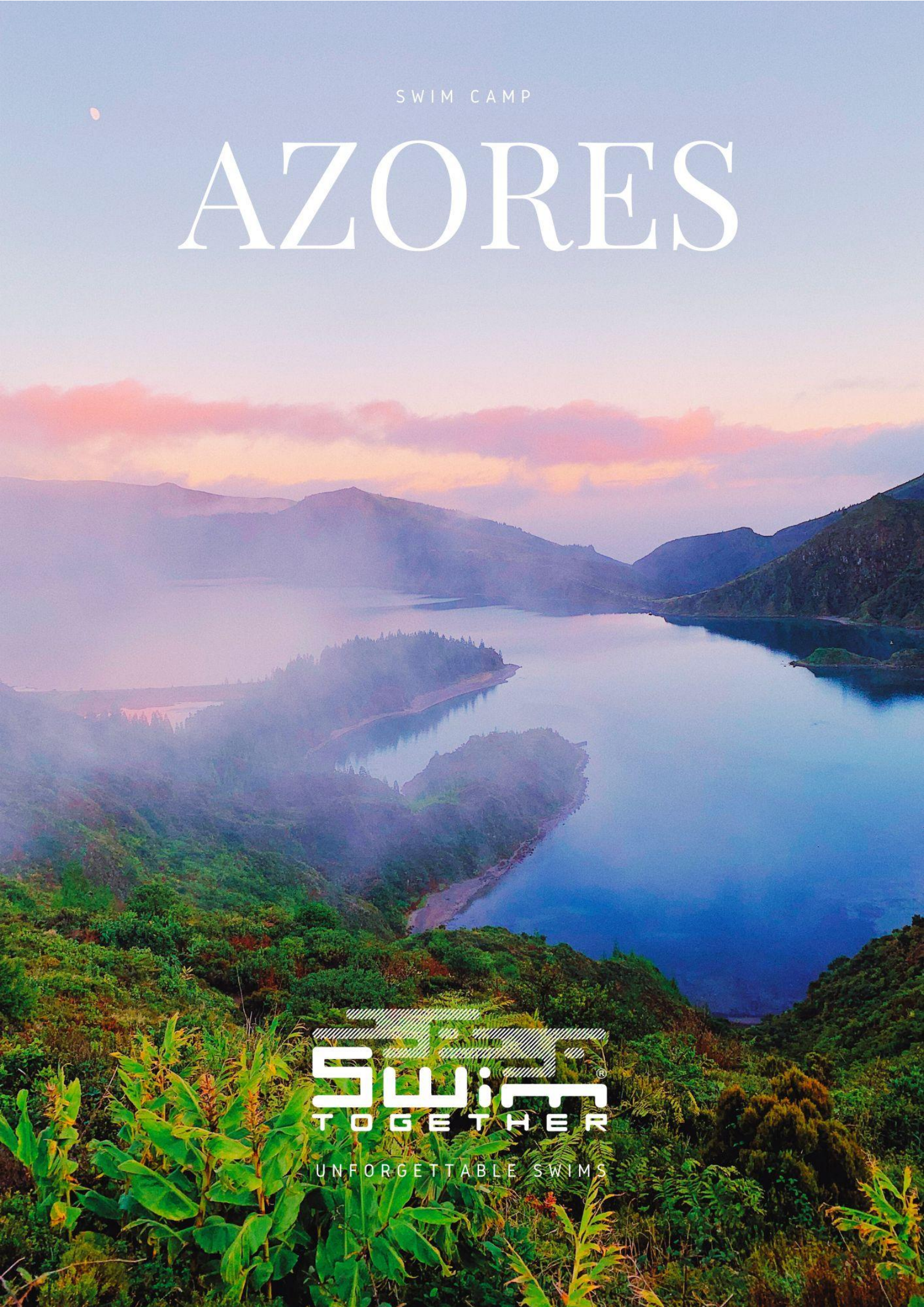

SWIM CAMP
AZORES
SWIM
TOGETHER
UNFORGETTABLE SWIMS



TRIP DESCRIPTION

Set in the middle of the North Atlantic, halfway between Europe and North America, lies the Azores, an extraordinary archipelago of nine volcanic islands. Often dubbed the “Hawaii of Europe,” this marine oasis offers open water swimming conditions unlike anywhere else on Earth. In these crystal-clear oceanic waters, you can swim alongside mobula rays, blue sharks, and marine life feeding on oceanic baitballs. Below the surface, dramatic lava arches, deep caverns, and exceptional visibility await. On land, emerald hills, volcanic craters, and natural thermal springs complete the experience.

Over six unforgettable days, we explore the Central Group: Faial, Pico, and São Jorge. Departing daily from the historic Horta Marina in Faial, our support boat take us directly to remote coastal routes and offshore marine sites. You will swim under the shadow of Mount Pico, Portugal’s highest peak, and along the towering vertical cliffs of Ponta dos Rosais in São Jorge.

The journey also takes us along the otherworldly lunar coastline of the Capelinhos Volcano in Faial. Weather permitting, we will venture out to Princess Alice Bank, a world-famous seamount 45 nautical miles offshore, for a deep-blue swim surrounded by pelagic life.

This week ends with the iconic and challenging Faial – Pico Channel Swimming Crossing (approximately 8 kilometers), which marks the beginning of Sea Week, the biggest event on the island of Faial.

Every swim is fully escorted by professional open water guides, escort boat, and safety support, giving you total peace of mind to focus on your stroke and enjoy the scenery. From navigating natural lava arches to gliding over oceanic drop-offs, every day brings a new perspective on this wild Atlantic paradise.

Are you ready to dive into the ultimate mid-Atlantic adventure?



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DAY 1 | WELCOME BRIEFING AND ACCLIMATIZATION SWIM

We will meet you at Horta Airport (Faial Island), where your airport transfer will be waiting to greet you. From here, enjoy a short 15-minute ride to the hotel for check-in. Once settled, we'll gather for a relaxed welcome lunch with your fellow swimmers, followed by an introductory briefing to go over the exciting week ahead. In the afternoon, we will take a short walk to Porto Pim Beach for our acclimatization swim: the perfect spot to test your equipment, adapt to the water, and enjoy the calm, clear sea along this beautiful bay of dark volcanic sand.





DAY 2 | PICO ISLAND: CAVES AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Today marks the beginning of our swim adventure in the Azores, as we head to Pico Island and set anchor at the stunning Baía de São Caetano. Dominated by Mount Pico, Portugal's highest peak, the island is world-famous for its dramatic volcanic landscapes, UNESCO-listed vineyard paths, and rich maritime heritage. Swimming in the crystal-clear waters of São Caetano Bay offers a truly special experience: framed by rugged basalt coastlines, the bay features unique volcanic rock formations and hidden sea caves to explore, all set against the majestic backdrop of the mountain rising above the horizon. Keep your eyes open along the way, navigating these deep waters is always full of surprises, and we never know when a whale or a curious super-pod of dolphins might join us on our journey. After lunch, we will visit the Capelinhos Volcano on Faial Island to learn about the fascinating history behind this awe-inspiring landscape, which last erupted in 1957–1958.



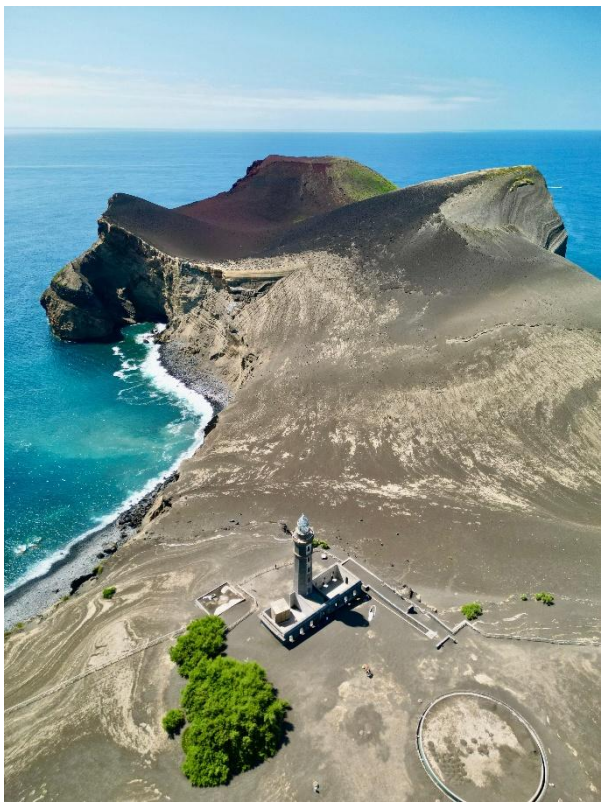




DAY 3 | THE EDGE OF CAPELINHOS VOLCANO

Heading to the west end of Faial Island, today's highlight is a breathtaking swim around the Capelinhos Volcano, an unforgettable route full of extraordinary surprises sculpted by the raw power of nature. Seen from the water, you will be awed by the sheer magnificence, stark beauty, and wild inaccessibility of this volcanic landmark. As we swim, we'll take in unique views of the iconic Capelinhos Lighthouse, deactivated following the dramatic eruption that forever reshaped the island's coastline. Keep a keen eye on the open blue during our journey. Who knows, we might even catch a glimpse of a majestic hammerhead shark gliding through these deep waters! After completing this incredible swim, we will head to the legendary Peter Café Sport for a well-deserved lunch, soaking in the atmosphere of one of the world's most famous maritime hangouts. Afterwards, we will visit the Caldeira, a monumental volcanic crater spanning 2 kilometers in diameter, surrounded by lush, primitive Laurissilva forest.







DAY 4 | PRINCESS ALICE BANK: SWIMMING WITH MOBULA RAYS

You will never forget the fourth day of our adventure. Departing earlier than usual, we embark on a 2.5-hour journey into the open ocean toward Princess Alice Bank, 45 miles offshore. As we cross the Atlantic depths, we're often joined by dolphins, sperm whales, and other majestic marine life. Rising from the ocean floor, this iconic seamount offers one of the world's best encounters with the elusive sicklefin devil ray (Mobula tarapacana), boasting an incredible 90% sighting success rate. Surrounded by endless shades of intense blue and crystal-clear visibility, the underwater world here feels like another planet. Swimming in the open ocean alongside schools of giant mobulas, and occasionally tuna or barracudas, is a true bucket-list experience. Enjoy a light lunch served on board as we take in the magic of this wild marine sanctuary.





DAY 5 | THE VERTIGINOUS VIEWS OF PONTA DOS ROSAIS

Known as “the sleeping dragon” due to its striking 53-kilometer coastline, the final day of our adventure takes us to São Jorge, the central jewel of the archipelago, for an unforgettable swim around Ponta dos Rosais. Along this dramatic stretch at the far northwestern tip of the island, you will swim beneath monumental coastal cliffs rising over 200 meters above sea leve, an awe-inspiring landscape carved by wind and waves. After completing this spectacular final swim, the afternoon is free to relax, unwind, and prepare your gear for the crossing. Later, we will attend the official briefing for the iconic Faial – Pico Channel Crossing, where you’ll meet your boat skipper, get to know your assigned team, and receive all technical instructions for the big swim ahead.

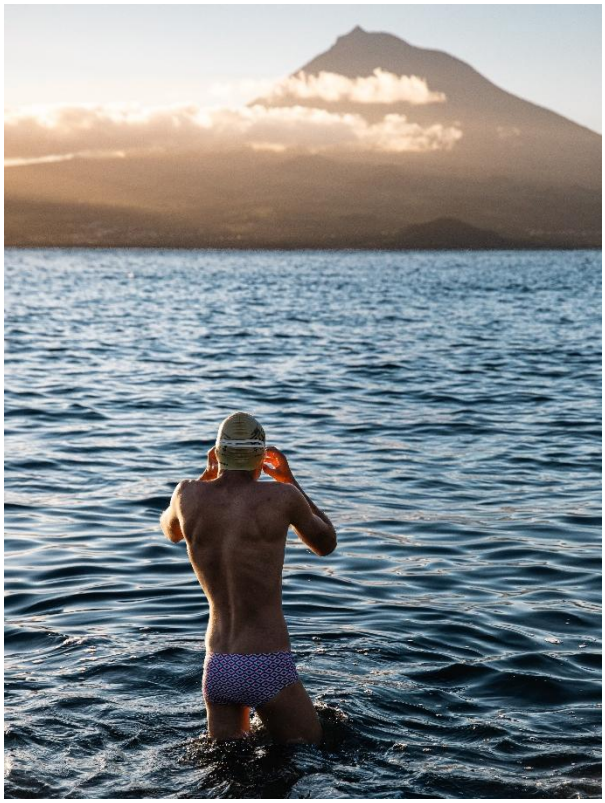


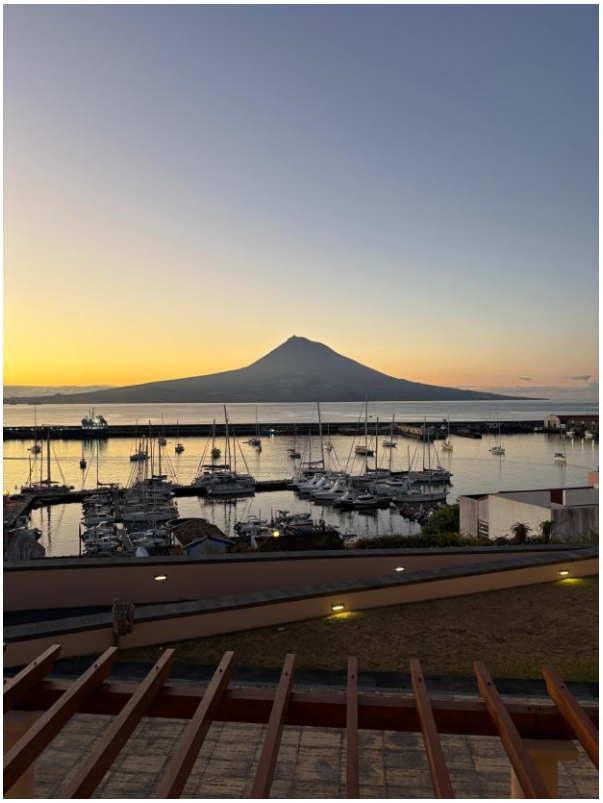




DAY 6 | FAIAL – PICO CHANNEL CROSSING

Today is the ultimate highlight of our journey: the legendary Faial – Pico Channel Swimming Crossing. Over 8 challenging kilometers across open ocean, our single target lies straight ahead: reaching the shores of Pico Island. his annual open water event, organized by the local Clube Naval da Horta, is a true bucket-list**.** After conquering the channel, the afternoon will be yours to relax and celebrate this immense achievement. In the evening, we will gather for the awards ceremony to honor every swimmer's incredible effort.



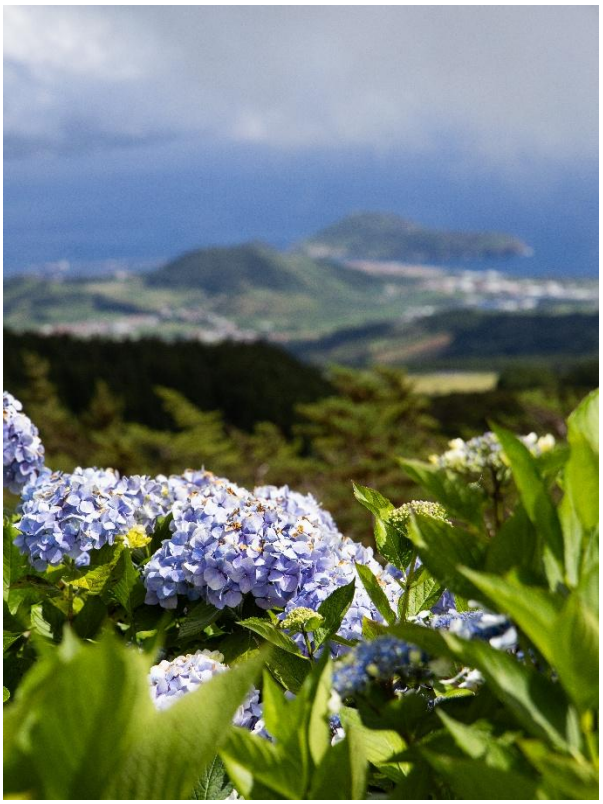




DAY 7 | GOODBYE AZORES: DEPARTURE DAY

Today we bid a fond farewell to everyone taking their flights back home. A transfer service will depart from the hotel to the airport, fully scheduled according to your individual departure times to ensure a smooth and seamless journey. Thank you for sharing this unforgettable swim adventure across the Azores with us. Safe travels home, and we hope to see you in the water again soon!







WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- **Safety:**
  - Personal Accidents Insurance
  - Accompanied by experienced swim guides
  - Open water sessions are accompanied by one boat and one kayak
- **Food:**
  - Breakfasts
  - Lunches[1]
  - Water, tea, dry fruits and fruits during swimming moments
- **Accommodation**:
  - 6 nights at Azoris Faial Garden – Resort Hotel[2]
  - Twin rooms for all customers with standard view. Upgrade to single and/or sea view (extra cost)
- **Transfers:**
  - During all trip in a 9-seater van or similar
- **Others**:
  - Photos
  - Faial - Pico Channel Swimming Crossing Registration

[1] Only waters included. Other drinks with extra cost. **NOTE**: Vegetarian option included.
[2] The accommodation is subject to availability and may change to a similar alternative.



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Equipment
- Flights
- Personal extras, gratuities for local guides
- Evening meals[3]
- Anything not mention in the up section
- Personal travel insurance
- Extra Activities

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

In addition to your daily non-swimming clothes, we also recommend that you bring the following items:

✓	ITEM	✓	ITEM
☐	Swimming Costume (x2)	☐	Towel
☐	Swimming Goggles (x2)*	☐	Small Daypack / Dry bag
☐	Wetsuit (Optional)	☐	Poncho / Dry Robe
☐	Swim Buoy	☐	Warm Clothes and Waterproof Jacket
☐	Sun Hat and Sunglasses	☐	Walking Shoes / Sandals
☐	High Factor, Water Resistant Sun Cream	☐	Anti-chafing cream or neck protector
☐	Fins and Paddles (Optional)	☐	Aqua Shoes

* Try to bring one clear lens and one tinted lens for different light conditions.

Equipment Rental: Wetsuits and swimming gear can be rented at the meeting point. Please request your equipment at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the trip.

[3] Special conditions with the hotel. **NOTE**: Vegetarian option included.



ACCOMMODATION

Located in Horta, on the island of Faial, Azoris Faial Garden is a 4-star resort offering a breathtaking setting with panoramic views over the Atlantic Ocean, the vibrant Horta Marina, and the iconic Peak of Mount Pico towering in the distance.

Set within a peaceful parkland setting, the resort provides the perfect balance of relaxation, convenience, and comfort after an inspiring day on or in the water. Whether relaxing by the pool or enjoying a quiet evening overlooking the bay, Azoris Faial Garden serves as an exceptional base for an unforgettable Azorean experience.





SWIMMING DISTANCE

This swimming holiday takes place in Azores Island and is approximately 21-24km (average of 3.5km / day). Please note that the below daily itineraries are an example of the swims that may take place during the course of your trip, however, actual swim locations and distances will vary according to local weather and sea conditions. Your SwimTogether guides and local boat pilot will determine the most suitable swim locations each day and will communicate the plan with all guests as soon as possible.

SEA CONDITIONS

Swimming in the sea is a unique experience, however, you should be aware of marine life such as jellyfish, sea urchins and seaweed. In addition, the sea and weather conditions may make the swimming more challenging.

WATER TEMPERATURE

The average temperature during this time of the year is between 21ºC and 24ºC (70ºF and 75ºF), reason why the use of wetsuit is optional.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The experience of outdoor swimming can be challenging, but extremely out of the ordinary. Having a natural self confidence to swim in open waters is an asset. The minimum required swimming speed that you can achieve is 30min/km, and the minimum required swim distance you can do nonstop is 2km. This swim camp can be accompanied by adult family members or friends who travel with you and are not participating in the swimming.

GROUP SIZE

This swimming holiday has a maximum of 10 participants. According to the speed of the swimmers we can make 2 groups. Each group is escorted by a safety team.

SAFETY

The whole trip will be accompanied by 2 experienced guides who will stay with you in the water and at your hotel. Whenever you need you can ask them for information and assistance. All open water swimming sessions that are not performed in Porto Pim Beach will be accompanied by a boat and one kayak. During the open water swims you can get out of the water or ask for something to eat or drink.



MEETING POINT

Location: Horta Airport (HOR), Faial Island.

Pick Up Time: at any time on Day 1.

Drop Off Time: at any time on Day 7.

We will meet you at Horta Airport (Faial Island), where your airport transfer will be waiting to greet you. From here, enjoy a short 15-minute ride to the hotel for check-in.

