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The hidden treasures of Cape Verde

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On this special trip we are on our way to the hidden treasures of the Cape Verde Islands. Start is the capital Praia, on the island of Santiago, from where we fly to Maio. We will stay a total of 4 days on the beautiful island, which is still very little known to tourists. Maio impresses with its miles of secluded beaches, which invite you to swim and relax. The island is still very original and among other things we will do a coastal hike and eat with local families.

On Santiago we discover Cidade Velha; former slave transshipment point and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Pure goosebumps when our local guide introduces us to the history of Cape Verde. In the inland of Santiago we experience the old traditions. We will cook together with the locals, and they will show us «their» island.

The journey continues to the fire island Fogo, which will be the culmination of this trip.

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Infos

Cape Verde and our philosophy of travel

The island archipelago, consisting of 10 islands (9 of which are inhabited), is a year-round travel destination. Each island is unique and enchants with different landscapes: miles of sandy beaches, active volcanoes, green valleys, sharp mountain ranges formed by eruptions millions of years ago. Cape Verde is (still) an insider tip, although tourism has increased over the last few years. We, Fredson, islanders from Santo Antão and Melissa, Swiss with second residence in Cape Verde, have made it our travel agency's goal to show our guests Cape Verde as closely and authentically as possible. We always organize our trips in harmony with nature and the local population. Our type of tourism stands for fair and sustainable encounters between different cultures. When organizing the tours, we always rely on local accommodation wherever possible, support families and small businesses and pay uncompromisingly fair prices.

Number of participants

The minimum number of participants for the group trip is 6 people. If the minimum number is not reached, we will contact all guests who have booked the tour and ask them if they are willing to pay a supplement to allow the trip to go ahead. If all participants agree, we guarantee the date immediately.

Booking conditions

To confirm your spot, a payment of 30% of the total amount is required. Also we will require a copy of your passport.

Change in program and prices

Program changes are possible at any time, even at short notice. In exceptional cases it is possible that the agreed price has to be increased. Price increases may result from; a) the subsequent increase in transport costs (including fuel surcharges); b) newly introduced and increased government taxes or fees (such as airport taxes, landing fees, embarkation and disembarkation fees, etc.); c) exchange rate changes or d) price increases ordered by the state (e.g. VAT).

Please note the entry regulations applicable to your country and contact us in case of doubts



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Program

Day 1

Welcome to Praia! Transfer to the hotel

1 night Hotel Santa Maria, DBL/SGL with breakfast, Praia

Day 2

Breakfast together and getting to know each other in the group. Afterwards transfer to the airport and short domestic flight with Best Fly Cabo Verde from Praia to Maio.

Arrival in Maio - welcome to the jewel of Cape Verde!

Transfer to the rooms in the pretty village of Vila do Maio. From here it is only a 2-minute walk to the picturesque main beach!

3 nights in a local Guesthouse, DBL/SGL with breakfast, Vila do Maio

Day 3

It's mostly comfortable here on the island of Maio, according to the motto: Cabo Verde no stress.



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On a fully day island tour we will get an overview over “Djarmai” (kriol name for Maio). We take a hike along the secluded and beautiful coast, where we have enough time for swimming stops. On the way we may meet herds of goats and from time to time we meet local fishermen. The 2nd Beach Walk will be a Silent Walk; we come to rest and become one with nature. We will have a delicious lunch with local families in the villages of Barreiro and Ribeira dom Joao.

Between the programs there is enough time to relax and enjoy the beach. We enjoy the sundowners on the popular main beach Bitxe Rotcha.

Day 4

We will take the afternoon ferry to Santiago (about 2-3 hours). Up-on arrival transfer to our hotel in the city center of Praia.

2 nights Hotel Santa Maria, DBL/SGL with breakfast, Praia

Day 5

After a hearty breakfast we set out on a discovery tour. A short transfer takes us to Calabaceira, where we start today's hike through the green valley. The leisurely hike takes about 2 hours. The path was formerly used by slaves to escape to the surrounding plateau. In Cidade Velha, our guide takes us through the «old town». Formerly known as a slave transshipment point, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We have a lunch in Cidade Velha before heading back to Praia.

Day 6

We are visiting people in the inland of Santiago, whose crafts keep the traditions alive. We learn how complex weaving is, how to make natural oils from seeds and fruits and we visit one of the few traditional potteries. We are experiencing the real Santiago!

Day 7

Transfer to the airport and flight from Praia to Sao Filipe with Best Fly Cabo Verde. Up-on arrival in Fogo city tour through Sao Filipe. The city is adorned with old colonial houses.

Transfer to Cha das Caldeiras. The village is located in the crater of the active volcano.

2 nights Casa Cicilio, DBL/SGL room with breakfast and dinner, Cha das Caldeiras

Day 8

If you like, you can climb the big volcano with us today. A breathtaking hike with spectacular views. As an alternative, you can take a tour of the village, accompanied by a local guide.



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Day 9

We leave the crater and discover the green side of Fogo. Coffee and wine tasting. Alternative to the Mosteiros hike is a car transfer down.

2 nights La Fora Ecolodge, DBL/SGL room with breakfast and dinner, Fogo

Day 10

Free day at the Lodge. Enjoy the calmness and peace of this place!

Day 11

Flight from Sao Filipe to Praia with Best Fly Cabo Verde. Transfer to the airport and last dinner in the capital.

1 night Hotel Santa Maria, DBL/SGL room with breakfast, Praia

Day 12

Airport transfer and international departure

Prices & Services

Price per person in a double room (DBL) 2450 EUR

Extra charge single room (SGL) 200 EUR

Services included

- Group Tourleader (German- and English-speaking) from/to Praia
- Local guides on all excursions
- 11 nights in a double (DBL) or single (SGL) room
- 10x breakfast, 11x dinner, 9x lunch or picnic
- Transfers with a private driver
- Luggage transfers
- Excursions according to the program
- Domestic flights

Exclusive

- International flight
- Hoteltax (220cve per person/night)
- Drinks
- Insurance