

## **Azores, 27 April to 4 May Horta, Faial and returning to Horta**

I am proposing a cruise around the central group of the Azores Islands. These mid-Atlantic temperate-climate islands are known for abundant whales and dolphins (though sightings are not guaranteed), luxuriously green volcanoes with free-range dairy and beef cattle, and abundant wildflowers. Winds are variable but predominantly from the west. The coastlines are spectacular cliffs and dramatic volcanoes. Impeccably-kept, red-tiled and whitewashed villages nestle near the coast and offer peace, tranquility and excellent, hearty and economical restaurant food. I was there for a fortnight on my way back from the Caribbean and was completely charmed.

The exact itinerary will be decided on the spot and according to the weather conditions, but my initial plan is to start from Horta(Faial) to Velas (Sao Jorge), then to spend one day ashore in Angra do Heroismo (Terceira) then return via Graciosa and Pico then back to Horta. This is 5 days sailing+ 1 days ashore for tourism with turnaround in Horta.

**The Boat:** A Dufour 385 or similar (3x double cabin + 2 berths in the carré)

**Charter Price :** About €3 010

**Joining instructions:** Flights to/from Faial 27.04 to 04.05 with TAP are currently at €580.00. Airport transfers are included in the charter price.

**PAF:** Depends on participants, aiming at 6 participants so €502.00 per person + caisse de bord (food, fuel, marina fees, possible car hire in Terceira). **Contact :** kr.patterson@yahoo.be





