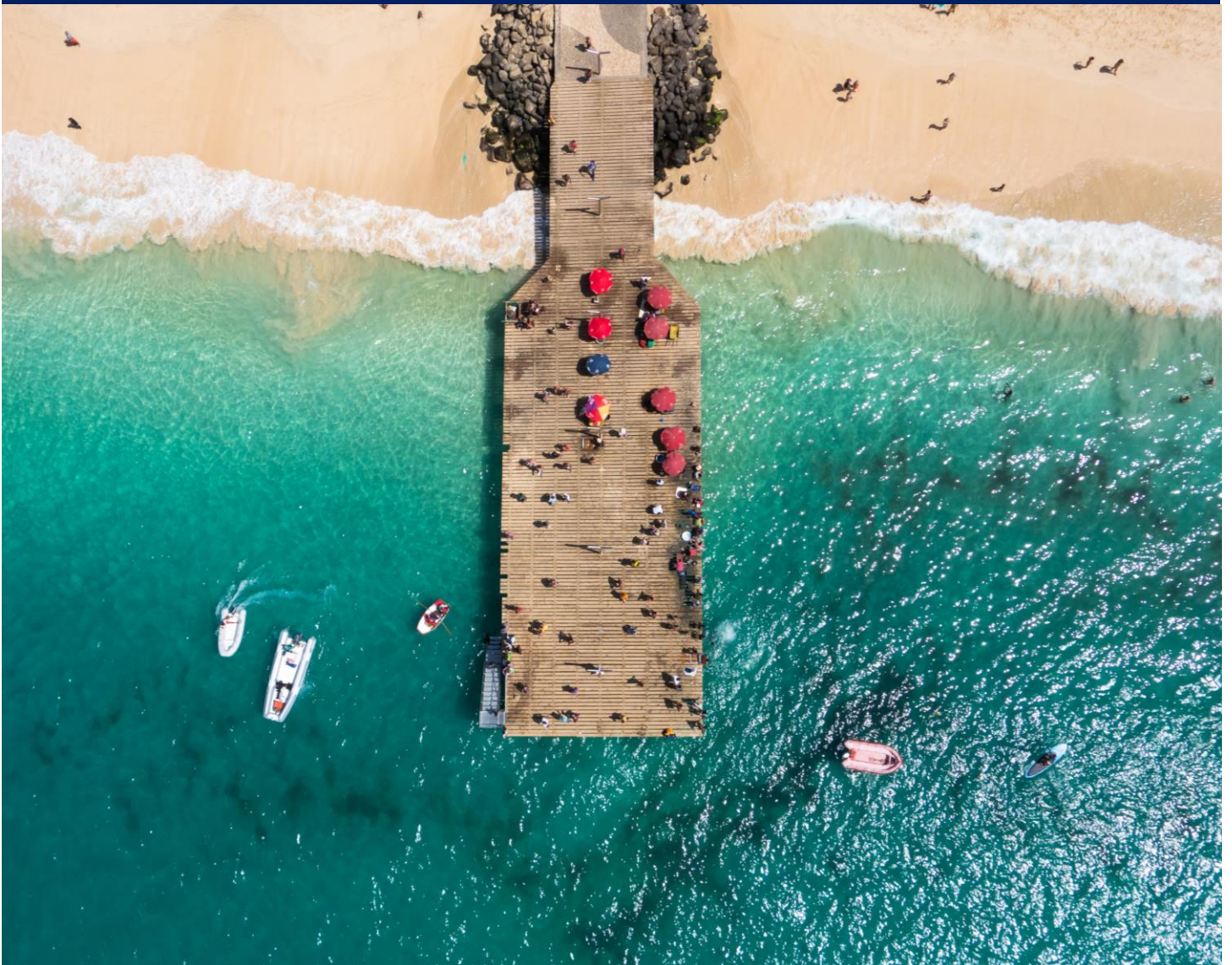


THE CAPE VERDE ARCHIPELAGO 2023-24

- Aboard the 36-cabin M/Y Voyager & the 21-cabin M/Y Harmony G
- Nov. & Dec. 2023 & Mar. 2024
- 8-day cruises from Sal, Palmeira



AT A GLANCE



ISLAND HOPPING CRUISES IN VOLCANIC & VIBRANT LOCALES

A cruise voyage the archipelago of Cape Verde with its welcoming locals and its intoxicating mixture and spellbinding blend of African and Portuguese influences in architecture, food, customs and traditions. Being blessed with a pleasant year-round climate, the archipelago offers a diverse range of landscapes from verdant mountain ranges, lush hills and jungles to explore, to volcanic landscapes or wide deserted beaches.

Highlights include:

Sal - Boa Vista - Praia - Fogo - Sao Vicente - Santo Antao





THE ISLANDS OF THE CAPE VERDE ARCHIPELAGO ON THE M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER & M/Y HARMONY G | 2023/24



DAY 1 - PALMEIRA, SAL

Embarkation at 4 pm at the port of Palmeira, Sal. Dinner on board and departure at midnight towards Boavista. Overnight at sea.

DAY 2 - SAL REI, BOA VISTA

Early morning arrival at Sal Rei, Boa Vista. Boavista offers the most beautiful beaches of the archipelago, and amazing landscapes, both on its coasts and in the heart of the island. Relax on the beach or enjoy an all-day optional excursion to discover the most authentic aspects of the island: its villages with colorful facades, its artisans of ceramics, and its agriculture. Lunch at a local restaurant, before we return on board to sail towards Santiago island. Overnight at sea.

DAY 3 - PRAIA, SANTIAGO

Early morning arrival at Praia, Santiago, the largest of the islands of the archipelago. After a morning at leisure and lunch on board, the optional afternoon excursion will bring us to Cidade Velha, the first colonial city built in the tropics and classified by UNESCO. The fort and the nearby settlements were once a thriving slave trade centre. Late in the evening we will sail north towards Fogo, the island of fire. Overnight at sea.



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DAY 4 - SAO FELIPE, FOGO

Early morning arrival Fogo, with its dominating sight of the Fogo Volcano which rises 3,000 meters over the sea level. Our optional full day excursion will bring us at the top of the volcano, right at the crater edge. You will walk through a landscape of lava. Lunch will be at the crater's village. We will also visit the city San Felipe with a characteristic colonial charm. Late in the evening we will sail to Sao Vicente. Overnight at sea.

DAY 5 - MINDELO, SAO VICENTE

Once a vibrant commercial island, it has evolved into a cultural center and Mindelo is one of the most well preserved colonial cities in Cape Verde. Our optional walking excursion will allow you to visit galleries and discover busy restaurants, musical events that give Mindelo its label of the Cultural Center of the Cape Verde. It is no surprise that the National Museum of Handicrafts is located in Mindelo. Overnight in port.

DAY 6 - MINDELO, SAO VICENTE – PORTO NOVO – SANTO ANTAO


Early in the morning depart for a short sail towards the island of Santo Antao, the greenest of all Cape Verde Islands with landscapes of verdant plantations of sugarcane alternate old craters. Our optional full day excursion will include the luxuriant Valley Paul where sugarcane is still exploited and where you will taste the "grogue" the national drink of the Archipelago. You will also reach the Valley of Ribeira das Patas and discover rock formations coming from lava formations. Dinner on board and overnight in port.

DAY 7 - PORTO NOVO – SANTO ANTAO

This morning, enjoy an optional half day excursion to discover the south-western part of the island a safari through volcanic landscapes, porcelain field, and isolated villages with dropwise agriculture and different kind of plantations. This is a beautiful experience through villages like Lagedos with an ecological tourism to explore the dry volcanic face of this extraordinary island. Return on board to depart towards Sal. Overnight at sea.

DAY 8 - PALMEIRA, SAL

Early morning arrival at Palmeira port, Sal. Disembarkation at 9:00 am after breakfast.

 Itineraries can be changed at the discretion of Variety Cruises and of the Vessel's Captain in case of adverse weather conditions - winds of 6/7 Beaufort or more depending on the vessel- on port authorities not allowing a vessel to leave port or in case of other extraordinary conditions. Such itinerary changes do not automatically entitle passengers to any refunds, but Variety Cruises guarantees that passengers are disembarked at the advertised port of disembarkation on time for their flights.

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ON THE M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER | 2023



SAILING DATES

From Sal to Sal

2023 Nov. 18 (Sat)
2023 Dec. 02 (Sat.)

THE ISLANDS OF THE CAPE VERDE ARCHIPELAGO
ON THE M/Y HARMONY G | 2024

SAILING DATES

From Sal to Sal

2024 Mar. 05, 12 (Tue.)

YOUR BOAT



M/Y HARMONY G

Mega Yacht

GENERAL INFORMATION

Length: 54 m

Launched: 2001 | Renovated: 2013

Cabins: 21

Capacity: 44 passengers

Crew: 16-18

The M/Y HARMONY G is a 54-meter/21-cabin elegant yacht that was launched in 2001 and renovated in 2012-2013. This sleek high-tech looking yacht complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations.

Service on board is provided by your Captain, the Cruise Coordinator and your experienced Marine and Hotel crew members. Service will be attentive or unobtrusive according to your requirements and priority is always given to the safety and comfort of passengers.

Organized excursions are available for most ports of call and can be pre-booked or reserved 24 hours in advance.



YOUR BOAT



M/Y HARMONY G

Mega Yacht

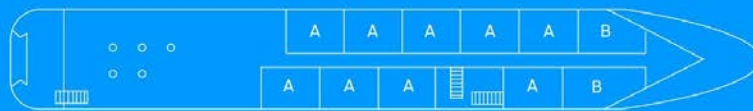
360°
SUN DECK



INFINITY
UPPER DECK



RIVIERA
MAIN DECK



OCEANS
LOWER DECK



The M/Y HARMONY G is a modern elegant yacht with a sleek high-tech look very similar to the private yachts to be found in the famous ports of the world.

YOUR BOAT



M/Y HARMONY G

Mega Yacht

CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

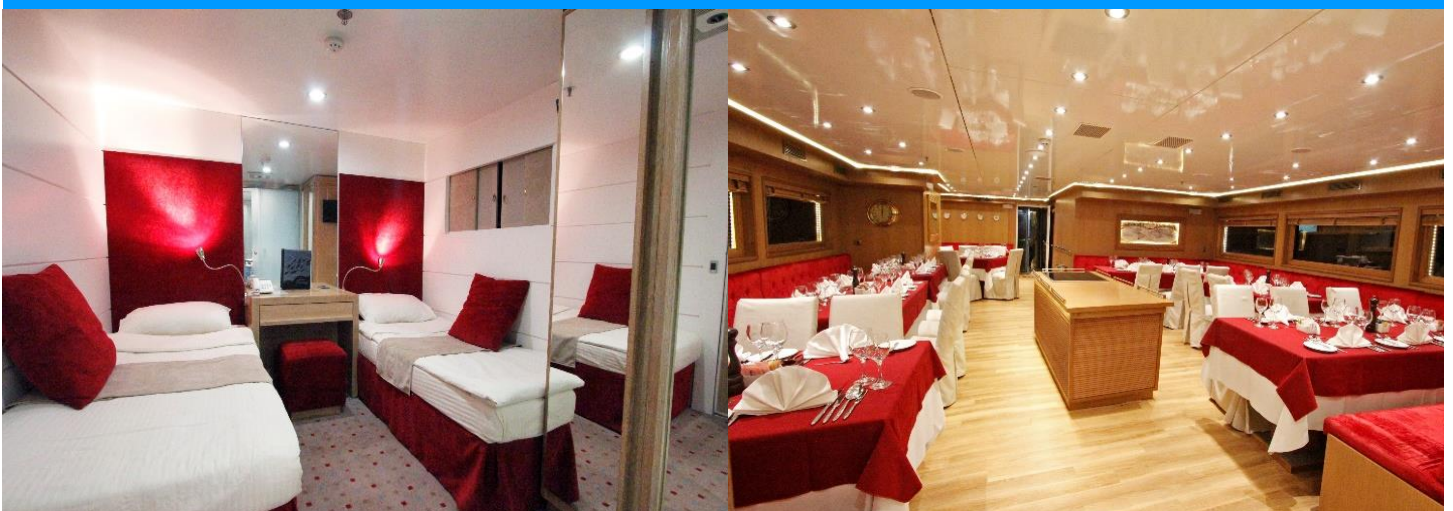
The 21 cabins of the M/Y HARMONY G are located on the Upper Deck (4 cabins), the Main Deck (11 cabins) and the Lower Deck (6 cabins). They are upscale, intimate and decorated with soft color furnishing. The cabins are equipped with twin or queen size beds, with two of the cabins being triples, and have large windows (two portholes on the Lower Deck). All cabins offer en suite bathrooms with shower, flat-screen TVs, CD/DVD players, music channels, mini fridges, hairdryers, individually controlled A/C and safe deposit boxes.

LIFE ON BOARD

During the day, life on board centers around the Bar Lounge and Dining Room at the Main Deck and meals are also served "al fresco" depending on the weather. The Captain will drop anchor at secluded bays and beautiful uninhabited islands where, weather permitting, guests enjoy swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. The Mega Yacht accommodates all guests at one single seating and provide a high standard of cuisine, always with some local flavor.

Main deck lounge & dining room

The classy dining room is surrounded by large windows providing beautiful views of the ports of call. The spacious dining room seats all passengers in a single, unassigned seating and food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffet which.



YOUR BOAT



M/Y HARMONY G

Mega Yacht

Upper deck lounge area & dining room

The interior lounge has relaxing couches and comfortable lounge chairs where you can have a drink and gaze out of the large windows at the breathtaking sceneries you are cruising into, read a book, watch television on the satellite TV or one of our documentaries on the next place you are visiting. Also located on the Upper Deck, the outdoor dining area provides beautiful views of the ports of call visited.

Sun deck

The vessel features a Sun Deck with a sitting area to relax and enjoy unobstructed views and with ample Sun loungers' space to bask under the sun, read a good book or just gaze at the scenery.



YOUR BOAT



M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER

Mega Yacht

GENERAL INFORMATION

Length: 68 m

Launched: 2012

Cabins: 36

Capacity: 72 passengers

Crew: 32

Imagine your floating home on board the sleek, contemporary state of the art Mega Yacht that sails the seas under the name VARIETY VOYAGER, waving her flag through the wind. Discover the world by sea at 13 knots per hour, in her un-rushed pace, one island or seashore at a time. Variety Voyager loves to seduce her select 72 guests with her sleek lines and ample deck space redefining what yachting was meant to be. Warm fabrics, rich marbles, ax minster carpeting, and soft tones wood-paneling are just some of the elements that define her essence. 360° views of unobstructed ocean are your eyes' canvas painted with ocean blue and deep green mountains. Mingle with like-minded travelers in our public areas, enjoy a moment to yourself in our ample deck space, or retreat to your cabin sanctuary all offering windows or portholes connecting you with Mother Nature's wonders.





YOUR BOAT

M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER

Mega Yacht

HORIZON
SKY DECK



360°
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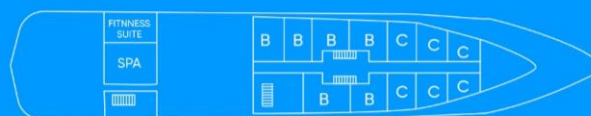
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The 68-meter / 36-cabin Variety Voyager was launched in 2012. This sleek high-tech looking Mega Yacht complies with the most stringent SOLAS safety regulations.

YOUR BOAT



M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER

Mega Yacht

CABIN SPECIFICATIONS

The 68-meter Mega Yacht Variety Voyager accommodates up to 72 guests in 36 cabins. 28 cabins are located in the Main and Lower Decks, and 8 staterooms sizes range from 16-20 m². Cabins at the Lower deck feature two oversized portholes and cabins at the Main and the Upper deck feature large windows. All cabins have individually controlled A/C and ventilation, mini-fridge, flat-screen TVs and DVD players. Bathrooms are finished with warm marble and Corian materials.

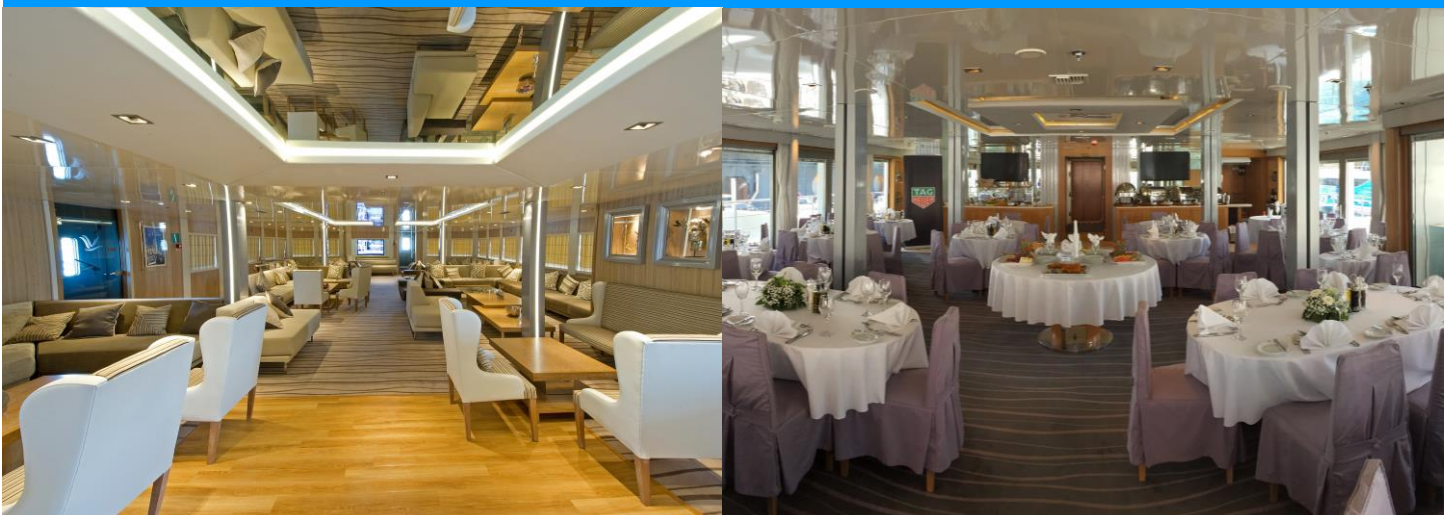
LIFE ON BOARD

MAIN LOUNGE

Located on the Main deck, right off the reception area, the Main Lounge is gracefully designed and finished with wood panels. There is ample seating space for moments of pleasure or relaxation and modern AV equipment for presentations. The mini library, just off the Main Lounge, offers a variety of books and magazines.

DINING ROOM

Located on the Upper deck, the glass enclosed dining room seats 75 and allows for spectacular views around you, while dining in an elegant environment. It extends to the adjacent open deck dining room, also seating 50 passengers and allowing for breakfast, lunch or dinner to be taken "al fresco". Food is served at the table or displayed on the state of the art hot & cold buffet which also includes an "a la minute cooking" section.



YOUR BOAT



M/Y VARIETY VOYAGER

Mega Yacht

Ocean's Bar & Lounge

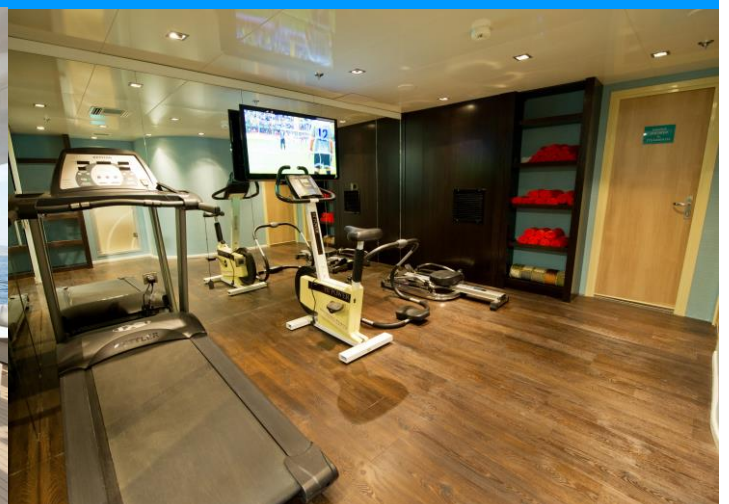
Located on the 360° Sun Deck, the open Bar and Lounge offers stylish shaded seating and is the ideal spot for reading, relaxing or dancing under the stars until the late hours at the sound of our resident DJ/entertainer.

Spa & Fitness Suite

Located at the Lower Deck, it offers Massage, Sauna and some fitness equipment. Our Balinese Spa Supervisor also provides hair, face and nails treatments.

Sun deck / Sky deck

Sun loungers are available to sunbathe in total comfort while enjoying drinks served from the Ocean's Bar.







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DAY 2

SAL REI

BOA VISTA – the Dry North

- Duration approx. 3,5 hours
- Incl. Transportation by pickups/Guide/Lunch
- Per Person: Euro 78

NOTE: Boa Vista tour has to be pre-booked ahead of embarkation!

The easternmost **and third-largest island of Cape Verde** definitely does justice to its name – **Boa Vista: beautiful view**. Life on this island is authentic and the landscape is characterized by **deserts of sand and scree**.

Our excursion will take us to **small villages**, where we will have the opportunity to see every day's life and the special nature of this island. First we will wonder **the streets of Sal Rei** and take in the atmosphere of the capital, after this we go **to Rabil to visit a local school for traditional pottery**. See local artisans creating decorative pieces with their home clay followed by a drive in the **Viana Desert** (short stop). We will also have the opportunity to swim in the ocean at the natural beach of Santa Monica weather permitting, followed by a good local lunch.

Our last highlight will be the old **Shipwreck at Santa Maria** beach before returning to our ship.

Note: Guests are seated both inside/outside at the pickups with rotation during the tour;(heat/sun/sand)



DAY 3

SANTIAGO ISLAND

PRAIA - CIDADE VELHA

- Duration approx. 3 hours
- Incl. Transportation/Guide/Entry fee
- Per Person: Euro 45

The excursion starts with a short half an hour trip to **Cidade Velha** (once Ribeira Grande), **first capital of Cape Verde**. Here we walk through the village, visiting the **fortress of São Filipe**, the **Pelourinho**, the **Sé Catedral**, the **Church of Nossa Senhora do Rosário** and the **convent of São Francisco**. Afterwards we drive towards **Plateau** to have a look at its main attractions; **Cidade Velha**, which has been inscribed **on UNESCO's World Heritage List**. **Praça Alexandre de Albuquerque**, surrounded by old buildings, exemplifying the old colonial architecture style, like for instance the Palácio da Justiça, the church of Nossa Senhora from 1900, the Municipality, the Culture Palace Ildo Lobo, the market and the miradouro.



DAY 4

SAO FELIPE

FOGO – SAO FELIPE City tour and the VOLCANO

- Duration approx. 7 hours
- Incl. Transportation/Guide/Lunch
- Per Person: Euro 72

We start our excursion at **Presidio, city's main square**, and continue to **the "colored market"** with many kinds of fruit and vegetables. Continue passing by **The City Hall** and many others **old Sobrados** (colonial houses), some of them already restored, and we enter in the **Municipal Museum**, to learn about the history of one of the most important Islands in the past. We continue with a visit to the **Natural park** is a must, appreciating the greatest attraction of Cape Verde and one of the most impressive landscapes in the world.

Departure from **São Filipe**, with our first Stop at **Forno**, visit to one of the area where the drop-by-drop irrigation method is used, a technique adopted by farms on the island in order to minimize the effect of drought. Then we continue to **Achada Furna**, a change to get to know the communities where new houses were built for population of **Chã das Caldeiras** after the eruption of 1995 and 2014. Although many of them had returned to the Caldeira. Continuing we stop in **Cabeça Fundão** where we have a nice view of many old crater and a landscape of mix colors.

Finally we arrive at the entry of **the Natural Park of Chã das Caldeiras** to enjoy a stupendous view from the highest point from Cape Verde. Is our opportunity to Trek to the **2014 crater** – where one can find places extremely hot spots apart from the Sulfur. Time to visit one of the two villages that was destroyed, in the eruption of 2014/2015. 98% of the houses, schools, restaurants, hotels, everything gone, but the people were back, strong to rebuild everything again. **Lunch at Marisa house** and time to taste **the traditional Chã das Caldeiras wine** better known as Manecon. A chance to purchase **one of the best coffee in the world**.



DAY 5

SAO VINCENTE

MINDELO - SAO VICENTE – Culture City walk

- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Incl. Guide
- Per Person: Euro 39

MINDELO is known as the **cultural capital of the country**. We will go on a discovery tour of the **lively markets** and **the secret corners of the harbor town**. On this tour you will be walking towards the harbor along the famous of MINDELO bay **RUA DE PRAIA** with traditional shops and monuments like and you will see the cultural centre, (former customs) and the fish market. You will also visit of the African market **PRACA ESTRELA** passing a traditional quarter, with the town hall, and the vegetable market. Before returning to the pier, you will pass the historical main street **RUA LISBOA** and the very lively **PRACA NOVA** - Free time for shopping.



DAY 6

SANTO ANTAO

SANTO ANTAO – The Discovery

- Duration approx. 8 hours
- Incl. Transportation/Guide/Lunch
- Per Person: Euro 77

A full day excursion discovering the major sites of the island, passing by the famous new coastal road to **Cidade da Pombas** and, of course, going into **Paul Valley** – a green jewel among the villages of Santo Antão. On the way we will visit **plantations of sugar cane** and we will taste in **home-distillery “grogue”** – the **white rum** made by sugar cane where you will have the possibility to buy some bottles.

We continue with the coastal road to meet **Ponta do Sol**, the fisherman’s port of Santo Antao. In the area of **Ribeira Grande** we will take our lunch, before we take the old road over the mountains passing the Ribeira de Torre,

Água das Caldeiras and the **Corda Caldera**, from where we decent back to Porto Novo.

The Santo Antao tour will show you the fabulous contrast between an arid southern region, a forest in altitude and the fabulous vegetation from the North. A tour no one should miss!



DAY 7

SANTO ANTAO

SANTO ANTAO – Volcanic Landscapes

- Duration approx. 4 hours
- Incl. Transportation/Guide
- Per Person: Euro 59

Discover the south-western part of the island, **a safari through volcanic landscapes, porcelains fields** where you will be able to sight beautiful, isolated villages with dropwise agriculture and different kind of plantations. A discovery of unusual landscapes like **Lagedos** village known for its **sustainable tourism**.

Leaving behind the Northeast we enter the Southwest, a small gem. Typical landscape not only for the unique kind of crops, but also for the colour contrast displayed by the black volcanic rock.



REMARKS:

-Minimum number of participants for the operation of above tours: 10 paying persons. Maximum number depending availability (limited)

-Tours include: private transportation for the exclusive use of the VARIETY CRUISES passengers, informative local guides or escorts, entrances where applicable and light traditional meals (if mentioned in the program)

-Transportation takes place by Toyota or similar Minibuses or Jeeps with no A/C no P/A (microphone)- as per island standards.

-The level of the tours is considered easy (guests with normal mobility condition) except for Boa Vista which is considered slightly strenuous (sun/sand and transportation is taking place with pickups vehicles) and Sao Vicente walking tour which is considered moderate.

-Prices or descriptions are subject to changes due to operational or other unforeseen issues. Guests will be informed ahead of time – prior signing in, should any changes occur.

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