

1) Ponta Delgada

Ponta Delgada is the largest city in São Miguel. It has the most hotel & restaurant options.

📍 [Portas da Cidade](#) The city gates are in the main square, so they're hard to miss. They're built in the eighteenth century and include the royal and city's coat of arms. Just in front, there is the statute of Gonçalo Velho Cabral, who is credited with discovering the Azores. (☂️)

🏛️ [Igreja Matriz de São Sebastiao](#) You can't miss the 16th Century Church in main square of Ponta Delgada. You'll likely walk by it, so it's worth popping into. You can't take photos inside. (☂️)

🏛️ [Santuário Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres](#) A beautiful (especially inside) church in Ponta Delgada. The Santo Cristo celebration is here in May. The church is very important religiously for the people of the Azores. Open 8am to 6pm Mon-Fri but it can be closed for lunch. Services are Mon-Fri 6:30pm, Sat 6pm and Sunday from 11am-6pm. (☂️)

📍 [Forte de São Brás](#) A fort in Ponta Delgada built in the 1500s with a military museum (with equipment, clothes, etc.) and nice views of the city. It's only a few euros and is surprisingly big (there are no maps or visiting instructions, so you have to wander). Good for history buffs and most items in the museum are protected or more "heavy duty" objects, so not a bad option for kids. 10am-6pm Mon-Fri (☂️)

🏛️ [Igreja Paroquial do São Pedro](#) A church with a beautiful painted ceiling. (☂️)

📍 [Museu Carlos Machado](#) Sao Miguel's biggest museum dates back to the late 1800s has 3 parts. 1) Convento de S. Andre, which is in an old convent and is an eclectic mix of geographical, political and religious history, artifacts, art and natural history, including an extensive taxidermy collection; 2) the Igreja de Colegio (Museum of Sacred Art, which is a religious art museum famous for its elaborate wood alter; and 3) the Nucleo de Santa Barbara, which is mostly temporary modern art exhibits. Tickets are 5 euro for all three (except on Sunday when it's free). It's closed Mondays and free. (☂️)

📍 [Hebrew Museum \(Sinagoga Shaar Hashamain\)](#) Newly restored synagogue (the oldest existing synagogue in Portugal) that has a small Jewish history museum. Not super impressive visually, but it's interesting historically. (☂️)

👁️ [Ponta Delgada Bell Tower](#) A narrow bell tower with great views of the city, but steep/narrow stairs so not great for kids, less physically abled or the claustrophobic. Usually open M-F 9:30am-5:30pm. (☂️)

📍 [Coliseu Micaelense](#) A tiered circular auditorium for concerts/shows. Check their Facebook page for a more up to date event schedule. (☂️)

📍 [Teatro Micaelense](#) A charming theater that often has concerts and performances. (☂️)

📍 [Galeria Brui](#) Art gallery of French visual artist Gregory Le charming theater that often has concerts and performances. (☂️)

🛍️ [Maviripa](#) A gift shop with more main stream Azorean gifts. (☂️)

🛍️ [La Bamba Bazar](#) An eclectic, funky, hip gift shop with some kids clothes. (☂️)

🛍️ [Conserveira](#) A store with every type of sardine imagineable. You can find cheaper in the grocery store, but it's a cool shop and there's lots of variety. (☂️)

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Wooden Alter in Museu Carlos Machado