



Local Currency

The unit of currency in this port of call is the euro. There are 8 euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 euros, along with 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1 cent pieces. Every euro coin carries a common European face. On the obverse, each Member State decorates the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the Member States. There are 7 euro notes. In different colors and sizes, they are denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, and 5 euros. The notes are uniform throughout the euro area; unlike coins, they have no national side. All euro notes are legal tender in all countries of the euro area.



Office/Telephone Facilities

The main Post Office is located at Praça Vasco da Gama, Ponta Delgada. Phone calls can be placed with your personal calling card at phones located throughout the city. A coin may be required to access the following codes:

AT&T: 05017-1-288 / MCI: 05-017-1234 / SPRINT: 05-017-1877



Tourist Information

The Tourist Office is located at Avenida Infante D. Henrique, 9500 Ponta Delgada.



Transportation

A number of taxis are usually available at the pier and some will accept U.S. Dollars. The city center is within walking distance.



Useful Words

Yes • Sim No • Não Good Day • Bom Dia
Good Afternoon • Boa Tarde Thank You • Obrigado
You're Welcome • De Nada

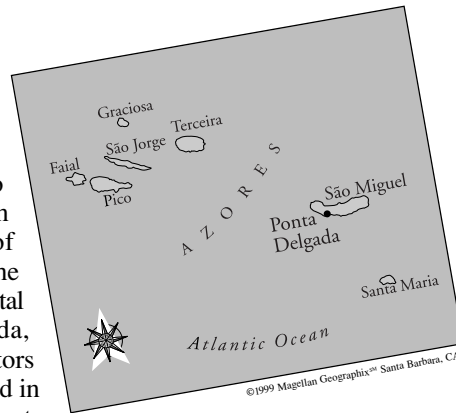
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Ponta Delgada



General Information

São Miguel is the largest island of the mid-Atlantic Azores archipelago and is known to locals as the “green island” because of its lush foliage. The island, and its capital of Ponta Delgada, attracts more visitors than any other island in the archipelago, due to its many attractions including its untouched landscapes, volcanic formations, charming beaches and tourist facilities. Today São Miguel is the most important political and administrative center of the Azores.



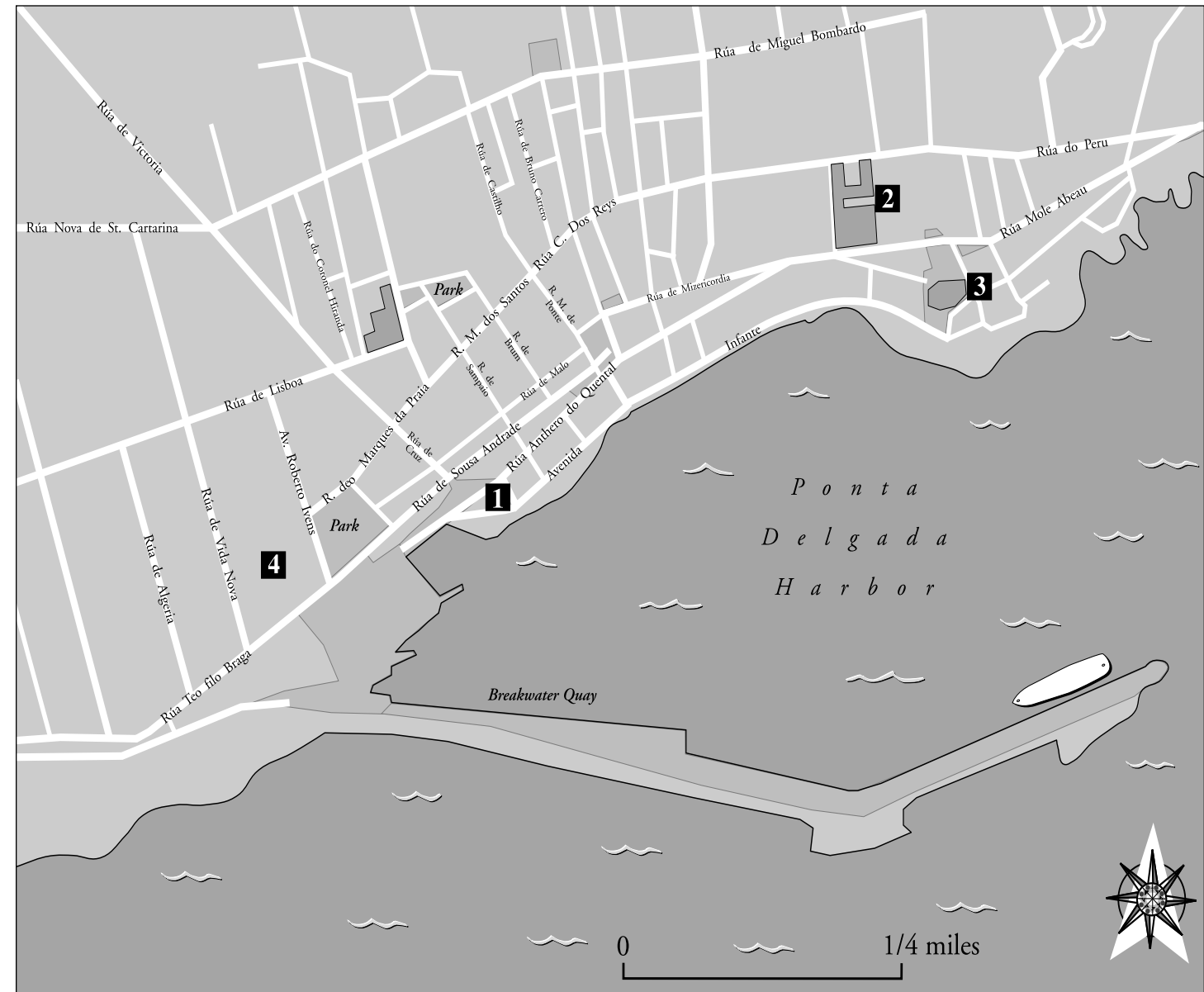
The Azores covers an area of 373 miles (600 km). The nine volcanic islands that make up this archipelago rest some 900 miles off the coast of Portugal in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Legend has it that the Azores are that of the lost city of Atlantis.

Ponta Delgada has a population of approximately 21,000, and houses the government offices of the Azores and the university. The city became the capital in 1546, at which time barriers were erected to protect the town from pirate attacks. Extremely prosperous in both the 18th and 19th centuries, the capital saw the building of many churches and estates.

Today São Miguel is known for its agricultural products: tobacco, tea, chicory and pineapples. Pineapples from São Miguel are a prized commodity, exported throughout Europe, and have been known to grace the grand buffets of Buckingham Palace for the British Royal Family.



Places of Interest



1 The Historic Quarter of Ponta Delgada is home to splendid 17th and 18th century mansions.

2 The Carlos Machado Museum (Museu Carlos Machado) is located in the 17th – 18th century Santo

Andres Monastery. The museum was founded in 1876 and it houses a wide collection of paintings from the 16th century, as well as sculptures, jewelry, prints, and painted ceramic tiles.

