



CAPE VERDE THE ISLAND OF THE BLUE SEA

Guaranteed Departure - 2026 (All year round)
Led by Local Guides

Cape Verde is located in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of West Africa. This collection of ten volcanic islands offers a unique blend of diverse landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and warm hospitality. Whether you are a nature lover seeking breathtaking landscapes, a history buff curious about the country's fascinating past, or simply searching for a relaxing beach getaway, Cape Verde has something in store for everyone.

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Day 01 Arrive in Praia (**CAPE VERDE**)



Upon arrival at **Praia airport**, meet and transfer to *Pestana Trópico Hotel or similar* for check-in, dinner and overnight. **(D)**

Day 02 Praia (Cidade Velha Tour)



After breakfast, begin the day with a walking tour through the colonial buildings of the **Presidential Palace**, the **Main Square**, the **Municipal Market** and find a diversity of local fruits and vegetables. Afterwards, explore Cape Verde's largest **souvenir market**, the **Sucupira Market**,

and experience the daily life of the Cape Verdean family. Move on to **Cidade Velha**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the first city built by Europeans in sub-Saharan Africa. Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour of the **São Filipe Fortress**, explore the ruins of the first Cathedral built by Europeans in Sub-Saharan Africa, the former **slave market** and the famous **Banana Street** with its thatched houses. Travel back in time, learn the history from your expert, walk on a black sand beach and meet local fishermen before a short trip back to Praia. Return to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,L)**

Day 03**Praia (Tastings & Tarrafal Beach)**

After breakfast, depart toward the interior of the island. Make the first stop at **Mrs. Luisa's house**. There, sample cuscuz (a traditional cake made from corn flour) and fidjós (fried banana), the typical meal for Cape Verdean families. After that, continue to the city of **Assomada**. Visit its **famous market** (Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays only) and admire the vibrant colors of the local fruits and vegetables. Move on to the **Serra Malagueta** natural park and marvel at the incredible views 3,280 feet above sea level. Explore the chilling remnants of Chao Bom concentration camp, a testament to Portugal's Salazar dictatorship. Learn about the political prisoners who suffered under authoritarian rule, their resilience standing as a beacon of resistance against tyranny. Reflect on the enduring legacy of those who endured unimaginable suffering, reminding us of the importance of safeguarding democracy and upholding human rights. Next, discover Santiago's most beautiful beach at **Tarrafal**, known for its white sand and crystal-clear waters. Return along the east coast of the island and visit the **Rabelados** religious community, the only community that still lives in thatched houses and preserves the oldest customs and beliefs of Cape Verde then return to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,L)**

Day 04**Serra Malagueta Natural Park**

After breakfast, our guide will pick you up from your accommodation and lead you on an exhilarating hike through the mountains to **Serra da Malagueta Natural Park**. The trail begins in fertile areas at an altitude of 850 meters above sea level, taking you through breathtaking lush landscapes of the park, spanning 774 hectares and housing over 124 plant species and 19 bird species. Your guide will share fascinating insights into the local flora and fauna, some of which are exclusive to the park. Afterward, you will return to the starting point and head to one of the adventure's highlights - the **Cuba Pool**. This untamed natural pool is a result of ancient lava eruptions from Ribeira das Pratas. Take a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear waters while your host prepares a delectable barbecue featuring fresh fish, then return to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,L)**

Day 05**Praia - USA**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US. **(B)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients".

Tour Cost (Land Only):**1 traveler** \$2,295.00**2 - 3 travelers** \$1,895.00*Per person sharing in double occupancy***Single supplement** \$445.00*Price based on group size maximum of 3 participants***Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: ********Tour Includes:**

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- Accommodation in standard Hotels or similar.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- English-speaking guide or naturalist/assistant during all tours.
- Transportation by 4-WD or vans.
- Bottled water during tours.
- All entrance fees to mentioned sites, activities, and points of interest.

Tour does not include:

- International flight in and out of Cape Verde.
- **Visa** (Not required for up to 30 days - subject to change).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or misconnections.
- Alcoholic drinks and beverages (including water) with or without meals and meals not mentioned.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Gratuities to guide, drivers, porters, etc.
- Travel protection insurance **(Highly Recommended)**.

Trip Grade:

II Active: Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable but busy schedule and some long rides.

Lodging Level:

***** Superior:** Lodges and hotels with additional amenities, refined service, and comfort level acceptable to western standards. (3 or 4 stars).

