

WILD AZORES

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ODICEAN

CARLU DIVE
TRAVEL



A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

8 DAY ADVENTURE TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

7 NIGHTS ON AN ISLAND

READ ON IF...

- You are looking for a remote place to dive.
- The rain and the wind are not an impediment to going out to sea.
- You are tired of going to places with large groups and inexperienced people.
- You don't mind spending hours on the high seas to find sharks and mantas.
- You would like to interact with dolphins and watch whales in the wild.

Introduction

The **WILD AZORES** program is specifically designed for those who carry the adventurous gene ingrained in their hearts. Those who seek the places furthest away from man, where miracles still exist.

Only **9 divers** will be able to join us on this **7-day adventure** in the wildest **Atlantic**. Underwater volcanic landscapes, open water and remote dive sites are part of this adventure. The reward... diving with **blue sharks**, **mobula rays** in the middle of the blue, large schools of **pelagic fish**, expeditions in search of **dolphins** and observation of **sperm whales** with more than 15 meters length in our Giant Kingdom Expedition.

Our Trip offers scuba diving, freediving and snorkeling, as well as whale watching and informational **Sea Talks**.



Blue Shark Expedition



4-6 h

One of the highlights of this expedition is to encounter one of the most **fascinating pelagic predators**: the blue shark (*Prionace glauca*). During the summer months the waters of the Azores are concentrated with individuals from 2 to 3 meters length.

His curious attitude towards divers gives us the chance for very **intimate interaction**. You will learn interesting facts about this shark and its behaviour in our **Sea Talk**.

This expedition takes place in the high seas, without reef references and at a depth below our feet of 600-1000m. Due to these characteristics and the possibility of having current, we require that you are certified as a PADI Advanced Open Water / Deep Diver or equivalent and recommend that you have a **minimum of 50 logged dives**.

Princess Alice Bank



8-10 h

PRINCESS ALICE BANKS is the most famous diving spot in the entire Archipelago. It is located 80km from the coasts of Pico and Faial.

Communication to the mainland is only possible via satellite phone at this destination. This is a full day expedition in which we will spend **2h 30min** sailing until we reach our dive spot.

We will be carrying out 2 dives at an **underwater volcano** that emerges from the depths. The top of the volcano reaches a depths of 35-40m. We will do a **deep dive** to explore the reef and a midwater dive to observe pelagic species. Large schools of barracudas, bonitos, horse mackerel await us. And of course, during the summer months the mobulas (*Mobula tarapacana*) are added at this point in various numbers. An authentic spectacle in the middle of the blue.

Dolphin Freedom



3-4 h

In between the islands of Pico and Faial, we will be searching for interactive dolphins. If we succeed, this will be an unforgettable experience of a lifetime!

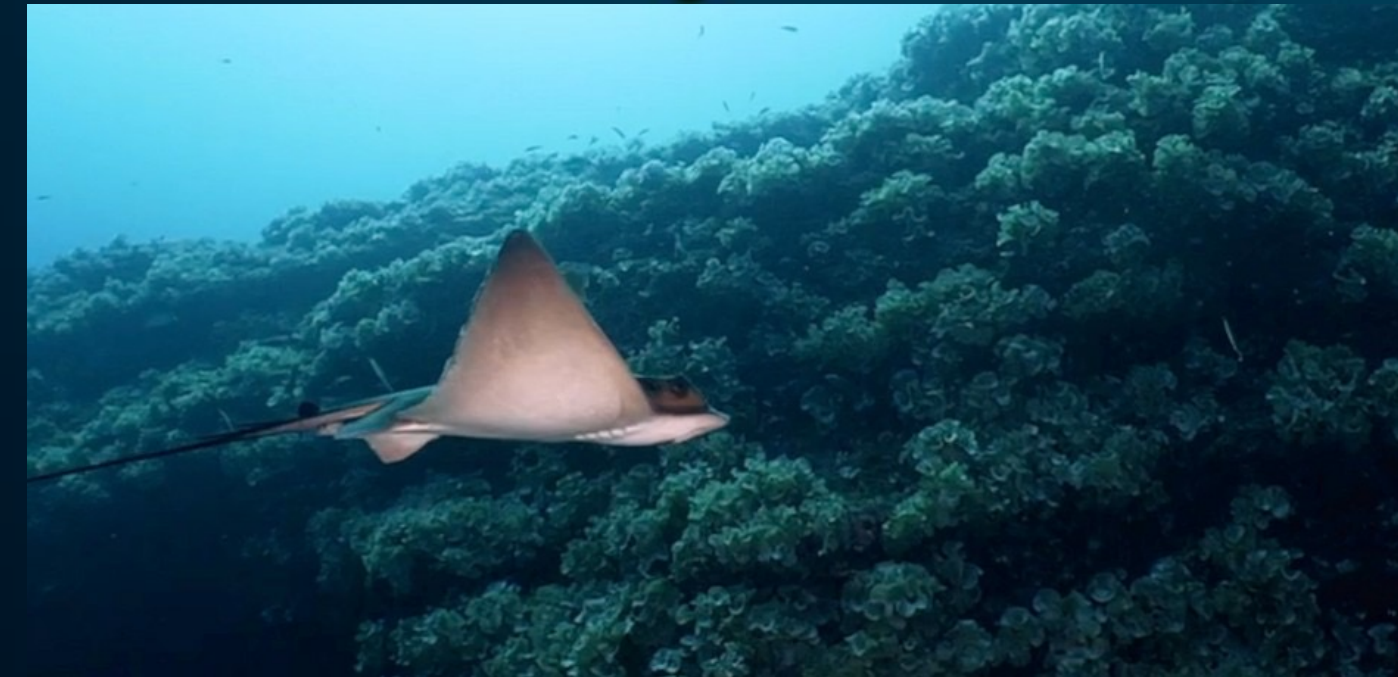
This expedition will last approximately 3-4 hours and we will take turns in pairs to jump into the water. Only two people at a time may be with the animals to minimize the impact on their behavior. Among the most common species are the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), striped dolphin (*Stellena Frontalis*), Risso's pilot whale (*Grampus griseus*) and pilot whale (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*).

Volcanic Reefs



Beyond our offshore expeditions, we will do 4 dives to explore the most outstanding dive spots on the island of **Pico** and **Faial**.

The landscape is extraordinary. Volcanoes continue under the water allowing us to observe spectacular rock walls. We will always look to the blue since pelagic species are usually seen in transit. You can see different species of rays, groupers, moray eels as well as schools of barracudas and triggerfish. Everything is possible.



Giant Kingdom Expedition



3 h

Leaving the Azores without seeing the locals would be crazy. The **Giant Kingdom** is the last expedition of this trip.

The location of the Azores Islands, their nutrient-rich currents and rugged underwater landscape make it possible to watch more than 20 species of cetaceans (whales and dolphins) throughout the year.

Specifically, the waters of **Pico** and **Faial** have become a world benchmark in the transition from hunting to sustainable tourism. Since the 1980s, the hunting of sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) has been prohibited and now this species abounds on these coasts.

The great depths of these waters make it possible to observe these giants, which feed on squid at a depth of 1,000 meters.

A Step Into History



1 h

Immerse yourself in the history of the Azores Islands and the commercial activities of the inhabitants of Faial and Pico. Discover the role of sperm whales in the local economy and the importance of the products derived from the hunting of these animals during the 19th & 20th century.

A visit that will not leave you indifferent, you will be able to see the relationship of the economy of the islands with the growth of Europe and the different wars that took place on the continent during the 19th & 20th century.



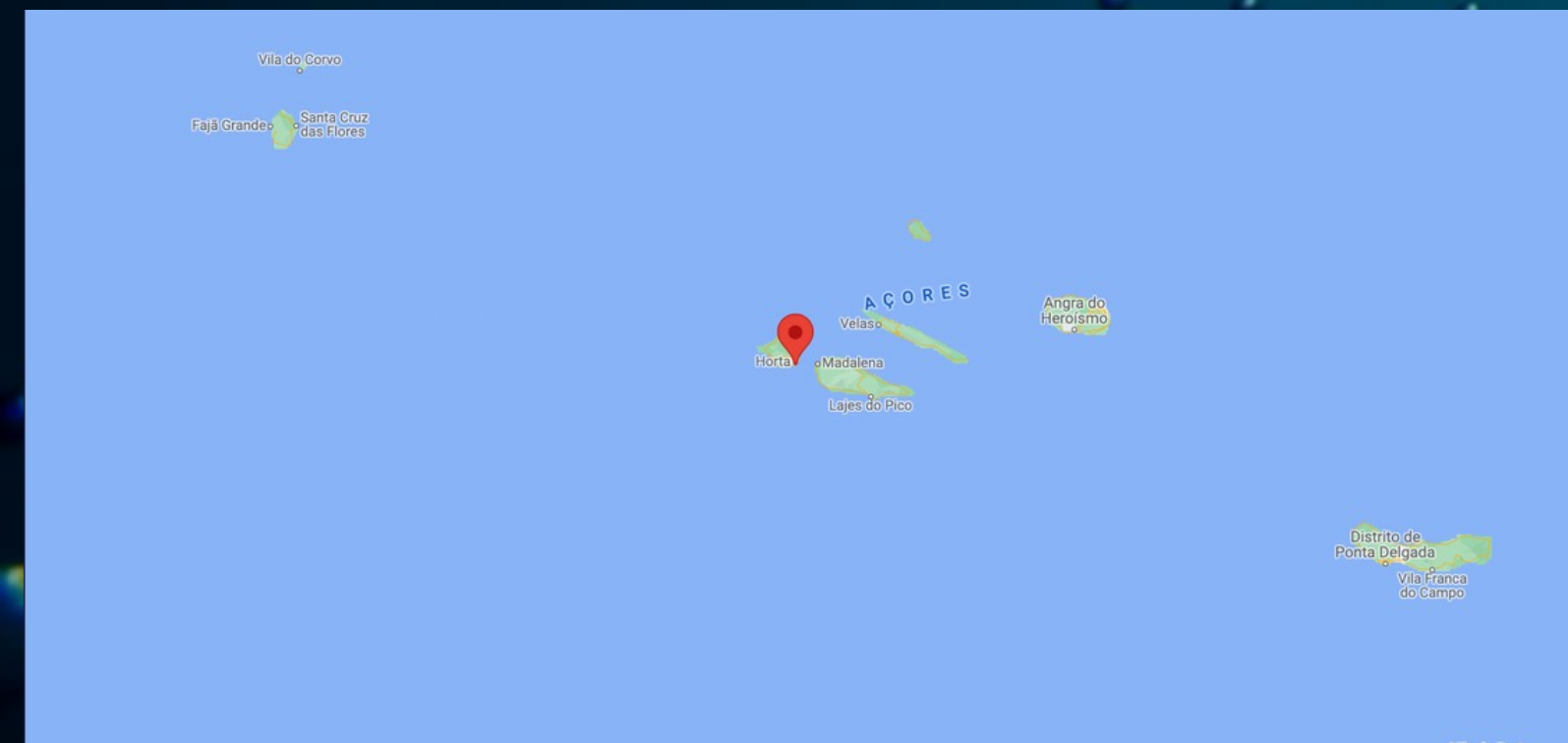
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ATLANTIC



Our „base camp“

Horta, capital of Faial, is considered as the most beautiful city of the Azores. And this place will be our base camp. All expeditions will start from this small city of 14,000 inhabitants.

Its strategic location makes it a mandatory stop for transatlantic travelers for centuries. Its history and its cosmopolitan atmosphere make Horta a unique place that is worth exploring.



ITINERARY

Day 1

Arrival at Faial Airport. Transfer to apartments. Check in at diving center.

Sea Talk: Azores, the jewel of the Atlantic (20min)

Day 2

Let's go DIVING! 2 dives around the Island of Faial (3-4h). The first dive is a check dive.

Sea Talk: Sharks and Conservation (20min)

Day 3

Blue Shark Diving Expedition (4-6h)

Sea Talk: Mobulas and Conservation (20min)

Day 4

Princess Alice Bank Expedition (6am-6pm)

Day 5

Relax

Sea Talk: Cetaceans and Conservation (20min)

Dolphin Freedom Expedition (2pm-5pm)

ITINERARY

Day 6

2 dives around the islands Faial and Pico (3-4h)

Option to explore the island (not included in the price)

Day 7

Visit "Whale Factory Museum" (1h) and explore Horta.

Giant Kingdom Expedition – In Search of Sperm Whales

Day 8

Check Out. Transfer to Faial Airport and departure to Lisbon.

From here you decide what you want to do 😊

Expedition Leader & Biologist

Pol Vives, biologist and co-founder of Odicean specialized in the Azores will be your expedition leader during this adventure. With our private boat and small group you will complete the best diving experience in the Azores islands.

When you return home you will not only have lived a magical experience but you will also have learned about the biology of the species that we will see and their conservation status:

1. Sea Talk Azores, the jewel of the Atlantic
2. Sea Talk Sharks and conservation
3. Sea Talk Mobulas and conservation
4. Sea Talk Cetaceans and conservation

Last but not least, you will learn about the science projects Odicean collaborates with in the Azores Islands and you will be able to get involved in the marine conservation of manta rays and sharks.

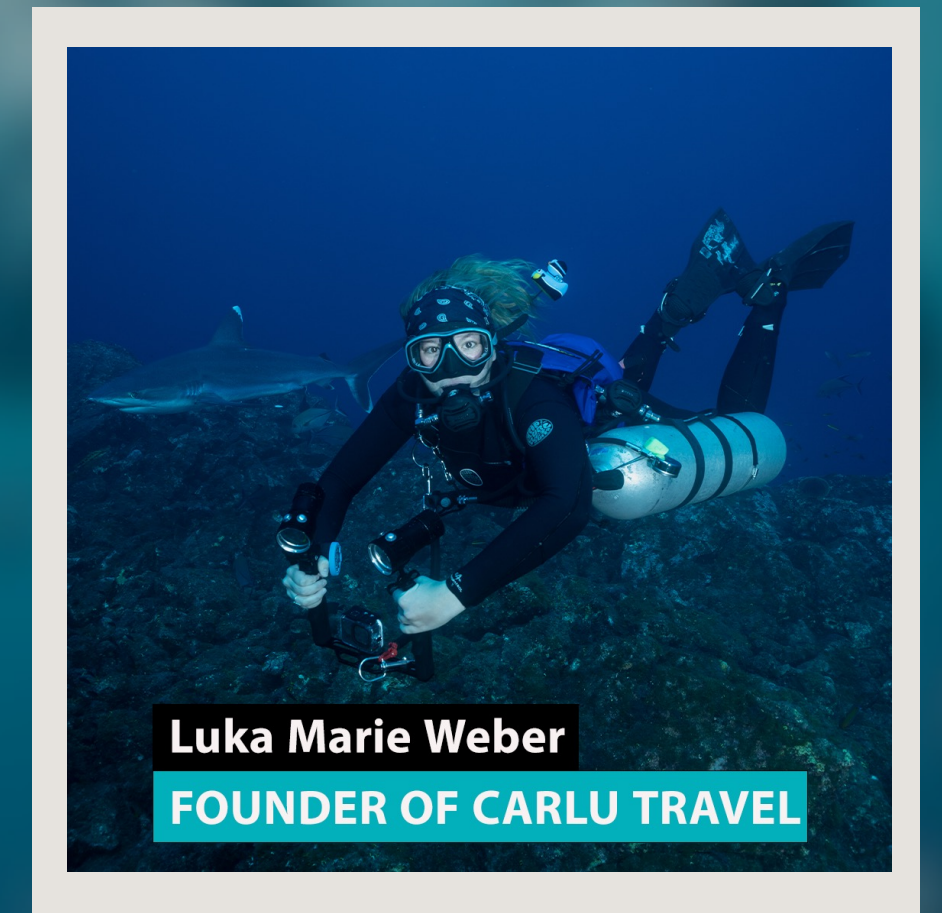
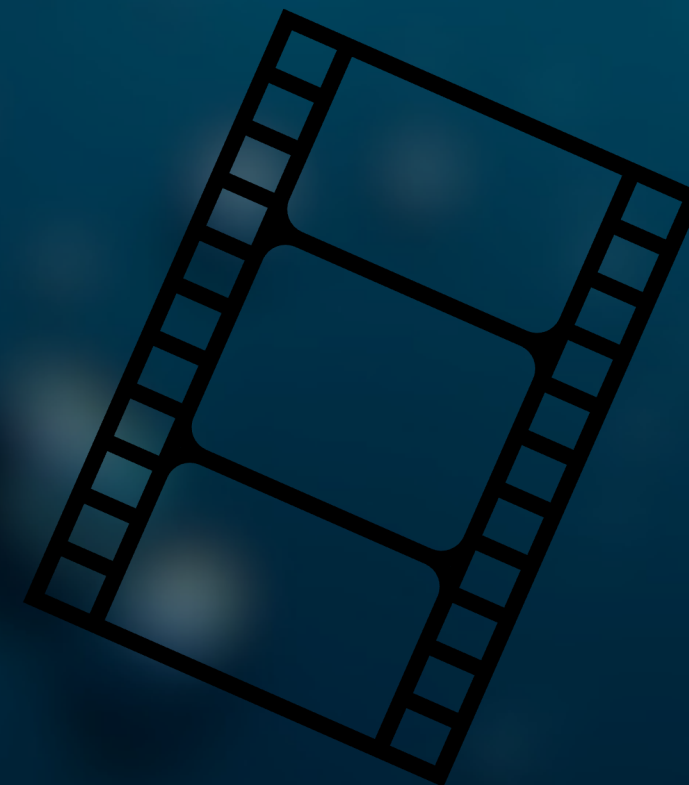


Expedition Leaders & Photographers

Luka Marie Weber and Carlos Donoso are the founders of Carlu Travel and specialized in journalism and eco tourism.

Apart from being your expedition leaders they will also try to capture this 8 day adventure for you underwater and on land.

At the end of this trip they will provide you with professional Underwater Photography and -Videography. You can download your memories via link and you can request being tagged in their social media posts and reels.



FAIAL MARINA APARTMENTS

This apartment complex is the place chosen for our stay. Its excellent location in the center of Horta leaves us a 5-minute walk from the diving center and just 50 meters from the marina.

Faial Marina T3 0 (5 pax)

Bedroom A: 2 single beds (2pax)

Bedroom B: Single room large bed (1pax)

Bedroom C: 2 single beds (2pax)



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(Faial Marina T2 1 (3 pax))

Bedroom A: Large double bed (1 pax)

Bedroom B: 2 single beds (2 pax)



FAIAL MARINA APARTMENTS

Private Studio, perfect for a couple. Fully equipped, kitchen, bathroom and terrace included.

Faial Marina studio TS (2 pax)





MORE INFO

Recommendations & Requirements

We require that you are certified as a **PADI Advanced Open Water/ Deep Diver** or equivalent and recommend that you have a **minimum of 50 logged dives**. Unpredictable and strong currents are to be expected in certain areas. All dives are carried out in drift dive mode, so we will always use our surface marker buoy (**SMB** is mandatory to rent if you don't have your own).

Although the water temperature will be above 22C°, in some cases we will be in the sea for many hours and it can be cold. Therefore we recommend a **5mm wet and/or semi-dry suit**.

Professional and action cameras should be able to record in wide angle to capture big sharks and mobulas.

Don't forget clothes for wind and rain. The summer months (June - October) are the months with the least rainfall but the conditions of the Atlantic are unpredictable. We also go out to sea when it rains.

Bring some cash (€), since in some establishments it is difficult to pay by card.

Airport

Climate

Arriving and Departing Horta Airport (HOR)

The best way to arrive to Faial Island is by plane. Azores Airlines operate daily direct flights (duration around 2h30) between Lisbon and Horta Airport in Faial.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Avg. Temperature °C (°F)	12.9 °C (55.2) °F	12.3 °C (54.2) °F	13 °C (55.4) °F	13.6 °C (56.4) °F	15.4 °C (59.7) °F	18 °C (64.4) °F	19.9 °C (67.9) °F	20.8 °C (69.5) °F	19.7 °C (67.4) °F	17.9 °C (64.2) °F	15.2 °C (59.4) °F	13.9 °C (57) °F
Min. Temperature °C (°F)	11.6 °C (52.9) °F	10.9 °C (51.6) °F	11.3 °C (52.3) °F	11.8 °C (53.3) °F	13.5 °C (56.2) °F	16 °C (60.7) °F	17.9 °C (64.1) °F	18.8 °C (65.8) °F	17.9 °C (64.3) °F	16.3 °C (61.3) °F	13.9 °C (57) °F	12.6 °C (54.6) °F
Max. Temperature °C (°F)	14.4 °C (58) °F	14.1 °C (57.3) °F	15 °C (59) °F	15.7 °C (60.2) °F	17.7 °C (63.8) °F	20.6 °C (69.1) °F	22.7 °C (72.9) °F	23.6 °C (74.5) °F	22 °C (71.7) °F	19.8 °C (67.7) °F	16.8 °C (62.2) °F	15.4 °C (59.6) °F
Precipitation / Rainfall mm (in)	57 (2)	55 (2)	53 (2)	43 (1)	27 (1)	16 (0)	13 (0)	14 (0)	36 (1)	68 (2)	68 (2)	79 (3)
Humidity(%)	77%	76%	76%	75%	74%	74%	73%	72%	73%	76%	76%	77%
Rainy days (d)	8	8	8	7	6	4	2	3	7	9	10	10
avg. Sun hours (hours)	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.5	6.2	5.1	5.1

If you need advice, we are happy to help!

Included

- Transport from airport to apartment - apartment to airport
- Coordinator from Carlu Travel & Odicean
- 8 days & 7 nights in Azores
- Breakfast + Snacks & Soft Drinks on high sea expeditions
- Lunch at Princess Alice Bank
- Blue Shark Expedition
- Princess Alice Bank Expedition
- Dolphin Freedom Expedition
- Giant Kingdom Expedition
- Visit of the Whale Factory Museum
- 4 coastal dives (weather depending)
- 12 liter tanks, weights & weight belts
- Sea Talks + Diveguides+Pictures and Videos of the trip

Not Included

- Flights
- Rental equipment (*80€ full equipment per week *10€ per day for divecomputer)
- Dive insurance (*you can book with Carlu Travel)
- Travel insurance
- Tips for the crew
- Alcoholic drinks + Lunch + Dinner
- Anything not written in the included section

Price

TWIN
1.750€

SINGLE
1.850€

PRIVATE
1.950€

The Trip has a capacity for **9 guests**. Reservations are confirmed in order that the bookings are received. To book your reservation, please email us at info@carludiveandtravel.com.

Please include the following details.

- Full name
- Date of Birth
- Nationality
- Passport number
- Diver Medical Form
- Diving level, number of logged dive, date of last dive
- Equipment requirements with sizes (please include height, weight and shoe size)

Once your booking is received, there are two payment options for your invoice.

1. Full payment at time of booking.
2. 600 Euro deposit at time of booking. Additional 25% due six months prior to departure. Your balance must be paid in full later than 90 days prior to departure.

*Please fill out a divers medical form. For your safety, and that of others who may dive with you, answer all questions honestly.


Reserve your spot!



„We only PROTECT what we LOVE, and
we only LOVE what we KNOW“

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