project in Morro, another project in Calheta, surely walk a bit to some stunning sand dunes and much more. After a traditional lunch you will taste the local goat cheese – it’s supposed (and – it is true!) to be the best on Cabo Verde! Dinner at accommodation. (B/L/D)
- 3 nights: Vila Maris Eco Lodge, garden apartments, half-board**
- Day 8**
Tue, 30.07. **Coastal Hike**
Today you will become active – on pristine and abandoned beaches you will do a stunning coastal hike from Calheta back to the accommodation. After dinner you will – together with Carlos – fingers crossed – attend a very special event. The laying of the eggs of the rare Hawksbill Sea turtle at the beach. Something you will never forget! (B/-/D)
- Hike: Ca. 14km and 5-6h, moderate.*
- Day 9**
Wed, 31.07. **Day at your own disposal**
The day is for leisure. Either relax at the accommodation or undertake a beach walk into town (transfers can also be organized by the leader). In the late afternoon transfer to Ponta Preta, where you will enjoy the sunset with

view to Santiago at a nice restaurant followed by your farewell dinner with Carlos. In case you have not been lucky to see a turtle, you will go for a second chance tonight. (B/-/D)

Day 10
Thu, 01.08.

Travel to Praia and international departure

After saying good-bye to Carlos, you will be transferred to the airport and flight back to Praia. Upon arrival you will be met by one staff of vista verde tours and assisted to your known hotel. There you will have a dayuse room until departure. In the evening assisted transfer to the airport and international departure. (B/-/-)

Abbreviations:

B = Breakfast // L = Lunch // D = Dinner

Attention: The itinerary may change do to flight changes or whether conditions. Please note that vista verde tours is not liable for any flight changes or cancellations.

Price per person in EUR: 1.650 EUR*

***Tour will run from 6 pax on**

Included Services:

- 9 overnights in the aforementioned hotels.
- Dayuse room on departure day
- 9 x breakfast, 4 x lunch, 6 x dinner
- Excursions, transfers and meals as per itinerary
- Domestic Flights with TICV/BestFly Cabo Verde including all taxes and reconfirmation
- Trained and highly experienced inside vista verde tour leader (English, Portuguese, German, Spanish)
- Hotel tax

Not Included:

- Other expenses such as souvenirs, tips and drinks
- International flights
- TSA: Airport security tax of 3.400cve (or 30,80 EUR) per person. Pre-registration by tour operator or directly online by client.

Our general terms and conditions:

- cancellation terms:

before 30 days of arrival:	just real occurred costs such as for domestic flights
between 29. and 15. day (before arrival):	20% of the booked services
between 14. and 8. day (before arrival):	30% of the booked services
between 7. and 2. day (before arrival):	50% of the booked services
24 hours before arrival or no show:	100% of the booked services

Hotels:

Praia - Santiago **Hotel Praiamar**

Overall: 3 Nights + Dayuse



Praiamar is located in a residential area close to a black sandy beach and overlooks the ocean. It is a very comfortable hotel set in extensive grounds. The bright styled rooms have excellent bathrooms and there is also a lovely outdoor pool with Jacuzzi area at one end and a pleasant bar overlooking the area. Still part of the hotel, but just across the road, you can find a bar with regular live music and a small complex of gift shops.

Location (approx.): Centre 3,5 km, beach 2 walking minutes, airport 6,5 km.

Facilities: 123 rooms including 3 suites and presidential suite, different buildings with restaurant, bars as well as different conference rooms, saltwater pool, separate children pool, sun terrace, sunbeds and parasols.

Sport & Leisure: Tennis courts, gym.

Accommodation: All rooms en suite with TV, telephone, minibar, safe and air conditioning.

Meals: Breakfast buffet, half board with menu.

Credit cards: VISA, Diners.

São Filipe - Fogo **Hotel Xaguete**

3 Nights



Located on a cliff overlooking the ocean towards Brava, this small hotel is great for those looking for a bit of comfort especially after trekking around Mount Fogo. The Rooms are tastefully decorated with colourful bathrooms. Reception and public areas are clean, spacious and fresh. The pretty outdoor pool is set in a delightful terrace area surrounded by flowers and palm trees with great views over the ocean. This is one of the most attractive hotels on the islands, not too large but with good facilities.

Location (approx.): Centre 500 m, beach 1 km, airport 3 km.

Facilities: 39 rooms, restaurant, bar, snack bar, gift shop, massage and therapy room, large swimming pool with bar.

Rooms: All rooms en suite (14 with sea view), air conditioning, TV, telephone, minibar and safe.

Meals: Breakfast buffet, half board with menu.

Credit cards: VISA and MasterCard.

Morrinho - Maio
Vila Maris Ecolodge
3 nights



The first Ecolodge on Maio Island is located in Morro and dedicated to the philosophy of eco-tourism. The accommodation does not have TVs or radios and is the perfect place to relax and escape the everyday life and immerse with the nature.

Location (approx.): city centre of Santa Maria 150 m, directly at the beach, airport 18 km.

Facilities: 54 housing units each equipped with private entrances, terrace, kitchenette and private bathroom. Free WI-FI.

Accommodation: There are four different categories:

Studios (25 sqm): Double room with private terrace (16 sqm)

Garden apartment (33 sqm): Up to 4 pax with private terrace (24 sqm). Double bed and sofa bed.

Garden Villa (50 sqm): Spacious two-bedroom villa with private terrace (36 sqm). Up to 4 pax.

Deluxe Beach Villa (81 sqm): Two-bedroom villa with direct sea view up to 4 pax. Terrace (46 sqm).

Meals: Breakfast and dinner in the local restaurant.

Credit cards: MasterCard, VISA.