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The Azores

Atlanta Public Schools • February 15-21 2026

Our Agenda

- I. Our experience and partnership with Insight Global Education
- II. Where and When
- III. What's Included (and what's not)
- IV. Cost and how to enroll
- V. Next Steps

Drop your questions in the chat. We will email answers in a FAQs for any we do not cover tonight.





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About Insight



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About us

Where education meets travel

Insight delivers educational travel programs that take students out of the classroom and challenge them to learn about how the world really works. We deliver immersive experiences for students in locations that are safe, unique, culturally vibrant, and educational at the core.

About us

1. Delivering educational travel programs since 2013
2. Program options available in 22 countries
3. Developing educational resources and curriculum for teachers
4. Facilitating teacher trainings, educational conferences and workshops on a number of topics related to student travel and global citizenship education



Program introduction

Program summary

The Azores, Portugal, swiftly shifted from a global whale-hunting hub to a top whale-watching destination. Resilient and creative locals adapted to this change imposed by mainland legislation and to the challenges of living on remote islands with unique landscapes and climates. Explore volcanic black sand beaches, immerse yourself in a deeply rooted whale culture, and engage in marine conservation on this unforgettable trip. Discover a special corner of the ocean where resilience and creativity converge in one of the world's most unique destinations.

Program details

Themes

Marine Sciences and Conservation, Biodiversity, Cultural Geography

Dates

February 15-21, 2026

Duration

7 days (including travel)

This program engages participants with the principles of the following **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**:



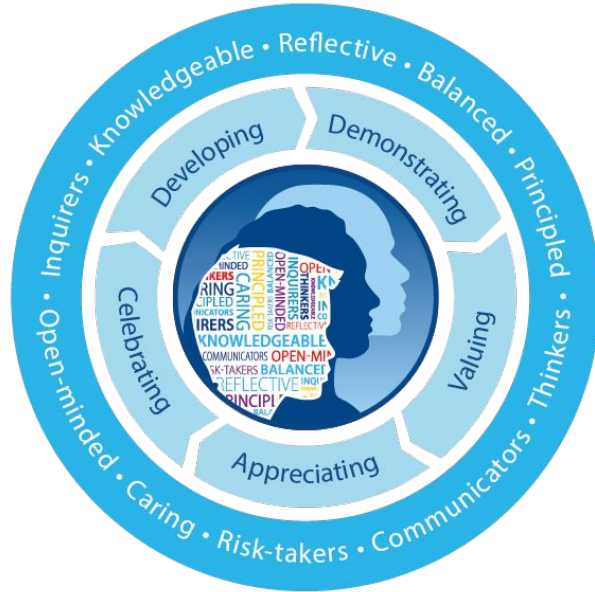
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IB Learner Profile



APS Gifted Standards:
Global Citizenship,
Advanced Communication
Skills, Creative Problem
Solving, Leadership, Social
Emotional Learning

STE(A)M Learner Profile



Educational Resources

Preparing for life after high school



HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Earn credit
with a personal
project



COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Use your tour
to inspire your
personal essay

It's more than an itinerary

Student travelers have said...

95%



Expanded their knowledge of
the world around them

92%



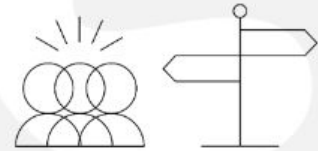
Discovered more about
themselves

98%



Grew more confident and independent

89%



Understand more about new people,
places & cultures

Program map

Highlights

- Travel to São Miguel Island
- Fly into/out of Ponta Delgada
- Connect with local environmental organizations and nonprofits
- Experience the Azores' unique island culture and maritime heritage
- Explore volcanic landscapes, crater lakes, lush forests, and dramatic coastlines
- Take part in hands-on activities like cetacean identification and reforestation fieldwork
- Relax in natural geothermal hot springs



Program itinerary

Day 1:

Travel

- Travel to São Miguel Island, Azores

Day 2:

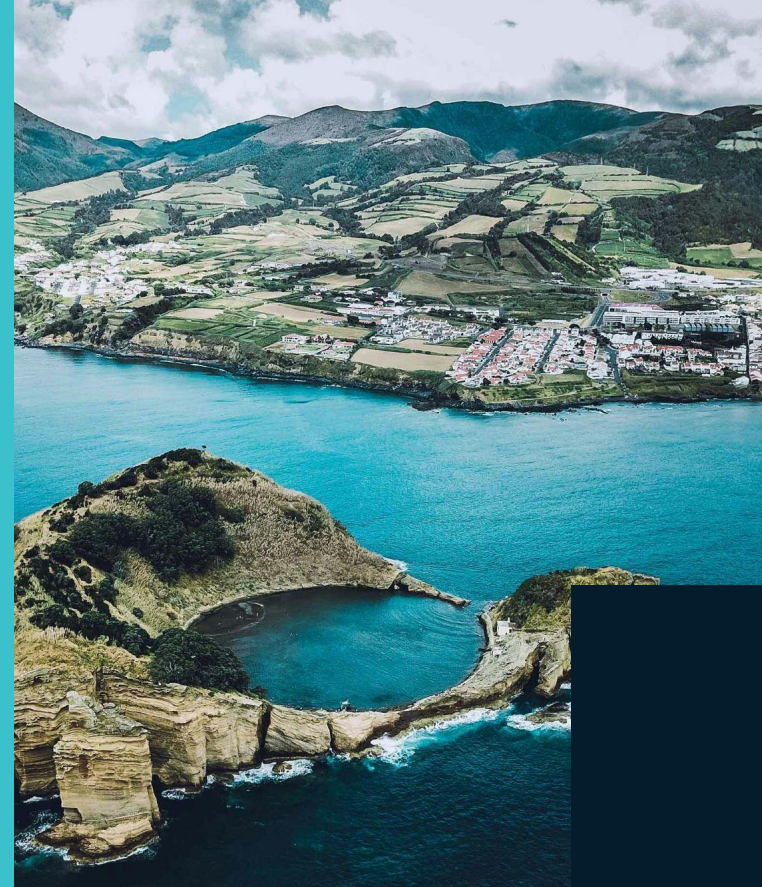
Welcome to the Azores!

- Program overview
- Portuguese 101
- Explore the dramatic landscapes around Sete Cidades

Day 3:

Oceans + Observation

- Join marine biologists on a Zodiac expedition to spot whales and dolphins
- Practice photo-ID techniques and record acoustic data with a hydrophone
- Collect and analyze microplastics from the ocean



Program itinerary continued →

Day 4: Islands of Biodiversity

- Travel to Nordeste to take part in the Bullfinch habitat restoration project
- Learn about endemic species and ecosystem conservation
- Visit the Gorreana Tea Factory for a guided tour of one of Europe's oldest tea plantations

Day 5: Restore + Rewild

- Participate in the Roots of the Lookout reforestation initiative at Água de Pau
- Plant native species and explore regenerative land use practices
- Explore a local artisan market



Day 7:
Heated by
Nature

- Prepare a traditional Azorean cozido meal using volcanic steam
- Visit Terra Nostra Gardens and relax in geothermal hot springs

Day 8:
Travel

- Begin your journey home!



Inclusions

- Roundtrip airfare + 1 checked bag
- Ground transportation (private bus throughout the duration of the trip)
- Accommodations (hotels and lodgings throughout)
- Shared rooms, individual beds
- All meals
- All itinerary activities (no surprises or extra fees)
- Local guiding team from arrival to departure
- Global Facilitator from Insight
- Pre-departure orientation programming and trip coordination

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Costs and more

10-14 students
\$3,500 - \$3,800
+ flight (USD)

15-20 students
\$2,900 - \$3,200
+ flight (USD)

20-25 students
\$2,700 - \$3,000
+ flight (USD)

Secure your
child's spot
tonight!

- Final price will be communicated to students/parents once confirmed
- Deposits required to secure spots
- Refunds offered on deposits (if min. group size not met)
- Cap of 25 participants, min. of 10



<https://bit.ly/AzoresDeposit>

Our travel window

(the dates we'll need to block off for tour)

Blocking off a travel window for the experience lets Insight Global Education book every aspect of our group's itinerary—like flights, accommodations, site visits, and more—so that our travel experience is seamless and affordable.

	Earliest potential departure date	Latest potential return date
Travel Window		
	Friday, February 13, 2026	Sunday, February 22, 2026

Why join?



An inspiring destination where students can explore their passions in marine biology, ecological conservation, and global travel.



Authentic, locally-led experiences that empower students to become agents of change.



A unique opportunity for students to form lasting bonds while gaining new perspectives on the world around them.



A fully customized, expertly planned travel program designed with experiential learning principles, led by a team with decades of experience.



A global adventure where students will enhance their leadership, community, and collaboration skills through inquiry-based learning.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All travelers are responsible for securing necessary documentation

Passports

Valid passports are required for all travelers.
Passports may take up to 14 weeks to process.

Important Note: *Passports must be valid for at least six months after our return date.*

Visas

Non-U.S. citizens may require special visas or other travel documents.



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Next steps

1

Complete the Sign In & Interest Survey

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2

Pay the deposit to secure your child's spot.

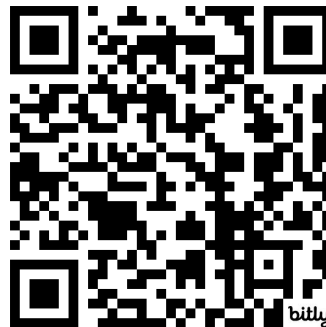
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Passport



**Expiration date
August 22, 2026
or later**



DEPOSIT



Who's in?

Spots available: 25

Enrollment window closes:

Monday, June 30, 2025

**To enroll you'll need to pay the
deposit at:**

<https://bit.ly/AzoresDeposit>

Questions:

Contact Dr. Cadence Spearman

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Let's talk!

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