



Cape Verde - Three Island Tour



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING:

BROCHURE CODE: 5601
DURATION: 10 nights

In Brief

Experience the best of the Cape Verde Islands on this 10-night trip. You'll enjoy guided tours of awe-inspiring landscapes, unforgettable marine animal experiences with sharks and turtles, and plenty of free time to create your ideal bucket list holiday.



What's included?

- **Flights:** return flights from Sal to São Vicente
- **Transfers:** return airport transfers
- **Accommodation:** 6 nights in Hotel Morabeza (Sal island) and 4 nights in Hotel Porto Grande (São Vicente island)
- **Meals:** 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches
- **Activities:** Tour of Sal*, Tour of Sao Vicente, Swimming with Turtles and Tour of Santo Antao (order of activities is subject to change)
- Fully qualified guides and instructors during activities
- Equipment, training, and supervision for all activities with expert local guides

*A note on flights: whilst international flights to and from Cape Verde are not included in the holiday price, our team will happily provide a quote and arrange them for you. Simply ask one of our travel experts for details of the available options for you.

*Please note: the entrance fee to Buracona, the salt flats and hire of sea shoes are not included and must be paid locally in cash. The total for this is approximately €13 per person.

Trip Overview

From relaxing beaches to dramatic volcanoes, Cape Verde's 10 islands offer picturesque landscapes at every turn. This trip will see you explore 3 of these islands on a 10-night adventure designed to show you the best of Cape Verde's terrain, culture, and marine life.

Visiting Sal, Sao Vincente, and Santa Antao, we've included guided tours with a local expert to ensure you experience the very best of each location. During these tours, you'll visit museums to soak up the Cape Verdean culture, wade with reef sharks at the famous shark bay, and swim with turtles in their natural habitat. And the adventure doesn't stop there. As you explore each island, you'll be immersed in the incredibly diverse landscape, moving from the desert to salt flats, beaches to mountains.

The beauty of this 10-night trip is that we've left plenty of free days to ensure you can design your dream holiday. We have a variety of optional activities in the 'personalise' section to suit every interest - whether you want to horseback ride on the beach, watch turtles come to shore to lay their eggs, go on a quad biking adventure, or experience a traditional Cape Verdean evening.

After each activity, you can relax in your expertly-chosen accommodation. Both hotels offer fantastic onsite facilities such as pools and restaurants but are also ideally located close to the nearby towns where local cuisine and live music awaits.

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Agenda

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Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL IN SAL

After arriving at the airport in Sal, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel accommodation, just a short walk from the centre of Santa Maria.

You'll be close to many different restaurants in the area or you can try one of the four onsite restaurants - so we suggest unpacking and heading out for your first taste of Cape Verde cuisine.

Included Meals: None

DAY
2

FREE DAY IN SAL

Today, following breakfast, you'll have a free day to spend as you please. We have a variety of optional activities to make your holiday extra special. Choose from adventurous excursions such as desert buggies or jet skiing to more relaxing trips including sailing or turtle watching. Simply speak to our travel advisors at the time of booking to secure your ideal activity.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
3

HALF DAY TOUR OF SAL ISLAND

After breakfast, you'll embark on a half-day tour to see the best of Sal Island. Your first stop is the fishing port village of Palmeira and the famous 'Blue eye' in Buracona before moving on to Terra Boa to see the exceptional expanse of desert and even mirages!

From here, you'll visit the capital of the island - Espargos - where you can visit historic sites as well as museums and galleries.

Following your time in the capital, you'll be taken to 'Shark Bay' where you'll have the unique opportunity to wade with reef sharks! After this incredible experience with the local marine life, you'll finish your trip with an unforgettable visit to the Pedra de Lume salt flats where you can easily float in the salt lake - 26 times saltier than the seawater.

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Included Meals: Breakfast

**DAY
4****FLIGHT TO SAO VICENTE**

Today, after breakfast, you will fly to Sao Vicente to begin the next part of your island adventure. The direct flight will take approximately 50 minutes and upon arrival at the airport, you'll be transferred to your hotel situated in the vibrant cultural capital of Mindelo.

Included Meals: Breakfast

**DAY
5****FULL DAY VISIT TO SANTO ANTAO ISLAND VIA FERRY**

Following breakfast, you'll be transferred to the harbour for your 50-minute ferry trip to the gorgeous island of Santo Antao. This island is known for its natural beauty, all of which you'll get to experience as you drive along the mountain road, up 1100m high, and to the crater of Cova volcano. From here, you'll take a short drive to Pico da Cruz where the pine forest and exceptional panoramic views of the greenest valley on the island await. After enjoying the views, the tour will take you into the municipality of Paul where you'll visit the Grogue distillery to try the famous sugar cane rum. Lunch is also included in the Ribeira da Tóree valley.

You'll take the ferry back to Sao Vincent and be transferred to your hotel to spend the evening as you please.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

**DAY
6****FULL DAY TOUR OF SAO VICENTE AND SWIM WITH TURTLES**

Fill up on breakfast in the hotel before heading out for the day for a full tour of the island and an exciting swim with turtles.

Your first stop will be Fortum d'EL Rei to enjoy panoramic views of Mindelo city. You'll then take a guided walk around the city to see several points of interest such as the market and museums.

Following your time in the city, you'll be transferred to Monte Verde, the highest point on the island and a natural park, for awe-inspiring views. Next, you'll visit the picturesque fishing village of Salamansa, where you'll have the opportunity to dip in the bay and enjoy lunch before moving onto the exquisite turquoise waters of Praia Grande. Finally, you'll stop at Magic Bay where, following a safety briefing, your experienced local guides will help you get ready for swimming with turtles in their natural habitat.

After this unforgettable experience, you'll be transferred back to the hotel for a relaxing evening to do as you please.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY
7

FREE DAY ON SAO VICENTE

Today following breakfast you have the day free to enjoy as you please. Why not relax at the hotel and enjoy your last day on Sao Vincente.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
8

FLIGHT TO SAL

After breakfast, you'll fly back to Sal to spend the last few days of your trip. The flight will take approximately 50 minutes and you will be transferred to your hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
9

FREE DAY

Today you have the day completely free to spend as you please. Choose from one of our many optional activities to craft your perfect trip.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
10

FREE DAY

Following breakfast, you have another free day to tailor however you'd like. Our personalise activities give you plenty of choice to make your day special.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
11

DEPARTURE

Today it is unfortunately time for your Cape Verde adventure to come to an end. Following breakfast, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home. If you have an early flight, we'll box up breakfast for you to take with you.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



Coast to Coast Off-Road Adventure

Journey off-road on a 4x4 adventure that will help you explore the varied landscape of Sal. From volcanic formations and wetlands to ravines and beaches, this adrenaline-filled day will take you to the must-see areas of Sal including the famous magical eye, the mirages of Terra boa, and the salt flats where you'll have the chance to float. You'll also visit shark bay to wade with the reef sharks and kite beach before returning back to your hotel. Lunch is included.

Please note: 5€ entrance fee to the salt flats, 1€ freshwater shower at Sal Flats and 3€ ecological tax for the visit to Buracona are not included in the price and will need to be paid cash locally.

Available: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 09:00

Duration: approximately 8 hours

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Traditional Cape Verdean Evening

Enjoy a traditional Cape Verdean evening with a night of local delicacies, music, and dancing.

You'll arrive at one of the best local restaurants on the island and be greeted with a welcome drink. For dinner, you have a choice of typical Cape Verdean specialties, such as the 'Catchupa', a tasty rich stew. As you enjoy the delicious food, you'll watch a show of soft live music - the famous "Mornas" and "Coladeras". Once you've finished, you can watch the Cape Verdean dances from the island and even join in and learn!

Available: Wednesday

Duration: approximately 3 hours



Desert Buggy Adventure

Venture into the desert for an unforgettable buggy adventure. Choose from a 2 hour nighttime excursion where you'll use special lights to navigate or a daytime trip either 2 hours or 4 hours.

You'll visit the famous Kite Beach and travel from here to Serra Negra, one of the main spots on the island for Turtle nesting. If you choose the 4-hour trip, you'll also head north to shark bay, the salt flats, see the magic eye, and more!

Duration: various available

There are a range of durations to choose from:

2 hours (night time) - £70per person (based on two sharing)

Available: everyday except Sunday at 20:00

2 hours - £55 per person (based on two sharing)

Available: everyday except Sunday at 14:00 and 16:00

4 hours - £102 per person (based on two sharing)

Available: everyday except Sunday at 09:00

Please note: the driver of a desert buggy must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid drivers license. Single driver supplement applies.



Zipline

Journey to the top of the Serra Negra mountain for a ziplining experience you'll never forget. After being transferred by jeep to the base, you'll take a steep 15 minutes walk (we recommend sturdy shoes for this) to reach the top of the mountain with exceptional views along the way. Once at the top, you'll meet with the crew who will get you ready with all the equipment you need and give you a safety briefing. Then it's time to start your flight ziplining down the mountain - one of the most unique ways to experience the beautiful landscape!

Available: everyday except Sunday



Segway Tour

Explore Santa Maria the eco way. This segway adventure will take you through the village and onto Sal's most beautiful beach. Choose from a 45-minute or 1.5-hour tour.

Available: everyday except Sunday at 09:00 and 15:00

Duration: various available

There are a range of durations to choose from:

45 minutes - £30 per person

1.5 hours - £50 per person



Sailing

Sail along the west coast of Sal and if conditions allow, you can snorkel along the coast or in the Santa Maria bay. While out at sea, you'll have the opportunity to look for the wildlife in the area including whales, dolphins, flying fish, and turtles. You can also take part in fishing if conditions allow. Choose from a full-day or half-day excursion to see the island from this unique perspective. During the full-day trip, you'll enjoy a fresh lunch on board as well as snacks and a free bar.

Duration: various available

There are a range of durations to choose from:

Half day (3 hours) - £55 per person

Available: daily at 09:00 and 14:00

Full day (6 hours) - £120 per person

Available: daily at 10:00



Half-day Catamaran

Enjoy the views of Sal Island from the ocean on this relaxing catamaran sailing experience. You'll sail along the coast from Palmeria, stopping at Murdeira Bay where you can snorkel, swim, fish, or simply relax on board. During the trip, the crew will provide a fun entertainment programme as you look out for turtles (June-September) or whales (February-March).

Available: Monday and Friday at 10:00 and Saturday at 13:30

Duration: approximately 3 hours



Horseback Riding

Explore Cape Verde on horseback, for a unique way to enjoy the natural landscape. Choose from a 1 hour or 2 hour option and ride over the salt flats and sandy beaches. Experienced riders will also get the opportunity to gallop through the surf.

Duration: various available

There are a range of durations to choose from:

1 hour (trial for beginners) - £50 per person. Available:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

1 hour (for experienced riders) - £60 per person. Available: Everyday except Sunday

2 hour (trial for beginners) - £80 per person. Available: Everyday except Sunday



Jet Skiing

Speed across the water on this exciting jet ski tour. Accompanied by your local guide, you'll make your way across the water to explore the beautiful coastline.

Available: Monday to Saturday

Duration: various available

There are a range of durations to choose from:

30 minutes - £35 per person (based on two sharing)

1 hour - £60 per person (based on two sharing)

2 hours - £100 per person (based on two sharing)

Please note: the driver of a jet ski must be at least 16 years old. Single driver supplement applies.



Snorkelling by Boat

Access some of the best snorkelling spots on the island with this guided tour. You'll be provided with all the equipment you need as your guide gives you a detailed briefing including what marine flora and fauna to look out for. Not suitable for non-swimmers.

Available: everyday except Saturdays at 09:10 and 14:10

Duration: approximately 1 hour



Project Turtle Tracker

Witness the wonder of the wild on this nighttime turtle nesting experience. You'll be transferred by pick-up truck for approximately 15 minutes to one of the best turtle-nesting beaches on the island. You will be welcomed into the glamping tent for tea and coffee and a comprehensive introduction. The briefing will tell you all about the biology of sea turtles and the safeguarding work being done on the Cape Verde islands. You'll also learn about the rules to follow to ensure you don't disturb the turtles as they come up to nest.

After the talk, you'll head out under the starry night sky to start your search for the nesting turtles - an unforgettable experience in nature! As a souvenir, you'll be sent a video with details from the adventure via email.

Available: daily at 20:00 and 21:00 (July and August only)

Duration: approximately 3 hours



Beginner Kitesurfing Lesson

Cape Verde is a famed kitesurfing destination, making it the perfect place for a beginner lesson on your holiday. You'll be transferred to the Mitu Monteiro (2008 World Kite Surfing Champion) & Jo Kitesurf Centre to learn Kite Surfing with the best teachers on the island.

Duration: approximately 3 hours



Quad Biking

Discover the hidden beauty of the south on this 4x4 adventure. Riding on your powerful 500cc quad bikes, you'll be able to explore areas you wouldn't be able to via a car.

There are a range of durations to choose from:

2 hours - £45 per person (based on two sharing). Available every day except Sunday at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00

4 hours - £74 per person (based on two sharing). Available everyday except Sunday at 09:00 and 14:00

Please note: the driver of a quadbike must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid drivers license. Single driver supplement applies.

Included Accommodation

Hotel Morabeza – Sal (Nights: 1-3,8-10)



With a stunning sandy beach and turquoise water just across the promenade, a relaxing pool terrace, and only a few minutes walk to Santa Maria's town centre, the Morabeza Hotel is ideally situated for your Sal adventure.

Hotel Facilities

- A welcoming family-run atmosphere - Morabeza translates to hospitality
- Three pools for a refreshing dip
- Four fantastic restaurants
- A beach bar to soak up the sunshine and enjoy delicious food
- Two tennis courts, games room and free yoga classes available

Rooms

Facing either the garden side or the seaside, each room has a terrace or balcony to enjoy the views. All double rooms have a bathroom with shower or bathtub, hairdryer, telephone, TV, mini fridge, safe, air conditioning and ceiling fan, coffee and tea making facilities, and wireless internet.

Hotel Porto Grande - São Vicente (Nights: 4-7)



Located in the heart of São Vicente's cultural capital of Mindelo, the Hotel Porto Grande provides complete comfort and style for your stay. Enjoy both local and international food in the restaurant, relax in the pool, or take a stroll just 15 minutes to Laginha Beach.

Hotel facilities:

- Onsite pool to relax in
- Close to local shops, markets, cafes, and restaurants
- Hotel restaurant with Cape Verdean, Portuguese, or international cuisine
- Free wifi
- Beach bar, just a 10-minute walk
- Gym

Rooms

All rooms have a balcony overlooking the pool or Mindelo's bustling central square. Each come with a double or twin bed, bathroom with shower, air conditioning, TV, hairdryer, safe, and minibar.

The Specifics

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum Numbers Required For A Holiday To Operate

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Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

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