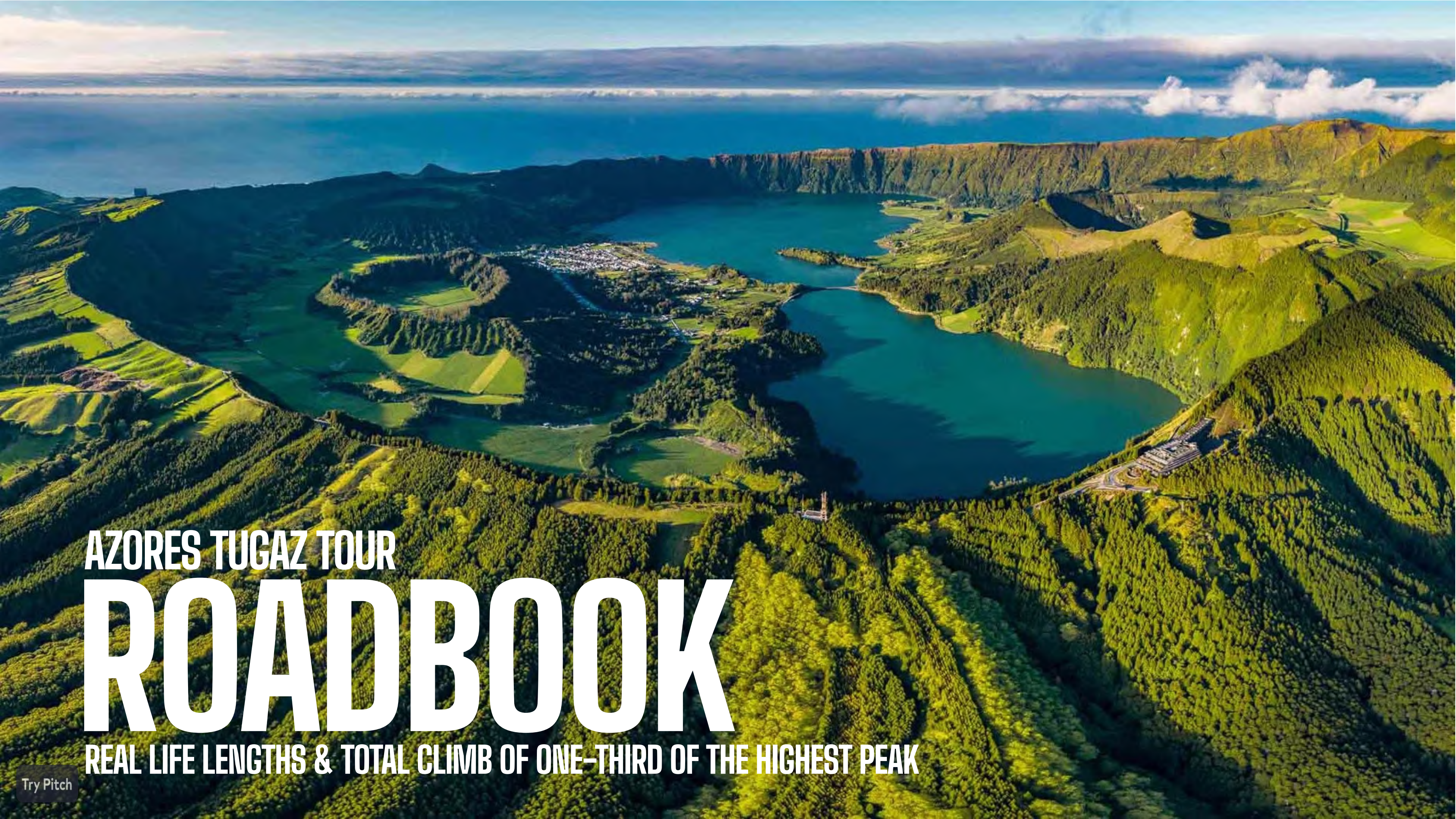


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# SANTA MARIA

**STAGE 1 - iTT**

*FRIDAY JANUARY 24*

**Route: Gotham Grind Reverse (2 Laps)**

**Distance: 18 km**

**Total Climb: 192 m**

The southernmost island of the Azores, known for its white sand beaches, distinctive chimneys, and dry warm weather. During the last week of August, Praia Formosa is home to the oldest running music festival in Portugal: Maré de Agosto. São Lourenço bay (image) is considered one of the archipelago's most beautiful beaches.



# SÃO MIGUEL

**STAGE 2 - Scratch Race**

*SATURDAY JANUARY 25*

**Route: Navig8**

**Distance: 63,9 km**

**Total Climb: 417 m**

Nicknamed "The Green Island", São Miguel is the largest and most populous island in the Azores. The island has around 140,000 inhabitants, with 45,000 people residing in Ponta Delgada, the archipelago's largest city. "Lagoon of the Seven Cities" (image) is a beautiful twin lake - one with blue waters, the other with green - situated in the crater of a dormant volcano.



# TERCEIRA

**STAGE 3 - Scratch Race**

*SUNDAY JANUARY 26*

**Route: Temples and Towers**

**Distance: 32,6 km**

**Total Climb: 319 m**

Terceira has the Azores' oldest city, Angra do Heroísmo (image), the historical capital of the archipelago, UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the main insular Portuguese Air Force base, with a United States Air Force detachment. The Portuguese bullfight is popular on the island, coming in two variations: the traditional equestrian bullfight (in the ring) and the popular "touradas à corda" that occur in the streets.



# GRACIOSA

**STAGE 4 - Scratch Race**

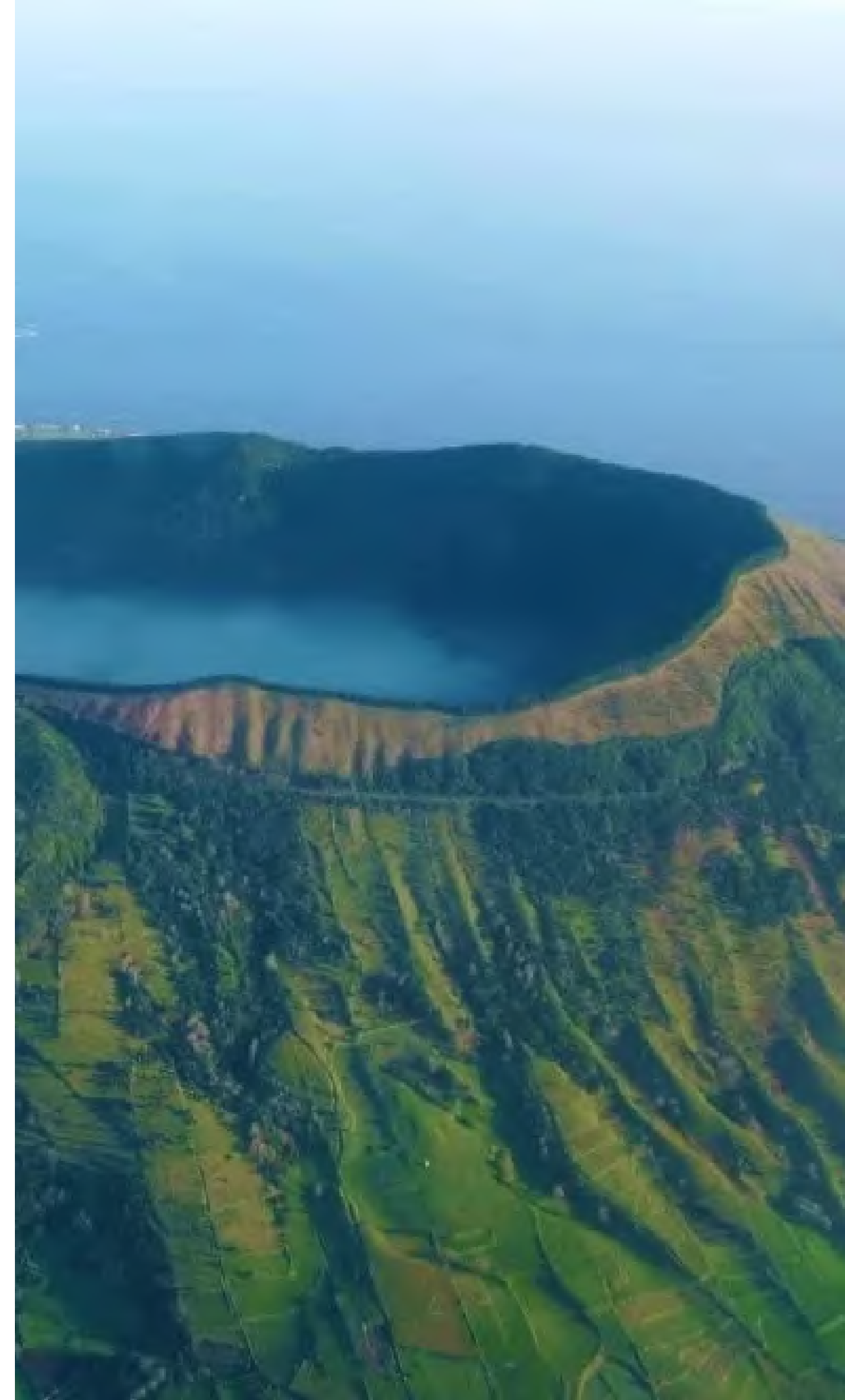
*MONDAY JANUARY 27*

**Route: Loop de Loop**

**Distance: 12,4 km**

**Total Climb: 144 m**

Graciosa Island - literally "graceful" or "enchanted" in Portuguese -, also referred to as the White Island, has its landscape dominated by a 1.6-kilometre-wide central caldera (image). Owing to the concentration of agriculture, animal husbandry and dairy industries, the island has maintained a relatively rural and tranquil character. The first hotel on Graciosa was inaugurated only in June 2009.



# SÃO JORGE

**STAGE 5 - Scratch Race**

*WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29*

**Route: Spiral Into the Volcano**

**Distance: 55,8 km**

**Total Climb: 336 m**

São Jorge is a relatively long thin island with tall cliffs, whose eight thousand inhabitants are concentrated on various geological debris fields (Fajãs) along the north and south coasts. The local São Jorge cheese has been the most important part of the local economy, with a union of eight cooperatives assuring its commercialization and exportation to almost every corner of the world.



# FAIAL

**STAGE 6 - Scratch Race**

*THURSDAY JANUARY 30*

**Route: Mighty Metropolitan**

**Distance: 20,1 km**

**Total Climb: 316 m**

Faial is one of the most volcanically active islands of the archipelago and the closest to the tectonic rift between the European and North American Plates. Numerous earthquakes and seismic events have impacted Faial throughout its populated history. Semana do Mar (Sea Week) is a week-long celebration of Faial's link to the sea, celebrated in song, dance, exhibitions and kiosks selling different foods and goods.





# FLORES

**STAGE 7 - Scratch Race**

*FRIDAY JANUARY 31*

**Route: City and the Sgurr (3 Laps)**

**Distance: 18,7 km**

**Total Climb: 309 m**

Flores - literally "Flowers" in English - is well known for its abundance of... flowers. During the summer, the island is covered with hydrangeas, which have large blue or pink flowers. Flores has seven inactive volcanoes turned into lakes by nature and time. The Águas Quentes are small hot springs of boiling sulfurous water. The Gruta de Enxaréus is an enormous cavern.



# PICO

**STAGE 8 - Scratch Race**

*SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1*

**Route: Peak Performance**

**Distance: 45,3 km**

**Total Climb: 726 m**

The landscape features an eponymous volcano, Ponta do Pico, which is the highest mountain in Portugal. Pico is referred to as the "Black Island", for its black volcanic soils, which nourish its UNESCO-designated vineyards that once allowed the development of the island's economy. Pico is one of the very best spots in the world for Whale Watching.



# CORVO

**STAGE 9 - iTT**

*SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2*

**Route: Time Trial Lap (Bologna)**

**Distance: 8 km**

**Total Climb: 236 m**

Corvo Island ("Island of the Crow") is the smallest and the northernmost island of the Azores archipelago. It has a population of 435 inhabitants making it the smallest single municipality in Portugal. The island is an Important Bird Area (IBA), designated as such by BirdLife International, because it provides feeding and breeding sites for populations of Cory's, little and Manx shearwaters, as well as common terns.





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