



October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Azores Expedition 2021

We are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to take part in an exciting Geography expedition, a five-day tour of the Azores, Portugal. The field tour will take place at the end of the Summer Term in July 2021, departing on Saturday the 9th July and returning on Tuesday 13th July.

We shall be travelling with an established and experienced educational tour company, Rayburn Tours. The cost of the expedition will be £1350; this will be payable in instalments between now and March 2021. Alternatively, payment can be made in full at any point. This cost includes flights from Manchester to the Azores, insurance, full board accommodation, entrance fees and coach transfers in the Azores. Please note that this is a provisional cost since flight prices have not been released yet, although we do not anticipate it to change significantly if at all. Whilst we appreciate this is not inexpensive, the Azores is a high cost destination for any traveller, especially during the summer high season. We have enclosed a provisional itinerary for your perusal; undoubtedly the tour will be a once in a lifetime experience and an insight into these very dynamic and exciting islands that no Geography student would want to miss!

The trip is open to all current Y12 and GCSE geographers (Y9-11). The visit complements the units of study in the Geography GCSE course which looks at natural hazards and resource management. The Population and Environment, Coastal Landscapes and the Tectonic Hazards units of the A Level specification are also well supported by this expedition. It provides a unique opportunity to study an active tectonic hotspot at first hand and our itinerary has many highlights: bubbling hot springs, a swim in the geothermal pools of Sao Miguel, climbing the active volcano Sete Cidades, visiting the Arruda Pineapple plantations, cooking lunch underground using geothermal heat and, what is sure to be particularly memorable, whale watching in the Atlantic Ocean.

The trip is open to all current Y9 to Y12 Geography students. As places are limited, they will be offered on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you would like your child to be included in our Azores 21 expedition, please pay the non-refundable deposit of £150 to your child's Parent Pay account (Azores 2021).

Yours sincerely

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Provisional Itinerary (Highlights)

Friday 9th July

Arrive in Ponta Delgada.
Visit Gruta do Carvoa, a 2.5km volcanic lava tube.
Evening meal in the hotel.

Saturday 10th July

Visit Lagoa Vulcanological and Geothermal observatory and take in views of the stratovolcano and the caldera lake.
View the hot springs and waterfall.
Swim in the geothermal heated pools.
Take the Cabrito energy trail walk to explore hydroelectric and geothermal energy on the Islands.

Sunday 11th July

Whale watching.
Visit the Sete Cidades active volcano and the Arruda Pineapple plantations.
Cycling tour around the lake of Sete Cidades.

Monday 12th July

Visit the Furnas valley to understand what life is like living near a volcano.
Cook a traditional Cozido lunch underground from volcanic heat.
A swim in the geothermal pools and gardens of Terra Nostra.
Tea tasting in the Gorreanna Tea Plantations.
Evening meal in a local restaurant.

Tuesday 13th July

Free time/shopping in the Parque Atlántico Shopping centre.
Depart home.