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### A Brief History of Angra do Heroísmo.

The city of Angra do Heroísmo is considered a World Heritage Site by Unesco since 1983. This classification came due to its design and architecture, as well as the historic importance it had during the age of maritime discovery.

The consensus is that the region of what is today Angra do Heroísmo was settled between 1450 and 1451. The specific site on which the city was built, was chosen due to its amphitheater shaped coastline. This specific shape of the coast gave the city a specific advantage, being sheltered from the winds on almost all sides.

The first houses were built on the upper part of a hill to harness the force of a present waterway to power the people's mills. Atop this hill sat a castle (Castelo dos moinhos) that is today represented by the Memória Obelisk.

This port city was of extreme importance during the Portuguese exploration era as it represented a stopping point where sailor could rest, obtain provisions, attend a hospital and even do reparations on their ships.

Later, during the succession crisis of 1580, Terceira Island became the capital of Portugal under António Prior do Crato, a Portuguese noble who had fled the Spanish overtaking of the Portuguese crown in mainland Portugal. Terceira Island would continue to be the only independent part of Portugal until a successful Spanish invasion in 1583.

After the restoration of Portuguese independence, Terceira Island was home to the exiled King Afonso VI who had been deposed by his brother, the monarch spent 7 years in exile in the fortress of Mount Brazil.

After the Napoleonic wars were over, the Portuguese once again faced a succession crisis which gave way to the Portuguese liberal wars. D.Miguel on one side representing absolutist ideals, and D.Pedro IV representing liberal ideals. D.Pedro set up the regency of liberal Portugal in Angra do Heroísmo with his daughter, Maria, as queen Maria II. Terceira island was then used as the starting point to usurp the absolutist forces in the resto of Portugal, with the turning point being the Battle of Praia. This victory and the loyalty that the people from Terceira Island showed to the liberal side were rewarded with the renaming of both of Terceira's cities, Praia da Vitória (Victory) and Angra do Heroísmo (Heroism).

During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the island of Terceira was used by the British and later, the Americans, to build an air base for support during the Second World War and the Cold War. Today, although in an extremely reduced manner, the American air base is still operational in Lajes.

In 1980, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake (Richter-Scale) hit the Azores, with Terceira island being the most affected, local reports indicate that around 70% of the islands buildings were demolished, around 70 people lost their lives in the disaster, 400 were injured and around 20 000 lost their homes. This natural disaster contributed to one of the biggest exoduses of Azorean people to the U.S.A. and Canada.

# Possible Venues for the symposium:

Terceira Mar Hotel: Excellent location, near the centre of the city.

Available conference rooms:

#### MIGUEL CORTE-REAL (I)

125m² & 150p

Terceira Mar Hotel offers 2 conference rooms equipped with the most modern audiovisual equipment.



#### GASPAR CORTE-REAL (II)

H⊒ 125m² && 150p

Terceira Mar Hotel offers 2 conference rooms equipped with the most modern audiovisual equipment.



#### CORTE-REAIS (I+II)

150m² & 300p

Terceira Mar Hotel offers 2 conference rooms equipped with the most modern audiovisual equipment.



#### Hotel Caracol: Also very near to the centre of the city

#### AUDITÓRIO VITORINO NEMÉSIO

- O Auditório Vitorino Nemésio é um espaço bastante amplo e versátil, com uma área de 248,5 m2.
- Equipado com 2 cabines de tradução independentes, tem capacidade para transmitir 3 línguas em simultâneo.
- · No exterior da sala, uma tenda fixa permite a extensão do Auditório até à capacidade máxima de 300 pessoas em formato banquete.
- · O Auditório Vitorino Nemésio está equipado com material audiovisual próprio.
- Ar condicionado
- · Andar: 0
- · Área total da sala de reuniões: 248.5 metros quadrados
- · Altura do tecto: 3.1 metros

Capacidade da sala (número de pessoas)

- Teatro: 200
- Em U: 60
- Banquete: 150

#### Serviços

- · Internet de alta velocidade
- Videoconferência
- Sistema de som

#### SALA DIOGO DE SILVES

- A Sala Diogo de Silves tem uma capacidade máxima para 150 pessoas.
- Com um ambiente intimista, é perfeita para reuniões profissionais.
- Perfazendo uma área total de 218,7 m2, a sua flexibilidade permite múltiplas conjugações de set-up.
- · Andar: -2
- Área total da sala de reuniões: 218.7 metros quadrados
- · Altura do tecto: 2.34 metros

Capacidade da sala (número de pessoas)

• Em U: 50

#### SALA NATÁLIA CORREIA

A Sala de Reuniões Natália Correia possui uma área de 73,50 m2, tendo acesso directo a uma agradável esplanada sobre o jardim do Hotel.

As suas dimensões tornam-na a escolha ideal para pequenas reuniões de trabalho e palestras.

- · Andar: 1
- Área total da sala de reuniões: 73.5 pés quadrados
- · Altura do tecto: 2.64 metros

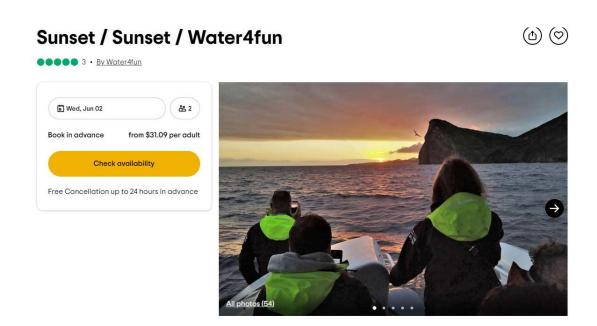
Capacidade da sala (número de pessoas)

- Teatro: 55
- Cabaret: 32
- Em U: 25

#### Sea activities:



**Ocean Emotion, Sunset tour**: A tour near the south coast of the island in the latter hours of the day, the goal is to have a little glass of liqueur while gazing at the sunset. This company uses traditional vessels.

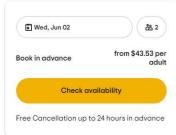


Water 4 Fun, Sunset tour: The inclusion of a liqueur is not mentioned in this package, the end goal is to also sail out in the late hours of the day to gaze at the sunset. This company uses a vessel that has a glass floor to observe what is happening underwater.

# Goats Island Tour + Sunken Boat Observation / Water4fun









Water 4 fun, Cabras Islets and sunken Boat package: This tour takes you to visit the emblematic Cabras islets as well as the Lidador, a Brazilian steam boat that sunk near Angra do Heroísmo's bay.

These are maritime tourist activities that deviate a bit from the traditional whale watching. If that type of activity is of interest, the bay of Angra do Heroísmo has around 6 to 7 companies who do it on a daily basis. Prices may vary a bit but usually around the 50 to 60 euros range.

# Hiking suggestions:

# Baías da Agualva - Terceira PRO2 TER



INFORMAÇÕES Categoria - Linear Dificuldade - Médio Extensão - 3.8 km Tempo Médio - 2h00

Located in the northern part of the Island, this hiking trail has a lot of endemic vegetation. Some of the cliffs on the trail are used as nesting spots for various avian species. In some of the cliffs, columnar rock structures can be seen.

#### Monte Brasil - Terceira PRC04 TER



INFORMAÇÕES Categoria - Circular Dificuldade - Médio Extensão - 7.4 km Tempo Médio - 2h30

Located in the southernmost point of the island, Monte Brasil is a small volcanic peninsula made primarily out of volcanic tuft. This hiking trail is in fact a small collection of various small walking trails all around the peninsula, it is a great hike that combines nature and history.

# Passagem das Bestas - Terceira PRC07 TER



INFORMAÇÕES
Categoria - Circular
Dificuldade - Médio
Extensão - 4 km
Tempo Médio - 2h30

This hiking trail is located in the centre of the island, in the Guilherme Moniz caldera. The 1<sup>st</sup> part of this hinking trail shows the bull cart tracks that were left on the ground, from there, and after a steep climb, the main attraction of this hiking trail is the view into the inside of the Guilherme Moniz Caldera.

#### **Restaurants:**

**Beira-Mar, São Mateus** – Restaurant focused on sea food and fish that are caught by the fisherman in the nearby port. Friendly staff and accessible prices.

Taberna Roberto, Posto Santo – Restaurant with a cozy space and a vast wine selection. Local cuisine cooked in a wood oven. Higher price point.

Restaurante Caneta, Altares – Restaurant focused primarily on meats and local cuisine, traditional with accessible prices.

Birou Bar, Angra do Heroísmo – Restaurant focused on local and Mediterranean cuisine. Great location in the centre of the city and accessible prices.

Q.B.Restaurante – Restaurant and snack bar foscusing on burgers, pizzas and salads, also has an upper floor with some fine dining options.

Quinta dos Açores – A snack bar focused on burgers, sandwiches and salads using mostly local ingredients. Accessible prices.

Tasca das Tias – A well located restaurant focused on local, Mediterranean and European cuisine. Located in the centre of the city.

O Pirata Gastropub – Located in one of the hills of Angra do Heroísmo, O Pirata is a restaurant that focuses on Portuguese cuisine. Accessible price range and good ambiance.

Cais de Angra – A restaurant located in the city's pier, focusing on seafood as well as Mediterranean, European and Portuguese cuisine. Accessible prices, good ambiance and great view of the pier.

# Other possible places of interest:

**O Forno:** The oldest bakery in the island and the birthplace of the D.Amélia pastry.

**Museu do Vinho, Biscoitos**: A wine museum that includes tours, tastings as well as the historical context of the Biscoitos parish in the production of wine in Terceira Island.

**Museu de Angra do Heroísmo**: The local museum, established in an old convent and containing a seasonal exposition as well as a permanent one that explains the history of Terceira Island, from settlement until today.

Museu de Angra do Heroísmo, Military history section: Located on the opposite end of the city, this museum houses a large collection of military equipment.

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	Lunch	Lunch		
Afternoon	Symposium	Symposium		

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