

Azores 2026 — Packing List

David & Katarina · July 2-14 · São Miguel · Faial · Pico

Documents & money

- ☐ Passports (both) — valid 6+ months
- ☐ Driver's licenses + International Driving Permit (recommended for Portugal — get one before you leave)
- ☐ Printed itinerary + booking confirmations (offline copies)
- ☐ SATA app — complete the traveler ID 72 h before SP446 (Jul 7) & SP431 (Jul 13)
- ☐ Credit cards (Visa + Amex) + a backup; tell the banks you're travelling
- ☐ Euros in cash — Lagoa do Fogo shuttle (€5 pp), cozido, parking, small vendors
- ☐ Travel insurance details

Electronics

- ☐ Phones + chargers
- ☐ EU plug adapters — Type F, 230 V (x2-3)
- ☐ Power bank (climb + long days)
- ☐ Camera + charger
- ☐ Binoculars (whales + viewpoints)
- ☐ Headphones

Toiletries & health

- ☐ Sunscreen (high SPF) + SPF lip balm
- ☐ Motion-sickness tablets — whale boat, ferry, mountain roads
- ☐ Prescriptions (12+ days) + basic first aid
- ☐ Blister plasters + ibuprofen/paracetamol (climb)
- ☐ Quick-dry travel towel
- ☐ Personal toiletries

Clothing — per person

- ☐ Plan ~7 days of outfits — the Pico Airbnb (Jul 9-13) has a washer
- ☐ T-shirts / base layers (6-7)
- ☐ Light sweater or long-sleeve (2)
- ☐ Warm fleece / mid-layer (1) — summit, boats, evenings
- ☐ Waterproof, windproof rain jacket (1) — essential
- ☐ Hiking trousers (1-2) + casual trousers / jeans (1-2)
- ☐ Shorts (2)
- ☐ Underwear + socks (7) + wool hiking socks (2)

- ☐ DARK swimsuit — Terra Nostra's iron water stains light fabric
- ☐ One smart-casual outfit — BIOMA tasting + Balcony birthday dinner
- ☐ Sun hat + warm beanie + light gloves (Pico)
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses + buff / neck gaiter
- ☐ Sleepwear

Footwear

- ☐ Hiking boots / trail shoes — broken in (Pico, Caldeira, Capelinhos)
- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Sandals / flip-flops (thermal pools, casual)
- ☐ Shoes that can get wet (whale boat, natural pools)

Pico climb · Jul 10, 6 AM · 2,351 m

- ☐ Headlamp + spare batteries (required)
- ☐ 2 L+ water
- ☐ Trekking poles
- ☐ Warm layers + windproof shell + hat + gloves (cold & windy up top)
- ☐ High-energy snacks
- ☐ Small daypack

Whale watching · Jul 11, 9 AM

- ☐ Waterproof jacket + warm layer (spray, wind)
- ☐ Motion-sickness tablet 30-60 min before
- ☐ Polarized sunglasses + hat with a strap
- ☐ Camera in a dry bag + 1 L water
- ☐ (Jackets & life vests are provided)

Thermal pools & swimming

- ☐ DARK swimsuit (the iron water stains light fabric)
- ☐ Quick-dry towel + flip-flops
- ☐ Small dry bag for wet swimwear

Day bag & misc

- ☐ Small daypack for excursions
- ☐ Reusable water bottle
- ☐ Compact umbrella / packable rain cover
- ☐ Packing cubes + a few ziplocs
- ☐ Laundry detergent sheets (Pico wash)
- ☐ Reusable tote for markets

Azores in July: mild (~22-25 °C) but humid, windy and quick to rain — layer up and keep the rain shell handy. Evenings are ocean-cool. Check the forecast the day before each hike and boat trip.