



Discovery Circuit S. Vicente / Santo Antão - 8 days



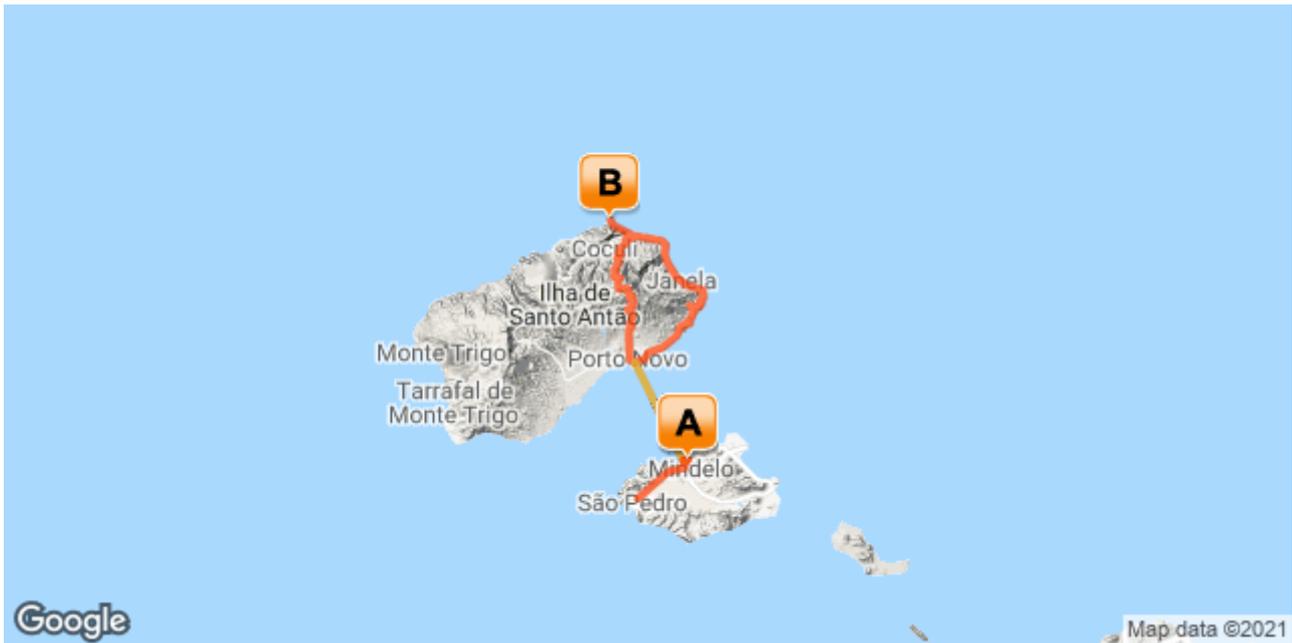
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São Vicente - Santo Antao

8 Days / 7 Nights

0 Persons

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Introduction

This circuit will take you to an unforgettable trip through two of the most iconic islands of Cape Verde.

S. Vicente and its capital Mindelo, known as capital of culture and music. Its bay is considered one of the most beautiful in the world.

Santo Antao, is reputed to be the most beautiful island of Cape Verde thanks to its mountains and villages hanging on hillsides. With a lush nature, you will have the chance to amaze yourselves with wonderful panoramic views.

Sharing, Encounter, Amazement will be the main words of this circuit

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel	São Vicente	B&B	3 Nights
Tiduca Hotel	Santo Antao	B&B	2 Nights
Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel	São Vicente	B&B	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Included

All transfers in S. Vicente and Santo Antão

Hotels in double room with BB

Sao Vicente / Santo Antão Ferry (round trip)

Meals: Lunch D2 to D6 D7 dinner

São Vicente - 1 thematic city tour with lunch + 1 full day discovery tour with lunch + 1 activity with transfer

Santo Antão - 3 full day discoveries with lunch

Excluded

TSA 34 € / person

Tourist tax of 2 € / night per person

All meals except lunch D2 to D6 and dinner D7

Personal expenses

Day 1: Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel, São Vicente

São Vicente

São Vicente is an arid island. This Cape Verdean island features hidden beaches, fishing villages and extinct volcanoes. The landscape is dominated by Monte Verde which rises to 750 metres, its name 'Green Mountain' harks back to earlier times when the climate of the island was more conducive to plant growth. It is home to the archipelago's cultural capital, the city of Mindelo, Cape Verde's second largest town. Visitors can explore several extinct volcanoes, enjoy excellent windsurfing, play a round of golf on Cape Verde's only golf course featuring 'greens' made of mud, and soak up the traditional Cape Verdean 'morna' music spilling out into the streets from Mindelo's cafes and bars.

Day Itinerary

Arrival to Cesaria Evora International Airport!

Meet and greet at your hotel.

Overnight: Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel

The Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel is located in the centre of the city of Mindelo. The hotel is within walking distance of Mindelo Bay, the Sea Museum, Mindelo Marina, Municipal Market, various stores and a Ferry to the neighbouring Island of Santa Antao.

The 48 rooms and 2 suites of the hotel all feature a balcony, air conditioning, satellite TV, minibar, hair-dryer and a safe.

The on-site restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with Cape Verdean gastronomy and Portuguese and international cuisine. Guests can enjoy a drink at the Lobby Bar on the Terrace with live music, or at the Mindelo Terrace in the Summer. The hotel also features the Kalimba Beach Club, which is only a 10-minute walk from the hotel.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel, São Vicente

Activities

São Vicente Island tour - beaches and volcanoes

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Discover the different scenarios of São Vicente, with its beautiful **beaches and extinct volcanoes**.

We start with a walking tour of the cosmopolitan city of **Mindelo**, the capital, then **climb Monte Verde** for its panoramic view, **Salamansa** and its kitesurfing beach, **Baía das Gatas**, known for its music festival. and its natural pools (free time for swimming).

We will also pass by **Praia Grande**, an incredible white sand beach and **Calhau** with its extinct volcanoes, from where we can see the island of Santa Luzia.

We return to the city center by the **Madeiral road**.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel, São Vicente

Activities

São Vicente - Cesaria Évora Mindelo city tour

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Today the day will be dedicated to Cesária Évora, the **barefoot** diva and **Cape Verdean best known worldwide** . Born in Santo Antão, she lived all her life in Mindelo, where she got her passion for music. Tour includes:

- Visit to **the Cesária Museum - at the Governor's Palace** , with photographic exhibition, diva's clothes and props, press articles and career reports;
- We pass by an area where she has lived for many years, **Lombo**;
- We pass by the **Military Quarter of Mindelo**, where at 16 years old, she gave her first big concert
- Walk in the city centre, we will see **Eden Park** , where she gave several concerts and the house where she recorded her first CD, currently holds the handicraft center.
- Pass by **Caesar's House** in the city center, where she used to be sitting in her backyard, smoking barefoot.
- We pass by the **Cemetery, in Monte Sossego** - where is his grave, and then we will visit the **Guitar Studio Aniceto Gomes** with explanation and performance of guitars, which are the instruments that are played with Morna songs: guitar and “cavaquinho”
- We will finalize with a **meal** in Rua de Lisboa, where she often sang in British bars, in exchange for a glass of grog: **Café Royal** , which was her favourite place to sing serenades.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Tiduca Hotel, Santo Antao

Santo Antao

Santo Antao is one of the most beautiful islands of the Cape Verde Archipelago, offering visitors breathtaking landscapes. This Cape Verdean island features hidden beaches, cobblestoned roads, fishing villages, and majestic mountains. It is the second largest island with spectacular dramatic landscape characterised by lush green valleys, pine forests, sheer cliffs, rugged mountains and some fascinating flora. One of the main highlights is without a doubt the short yet awe-inspiring hikes through hidden valleys and secret villages along the ancient coast of this magnificently scenic island. It draws hiking enthusiasts from all corners of the globe. Visitors can also make a journey to the summit of Topo de Coroa, the highest point of the island standing at 1979 metres.

Day Itinerary

The day starts with an early transfer to the Mindelo Harbour. After one hour trip, you arrive to a new destination - Santo Antão Island.

Overnight: Tiduca Hotel

Set in Ponta do Sol, Tiduca Hotel features a fitness centre, bar, shared lounge, and free WiFi. Featuring a 24-hour front desk, this property also boasts a restaurant and a terrace. The accommodation offers room service, and luggage storage for guests.

At the hotel, all rooms come with a desk, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom. Each room comes with air conditioning, and certain units at Tiduca Hotel have a patio. A continental breakfast is available every morning at the accommodation.

This property also has one of the best-rated locations in Ponta do Sol! Guests are happier about it compared to other properties in the area.



Activities

Santo Antão - "The discovery"

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Tour to discover the main attractions of the island through the famous Corda road. You'll be passing through Água das Caldeiras, Ribeira Grande, Ponta de Sol and, of course, Paúl. A fabulous contrast between the aridity of the south side of the island and the forest in the heights, with luxuriant vegetation in the north. Not to be missed!

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Tiduca Hotel, Santo Antao

Activities

Santo antão - Nature

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Explore the most beautiful streams and picturesque villages. Discovery, Nature, Splendor will be the words of the day, while passing through Garça, Chã de Igreja, Cruzinha, Coculi, Ribeira da Torre and others.

A day full of stunning landscapes.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel, São Vicente

São Vicente

As previously described

Day Itinerary

This morning will start with the discovery of the southwestern side of the island,

Now it's time to say goodbye to the green island and return to S. Vicente.

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Activities

Santo Antão - Southwest discovery

Santo Antão - Descubrimiento del suroeste

Descubrimiento del lado suroeste de la isla, a través de paisajes volcánicos, campos de puzolana donde podrás avistar hermosos pueblos aislados ...

Descubrimiento de paisajes inusuales y pueblo de Lagedos conocido por su turismo sostenible. Paisaje típico, no solo por el tipo único de cultivos, sino también por el contraste de color que muestra la roca volcánica negra.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel, São Vicente

Day Itinerary

Free day

Later, at night, you will have the chance to enjoy a typical meal with live music at a local restaurant in Mindelo.

Activities

São Vicente - Cape verdean evening

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Tonight, you will have an authentic experience at Mindelo.

We will have a meal based on local dishes, including wine, and you will be surprised by the performance of a natural singer, who, accompanied by a guitar, will show you the best songs of this island, which is the island of music and culture!

Live music everyday during dinner.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 8: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Our journey has ended... It's now time to say goodbye to Cape Verde!

We hope you've enjoyed this journey through Cape Verde's beautiful landscapes, but above all through culture and way of living of its people! Transfer to Cesaria Evora International Airport.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Transport

Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
		Cesária Évora International Airport [VXE]	Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel		Transfer
		Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel	Mindelo Harbour		Transfer
		Porto Novo Harbour	Tiduca Hotel		Transfer
		Tiduca Hotel	Porto Novo Harbour		Transfer
		Mindelo Harbour	Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel		Transfer
		Oasis Atlantico Porto Grande Hotel	Cesária Évora International Airport [VXE]		Transfer

Voyage Information

Date	Boat	Agency	Departure Port	Time	Arrival Port	Time	Class	Ref
	Cruise		Mindelo Harbour		Porto Novo Harbour			
	Cruise		Porto Novo Harbour		Mindelo Harbour			

Urgent Contact Numbers

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Travel Information

Glencove B&B ligt in een rustige omgeving, op slechts 15 minuten rijden van de luchthaven Shannon en op 5 minuten rijden van het centrum van Ennis. De gastenkamers zijn allemaal voorzien van een eigen badkamer en comfortabel ingericht om een goede nachtrust te garanderen. Er zijn tweepersoons-, twinkamers en kamers met een tweepersoonsbed en een eenpersoonsbed beschikbaar. Tot de faciliteiten voor het gemak van de gasten behoren een lounge en ontbijt.

| Basis

LO: Logies en ontbijt

| Activiteiten



Galway

Informatie: Galway is de hoofdstad van het gelijknamige graafschap. De stad is één van de snelst groeiende steden van Ierland. Het is een hele gezellige stad. In de wintermaanden zijn het de ca. 4000 studenten die zorgen voor een levendig straatbeeld, in de zomer worden zij afgelost door jongeren uit heel Europa die op de muziek afkomen. Het centrum van de stad ligt aan de rivier de Corrib. Een deel van Quay Street, High Street en Shop Street is voetgangersgebied. Het Eyre Square Centre is in 1991 geopend; in het winkelcentrum is een stuk van de oude middeleeuwse stadsmuur te zien dat blootgelegd is bij de bouw van het winkelcentrum. Lynch's Castle is het best bewaard gebleven stadskasteel van Galway; er is nu een filiaal van een bank in gevestigd maar vele generaties lang heeft hier de familie Lynch gewoond. Gezegd wordt dat Christoffel Columbus in the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, gebouwd in 1320, gebeden heeft voordat hij koers zette naar Amerika. Aan de kant van de haven staat de Spanish Arch, een restant van een in 1584 gebouwde uitbreiding van de stadsmuren, bedoeld om de kades te beschermen. Hier losten Spaanse kooplieden hun schepen. Wellicht dat u hier ook een Galway-hoeker ziet, een traditioneel houten zeilschip met een brede zwarte romp, een dikke mast en witte of roestkleurige zeilen.

The Burren

Informatie: The Burren ligt in het schilderachtige County Clare en is een pittoresk rotsachtig landschap met een groot aantal flora gluren uit de spleten. Bezoekers kunnen meer dan 900 plantensoorten, vlinders, motten, vossen, dennenmarter, wilde geiten en meer dan 80 graven die dateren uit het Mesolithicum.



Comprised of nine inhabited islands; one uninhabited island and eight islets, the idyllic holiday getaway of Cape Verde offers a smorgasbord of attractions to thrill even the most jaded of travellers. The islands are blessed with stunning beaches lapped by azure waters as well as lush mountainous areas providing ample opportunities for adventurous outdoor activities including, among others: game fishing, kite surfing, jet skiing, canyoning and hiking. Culture lovers are also well catered for with plenty of interesting art, music, colonial architecture, lively markets, and delicious local cuisine on offer in the bustling cultural capital of Mindelo. From the UNESCO world heritage site of the old fort of Santiago to the vast remote beaches and exceptional shipwreck dive sites of Boa Vista, this diverse archipelago truly does have something to satisfy each and every visitor.

Banking and Currency

Currency

Cape Verde Escudo (CVE) = 100 centavos. Notes are in denominations of CVE5,000, 2,000, 1,000 and 500. Coins are in denominations of CVE200, 100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1.

The import and export of local currency is prohibited. The import of foreign currency is unlimited, subject to declaration on and arrival and on departure. The export of foreign currency is limited to the equivalent of CVE1,000,000 or the amount declared on arrival, whichever is the larger.

Currency exchange is available at the airport and in local banks. Currency cannot be reconverted, except in Portugal.

Banking

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 08h00-14h00.

Credit cards are rarely used. A few major hotels accept Visa. Currency can be obtained in banks from credit cards but charges are very high. There are ATMs in Sal, Praia and São Vincent.

Travellers cheques are accepted in main towns and tourist areas, though the exchange can often be problematic.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

TACV - Cabo Verde Airlines (www.tacv.cv) is the main domestic carrier. There are internal flights available to all inhabited islands except Brava and San Antao. Private charters are available from the Cape Verde Express air-taxi service (www.capeverdeexpress.com).

Cape Verde Airpass: available from TACV to passengers booking their long-distance tickets through the airline or their agents, offering discounted flights within Cape Verde. A minimum of two internal flights must be booked and the pass is valid for 21 days.

Car hire is Available on the main islands; book in advance when possible. There are over 2,250km (1,400 miles) of roads on the islands, of which one-third are cobbled. There is a road improvement programme underway to convert cobblestone roads into asphalt. Road conditions and driving standards are generally of a reasonable quality, although paved roads are mostly narrow and winding. Cars are driven on the right side of the road. An International Driving Permit is legally required and proof of insurance should be displayed on the car windscreen. Drivers can be hired to see the main sights on the islands.

Taxi fares should be agreed in advance, although some prefer to use the taximeter. Seat belts must be worn. Children under 12 should sit in the back seat.

There is a daily ferry service operating between the port of Mindelo, São Vicente and Santo Antao. Cargo ships may also accept passengers and regular services connect Santiago, Fogo and Brava; however, these are primarily for cargo supply and demand and so are inconsistent. Sea conditions around Cape Verde are sometimes treacherous, due to many submerged rocks. Travel by sea to the southern islands of Brava and Fogo can be particularly disrupted.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

All water should be regarded as being potentially contaminated. All drinking water should be bottled, boiled or carbonated. Water used for brushing teeth or making ice should have first been boiled or otherwise sterilised. Milk is unpasteurised and should be boiled. Powdered or tinned milk is available and is advised. Avoid all dairy products and food from street vendors. Only eat well-cooked meat and fish. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit peeled.

Cape Verdean food is an enticing mixture of Creole, Portuguese and African flavours. The islands have a wealth of seafood which is often cooked straight from the sea. The influx of tourists is causing an increasing number of quality restaurants to open up.

It is normal to give a 10% tip for good service.

Climate and Weather

Cape Verde experiences warm temperatures year-round. However, there is a rainy season from August to October when rainfall is unpredictable. The coolest months are December to March. The best time to visit Cape Verde is from February to June, when the days are long and sunny.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Lightweight clothing is appropriate throughout the year. The Cape Verdeans display a wonderful cultural mix of Africa and Brazil, with a dash of Portugal. They are friendly, laid back and very tolerant. Our advice would be to travel light - and we mean really light. If you are staying on the main tourist destination of Sal, all you need during the day is beach wear, flip-flops, a sunhat and sunglasses. These are a must all year round - the sun is unbelievably hot even when it's cloudy. Outside of the hotels you will find it very difficult to get laundry cleaned, however with a temperature of at least 28c all year round washing and drying clothes is quick and easy to do. We would recommend you take your own good quality sunscreen as it is difficult to get and it is expensive. Pack insect/mosquito repellent too as again it's expensive to buy it there. Pop some sneakers or lightweight walking shoes in if you want to walk around the island.

Internet Availability

Major hotels offer laptop connections. Public access is available at the offices of Cabo Verde Telecom. Privately-run business centres in the main towns offer e-mail, Internet and fax facilities.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Cape Verde are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. It's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for all three types.

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Cape Verde usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC. If you're plugging in an appliance that was built for 220-240 volt electrical input, or an appliance that is compatible with multiple voltages, then an adapter is all you need.

But travel plug adapters do not change the voltage, so the electricity coming through the adapter will still be the same 220-240 volts the socket is supplying. If your appliance is not compatible for 220-240 volt electrical output, a voltage converter will be necessary.



Aillwee Cave

Informatie: Aillwee Cave ligt in het hart van de Burren in County Clare en is een van de oudste grotten van Ierland. Een rondleiding door de grotten duurt 30 minuten en omvat bezoekers die oversteken over overbrugde kloven, wandelen onder unieke formaties, langs een majestueuze waterval en het bekijken van de botten van de uitgestorven bruine beer. Na voltooiing van de tour kunnen bezoekers de omgeving verkennen

door het Burren kalkstenen pad boven de grot te beklimmen. De faciliteiten rondom de Aillwee Cave bestaan uit een tearoom, een restaurant, een cadeauwinkel en een boerderijkeuken.