Relative to France, Italy or Spain, Portugal is one of Europe’s lesser visited destinations yet it holds tremendous value for the discerning traveler. A historical powerhouse for global navigational dominance, Portugal contains some of the richest architecture from this period including a vast array of geographical treasures and of course a fantastic gastronomy and some pretty tasty wines too – especially the Port! For the hiker, Portugal may not exceed 8000 feet, but it offers spectacular coastal landscapes and many forested hill ranges and of course the illustrious Azorean archipelago.

Bemvenido!

The Azores archipelago consists of 9 islands and a combined population of approximately 250,000 people living mostly in rural settlements. The region is a mid-Atlantic treasure that escapes tourism of grand proportions. On one hand, a throwback to old-style Portugal - one of narrow cobbled streets and red roofed townhouses with ornate shutters and wrought-iron balconies. On the other, a botanical Eden that rivals Hawaii in botanical diversity yet maintains an old-world maritime culture. It is primarily a marriage between a walking discovery over unique and somewhat unreal landscapes and a journey back in time. White arum lilies, red cannas and spires of orange crocosmia grow wild. Hydrangeas make up roadside hedges while lines of bamboo separate fields. Then there are agaves, cacti, succulents, fir trees, plane trees with trunks and branches covered in lichen, and azaleas bursting into bloom. The Azores are a sheer delight.

Mainland Portugal and its thriving capital Lisbon is a throwback to its navigational heritage during the years of monarchy rule and its working class, socialist roots that dominated the last century. The countryside is be-speckled with red tile roofed houses clustered around each other amidst green orchards and forested hillsides. The coastline is rich in powerful sandy beach breaks and small fishing villages set on estuaries teeming with birdlife. The Portuguese people are soft spoken and somewhat shy compared to their European neighbors – perhaps humbled and preserved by generations of coastal living and enjoying the simple pleasures of their unique topography and brilliant climate.

On top of it all, Portugal remains one of the most liberal western societies to date. Welcoming millions of immigrants from former colonies, Portugal is blessed with a mixed heritage of ancestors from Brazil, Angola, India, Cape Verde and more – all adding to the unique diet, language, music and artistic endeavors we find spread throughout the country.

Combined, we’ll introduce you to the people, architecture, landscapes and of course the wonderful food and wine this country has to offer. Our explorations are largely on foot – at a level and pace we can all handle – ensuring that you can absorb the most this nation offers!
We’ll be accompanied throughout this trip by a local experienced guide who will help us enjoy and understand the Azores and mainland Portugal. On our hikes, we will not only experience incredible scenery but also gain insights into their history and culture.

**TRIP DIFFICULTY**

This trip is rated #4 (Moderate). We will hike from 4 to 5 hours per day. The typical daily elevation gain is 500 – 1000 feet. We will hike at a moderate pace, which will permit time for photos and rest breaks. Participants should be in excellent shape and be able to hike for 4 to 5 hours per day for 10 consecutive days. Every evening our local guide and the leaders will describe the walk/hike for the following day so participants can plan accordingly.

**TOUR ITINERARY**

**Day 1** (Mon) 10 May / Departure from USA
You can organize your flight for departure today – perhaps arriving to Azores the following morning.

**Day 2** (Tue) 11 May / Arrival in João Paulo II Airport (PDL) in Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel Island, Azores
Normally Azores Airline flights from Boston arrive at 6 am. You will be transferred to our hotel in Ponta Delgada city (20 min) for an early check in with breakfast (NOTE – EARLY CHECK IN ACTUALLY INCLUDES THE NIGHT OF May 10 ROOM USE). At 2:30 pm in the hotel lobby, you’ll meet our guide Matt from Adventurebug and he’ll lead a guided walking tour of Ponta Delgada’s historic quarter from 2:30-5:00 pm.
Meals included: Buffet breakfast and welcome dinner in a local restaurant specialising in Azorean dishes.
Hotel: Hotel Marine Atlantico (4 star)
https://www.bensaudehotels.com/hotelmarinaatlantico/en

**Day 3** (Wed) 12 May / Furnas Lake, Sao Miguel Island
After breakfast we have a scenic 1 hour transfer to Furnas on the opposite side of Sao Miguel Island. Our stop(s) on route may include either a traditional ceramic exposition or visit to pineapple plantation (or both), and a lunch stop in Vila Franca – the island’s original capital. These visits are no more than 1 hour in duration. At Furnas, we have a scenic guided hike around the lake (2-3 hours), visiting the ‘caldeiras’ meaning “cooking pot” where locals cook food in hot chambers.
From here we drive to our hotel giving you time to visit the lush botanical gardens and giant outdoor thermal pool.
Meals included: Breakfast and a special stew dinner cooked in volcanic soil while we hiked!
Hotel: (same) Terra Nostra, Furnas (4 star)
http://www.terranostragardenhotel.com/
Day 4  (Thu)  13 May / Ribeira Quente Hike and Coastal Visit
After breakfast we have a short transfer to trailhead (15 min). Hike along coastal forests and farmlands to Ribeira Quente fishing village (4 hours hiking time). Here we enjoy a vast array of botany and be on the watch for bird life and dolphins from our many sea views along the trail! After hiking through the village and an optional ocean swim with café time we return to Furnas to witness the steaming volcanic vents right in the town itself and after you can treat yourself to the thermal baths at the hotel.
Meals included:  Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, and Dinner
Hotel:  (same) Terra Nostra, Furnas (4 star)

Day 5  (Fri)  14 May / (Flight) Pico Island
Today we visit the historic Tea Plantations of Sao Miguel – including an hour and a half of hiking through the plantations themselves followed by a visit to the charming town of where you can take lunch in a wonderful setting. We then transfer to Ponta Delgada Airport (30 min) for a flight to Pico Island. Flight time to Pico is 1 hr (Normally Departs 17:35 - flight / SP 0434). In Pico, we transfer 30 min from the airport to Madalena town – our base for the next 3 nights.
Meals Included:  Breakfast and Dinner (in hotel)
Hotel:  Caravelas, Madalena (4 star)  http://www.hotelcaravelas.com.pt/

Day 6  (Sat)  15 May / Pico Island – Vineyard Hike
This morning you can choose options such as a whale watch experience; deep sea fishing; explore Madalena’s heritage and swimming locations or taxi (15 min) to the Lava Tubes for an extraordinary underground experience (lasting 1 hour). These visits are not included in the trip price and our local outfitter, Matt, will assist in organizing options. After lunch, we regroup and hike the UNESCO world heritage vineyards (4-5 miles / flat) and explore some wonderful architecture.
Meals Included:  Breakfast only today.
Hotel:  (same) Caravelas, Madalena (4 star)

Day 7  (Sun)  16 May / Faial Island Visit
This morning we cross the straits by ferry (45 min crossing / 08:15 departure), to visit the Blue Island, Faial. Our tour takes us to Horta, the pretty harbour capital followed by a scenic tour of the island where we explore on foot both the Capelo Volcanic Complex and the highest point, the Faial Caldeira volcano itself. A highlight of today is the distinct plant life of Faial, the laid-back atmosphere and the tasty cheese produced here. We return by ferry later in the afternoon.
Meals Included:  Breakfast, Picnic Lunch & Dinner.
Hotel:  (same) Caravelas, Madalena (4 star)

Day 8  (Mon)  17 May / FLIGHT TO PORTUGAL (LISBON / CASCAIS)
This morning we’ll make our way to the airport for our 10:35 am flight (Pico to Lisbon SP 0140). From Lisbon we have a 45 min transfer to Cascais on the Portuguese Riviera. We should be at our hotel by 3:30 pm in the afternoon, in which case we’ll explore the pretty town and walk the seaside promenade admiring the turn of century mansions and unique architecture. Tonight, you are free to explore the many options for dinner as Cascais is famous for its seafood and local Portuguese cuisine.
Meals Included:  Breakfast only.
Hotel:  Hotel Baia, Cascais (3 star)  http://www.hotelbaia.com/hotel-baia-cascais
Day 9  (Tue) 18 May / Cabo do Roca Coastal Hike
Today we make a visit to mainland Europe’s most westerly point – visiting Cabo do Roca, a pilgrimage site for the sea-bound Portuguese, before taking a wonderful hike along the coast and beaches leading to Macas village, one of Portugal’s most photographed coastal regions – we can have a cold drink and swim here at the end of our hike. We then travel to Sintra by coach (30 min) for our 2 night stay in this unique heritage hotel.
Meals Included:  Breakfast, Picnic Lunch & Dinner at the hotel.
Hotel: Hotel Sintra Jardim http://www.hotelsintrajardim.pt/, a heritage guest house in walking distance to the historic center, the Pena Palace or the Moorish Castle.

Day 10  (Wed) 19 May / Sintra and the Pena Palace Hike
Today we hike from the hotel through Sintra’s beautiful forested hills past a 1500 year old Moorish Fortress and to the Palace of La Pena for a 360 degree view of Portugal’s West Coast and interior. After a visit of the Palace & Gardens we descend to the town of Sintra for glimpses of wonderful Victorian architecture set amongst verdant forests and stone walled alley ways.
Meals Included:  Breakfast and Picnic Lunch
Hotel: (same) Hotel Sintra Jardim

Day 11  (Thu) 20 May / Cork Forest & Vineyard Hike of the Arrabida Natural Reserve
Departing Sintra, we make our way by bus (1 hour) to the Arrabida Natural Park, a highland situated across the Tagus River from Lisbon. Arrabida, in the state of Setubal is famous for its vineyards and lush cork forests. We’ll hike the windmill route today and stroll through the cork oaks before enjoying a taste of Setubal’s locally produced wines in a family run vineyard. Following a panoramic drive through the Arrabida Park (1 hour), we’ll arrive at our hotel base in the historic city of Setubal.
Meals Included:  Breakfast, Picnic Lunch and Dinner
Hotel: Luna Esperanca, Setubal center (4 star) www.lunahoteis.com

Day 12  (Fri) 21 May / Lisbon Tour Day
This morning we’ll transfer 40 minutes to Lisbon – the enigmatic heart of Portugal. Here we’ll walk to the historic main pracas (squares), the Sé Cathedral, the Sao Jorge Castle and the Alfama district where Lisbon’s origins began. This is a fully comprehensive tour day of this glorious city.
Meals Included:  Breakfast and farewell FADO music dinner show!

Day 13  (Sat) 22 May / DEPARTURE DAY
After breakfast this morning your tour comes to an end. There are plenty of good options for accessing the airport and / or extending your stay in Portugal.
Your airport transfer from the hotel is not included and Matt is on hand to make recommendations and bookings for you.
For those of you travelling on the direct flight to Boston (normally 10:45 am departure), you will be in a good position to access this flight as the airport is 20 minutes away.
Meals Included:  Breakfast only.

POSSIBLE ITINERARY CHANGES

While the itinerary in this prospectus is what the leaders have planned at the time of writing, various factors may require changes for reasons of safety, transportation or lodging availability, and unforeseeable circumstances (such as weather considerations, natural disasters in areas to be visited, recommendations of governmental agencies, or unscheduled transportation workers’ strikes). The leaders reserve the right to make such changes as necessary, both before and during the trip.
PACKING LIST

- Passport
- Light day pack
- Rain jacket, rain pants
- Easy to wash travel wear
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Trekking boots
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen, sunglasses
- Water bottle
- Personal first aid kit
- Hand sanitizer
- Relaxing casual wear for hotels
- Medium size rolling suitcase
- Swimsuit, sandals for pool or beach
- Toiletries, contact lens supplies, extra glasses
- Prescription and OTC personal medications

OPTIONAL:

- Camera with extra battery and memory card
- Guidebook or journal

TRAVEL IN THE AZORES & PORTUGAL: WHAT TO KNOW...

- Euros are the currency. Bank ATM Machines are widely available, and we recommend obtaining small amounts of Euros for your daily travel. Traveller’s Cheques are rarely accepted these days, bank ATM cards or Visa / MC are best.
- Language of the Azores and mainland is Portuguese, and English is spoken largely in the main tourist areas.
- The Azores are a series of small, sparsely populated islands that for many years was very impoverished. Society relies on fishing and agriculture for sustainability and tourism is the region’s biggest income earner. Standards of living can be very different from what you are accustomed too. The pace of life on the islands is slower and levels of customer service may appear ‘less ambitious’ than what we are normally accustomed to.
- The Azores islands are volcanic and seismic activity can occur. Large, destructive earthquakes or lava flows have not existed in current history and the Portuguese Government regularly promotes the region as a family, holiday destination with minor risks.
- Road travel in Portugal is good but expect narrow, winding, tarmac roads through mountainous countryside. Our transfers are normally less than 1 hour at a time and with frequent stops at scenic locations. We do have 2 transfers that are over 2 hours on this excursion.
- Weather patterns throughout Portugal and the Azores are erratic and similar to the maritime climates of the Eastern US – however usually milder. Rain, squalls and strong winds are the norm for certain hours of the day and periods during the year. May can be a rainy month, but most showers are short lived and spread over the islands.
- Travel disease issues are not a concern in the Azores or Portugal. Immunizations or travel vaccinations are not necessary. However, we always recommend that travellers bring their own prescriptions (including glasses), from home. Tap water is generally very safe in the Azores and the mainland.
- Hospital and health coverage for visitors is very good and meets European criteria. Please ensure your travel insurance is up to date and covers the Azores and mainland regions.
- The Azores are approximately 4 hours air travel time from Boston and is on GMT -1 hour (1 hour behind the UK time (GMT) zone. Mainland Portugal is on the UK time (GMT) zone so you will lose one hour when transferring from the Azores to Portugal.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE AND EXPECTATIONS

This trip is designed so that everyone may experience our adventure in the Azores and Portugal through shared participation in activities in an organized group environment. We are likely to be traveling in areas that are unfamiliar to you. You also may find yourself in close quarters or in less comfortable surroundings than you are at home. This is a part of the “adventure” in adventure travel. You should make it a priority to help others on the trip and contribute to their having a great time. If you do that, we guarantee that you will have a great time!

You should have a keen interest in adventure, natural and cultural explorations, and enjoy easy to moderate hiking. We
remind you that the success of AMC Adventure Travel trips depends on a spirit of cooperation and camaraderie. Our trips are most successful when all participants take a participatory role in the activities being presented. Because we will have a local touring specialist with us, we may be able to accommodate special needs and requests. However, the AMC leaders and our tour operator will be responsible for all decisions involving activities.

It may happen on any trip that a trip member is or becomes unable to participate in one or more of the planned activities. Leaders in their sole judgment have the right and obligation to refuse participation in any activity to any group member for reasons of safety, whether it be of the group or of the individual. Illness, injury or lack of proper gear or fitness for a particular activity are examples of some conditions that might result in a participant’s being unable to perform one or more activities. Leaders may try to find a substitute activity for the trip member, but this may not always be possible.

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

AMC Adventure Travel trips are run in a manner supportive of and consistent with the conservation, recreational and educational principles and mission of the Club. Trip leaders encourage participant conduct consistent with Leave No Trace environmental and conservation principles and local regulations.

Our outfitter, Adventurebug’s Responsible Travel Ethos is at the heart of everything they do, from getting the basics right like respecting local cultures, customs and the natural environment, to initiating projects that make positive contributions to communities – to volunteer efforts on a wide range of events and projects. We have chosen Adventurebug to be our outfitter because of their experience and because AMC Adventure Travel shares the same values for responsible travel.

SAFETY AND RISKS

Participant safety is a high priority for all AMC-sponsored events. Participants should be aware that there are risks associated with outdoor adventure activities, including, but not limited to, adverse weather and environmental conditions, remote locations of our trips, and transportation in vehicles or on foot. Aside from any personal medical problems, participants should be aware of the possibilities of bug bites, dehydration, sun burn and other heat- or cold-related problems. You should regularly use sun screen, take care to be adequately hydrated and bring water on all day trips. Please carefully read and sign the AMC Participant Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release and Indemnity Agreement.

WHAT TO EXPECT & HIGHLIGHTS

Our adventurous and well-paced itinerary is suitable for couples and singles.

Lodgings

We provide 11 tour nights’ including the night of May 10 so that you can check in the morning of May 11, in high quality hotels located in specially selected regions. The trip cost is based on double occupancy. All hotels have WIFI connections and some have swimming pool and are beachside.

Single Applicants: The price of the trip is based on double occupancy of the rooms. We will accept reservations from single applicants and the leaders will help find a same gender roommate for you. The leaders reserve the right to change roommates. A limited number of single rooms are available for an extra fee of $900. If single rooms are not available at all places where we will stay, your unused single supplement fee will be refunded after the trip.

Meals

Group dinners normally include a choice of starters, main courses and a dessert. Wine or beer and mineral water are always provided. On occasions we provide your lunch (sometimes a packed lunch for carrying on the trail and/or ferry). Breakfasts are traditionally buffet style with a variety of options. There are 4 dinners and 5 lunches where you will have the option to explore local cafés or restaurants on your own (please refer to the above-mentioned itinerary when group meals are not included). We feel you’ll benefit from getting out and discovering the local cuisine. When a meal is not arranged as a group meal, our local guide will offer tips on where to get the best meal, or you might decide to dine out as small groups and experience the fun together. You can expect to pay about US$50 for a dinner and US$25 for a lunch.
Transport
During the tour days, we have a private air-conditioned bus for our use. A 30-minute ferry transfer to and from Faial Island is included in the itinerary. Also included are 2 internal flights: one from Sao Miguel Island to Pico and one from Pico to Lisbon. Airport transfers associated with these internal flights will be included in the trip but airport transfers in Lisbon at the end of the tour are not included.

Guiding Services
Our regional guide is Matt Butler, the director of Adventurebug Tours. He has vast experience leading trips worldwide and has guided for several AMC trips including a trip to the Greek islands for Joan and Cliff. Matt will also work with local Portuguese guides to enhance the cultural experience.

Personal Money
Outside of the meals not included in your tour price, you may wish to have some Euros for other purposes. This could include visits to taverns for tapas and beverages or extra drinks during/after dinner, local souvenirs, and the options on the rest day and any sites you may visit.

Exchanging money between your currency and the Euro is easy. Some options are:

- To buy or bring Euros from your bank at home
- Use your bank debit card in Portuguese bank ATM machines (good rates of exchange and low fees – pending your bank card arrangements from home)
- Buy Euros from banks and moneychangers in the Azores or Portugal
- Pay with your credit card (used everywhere in Portugal and the Azores)

(Important note – traveller’s cheques are practically obsolete in the Azores and Portugal)

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- All accommodation: 11 nights (twin share) – swimming pool available in most hotels
- Most meals (12 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 8 dinners) as per itinerary
- Private airport-hotel transfers at beginning of tour
- All internal island ground transfers via private air-conditioned bus
- Airline tickets (Ponta Delgada to Pico & Pico to Lisbon) single direction flights (1 x 23 kg checked baggage limit plus one 8 kg hand luggage).
- Ferry transfers to/from Faial Island
- Hiking / cultural guide throughout the tour (Matt Butler from Adventurebug Travel) and any local official guide contracted
- Entrances to Pena Palace, Wine Tasting at vineyard, Sao Jorge Palace and general entrances on route where available
- Tipping for meals provided in itinerary, bus transfer tips and local Portuguese guides.
- Wireless Internet service available for free at all hotel destinations
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- AMC AT program fee

NOT INCLUDED:

- International transport to arrive at Ponta Delgada Airport (PDL) and depart from Lisbon Airport (LIS)
- Internal Flight baggage allowance (see note below)
- Trip cancellation insurance
- Medical expenses and / or services required on tour not covered by insurance
- Additional services such as telephone, laundry, private transfers, etc.
- 6 lunches and 3 dinners to explore Portuguese cuisine
- Entrance fees to additional attractions not included in the above-mentioned Tour Itinerary, i.e., Whale Watch Tours, Lava Tubes, Museums, etc.
- Return airport transfer (about 20 minutes by taxi) from hotel to Lisbon Airport (LIS)
- Additional beverages beyond those provided at meals
- Housekeeping tips and personal room expenses
TRIP COST AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Trip cost is $3,750 per person in double-share occupancy for AMC members and $3,950 for non-members. Non-members can join the AMC for $50 and get the member price. The price for this excursion is based on quotes or estimates obtained at the time the trip was submitted to the Adventure Travel Committee for approval. The final price of the trip will be adjusted in accordance with the best final arrangements we can make. Any savings we achieve, as well as any cost increases we incur, will be shared by trip participants. Our cost estimates are conservative, and so a refund is considerably more likely than a price increase. The trip fee includes emergency medical and evacuation insurance coverage, which is required by the AMC. It does not include insurance for travel delay, interruption, or cancellation, or for baggage loss. If these possibilities concern you, individual travel insurance is recommended.

Payment Schedule

A registration deposit of $1,000 is due with the application.
Optional: Single Supplement Fee of $900, subject to availability, is also due with application.
The second payment of $1,500 is due August 15, 2020
The final payment of $1,250 is due December 15, 2021.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATION POLICY

The AMC Adventure Travel cancellation policy is based on the fact that your cancellation may not raise the cost to the other participants or to the leaders. Cancellations prior to confirmation that the trip will run as scheduled will be entitled to a refund on money deposited with the AMC less a minimum administration charge of $100.00. Cancellations after the trip is confirmed will be subject to a $200.00 cancellation charge. If actual costs (expenses already incurred on your behalf and any unavoidable future expenses that will be incurred as a result of your registration and cancellation) are higher, they will be assessed instead, unless they can be applied toward another acceptable participant. Late cancellations are likely to result in no refund. If you cancel after the airline tickets have been purchased, you still own the ticket and will be subject to their cancellation policy.

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

In the unlikely event that the trip is cancelled, everything you have paid to AMC for this trip will be refunded in full. Participants are responsible for their own airline tickets and other external expenses. Most airlines no longer give refunds for cancellations; instead, they issue coupons for a future trip with an administrative charge and an expiration date. Trip cancellation insurance is advised and information about it will be supplied to all participants.

DISCLOSURE

AMC Adventure Travel trips are run on a nonprofit basis. Leaders are not compensated except for their travel and administrative costs associated with the trip. A program fee is assessed toward AMC Adventure Travel program and administrative expenses.
APPLICATION

After reading this prospectus carefully if you are still interested to apply for this trip, please fill out this Online Registration Form, https://forms.gle/Kqm6X3MUQ5KysAmQ8, and submit it online.

Please send this Reference link, https://forms.gle/ncUn9wNiYBYo3qBP8, to three references who can vouch for your hiking activity, abilities, and experience with group travel. If you are an active outdoors person with limited hiking references, please feel free to contact Cliff Chambers at (617) 680-3735 to discuss trip details.

In addition to completing the Online Registration Form, please also download, print, fill out, sign and date the following documents from the links below. We will need both the online copy of your application as well as a hard copy with your official signature. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. AMC AT Trip Application Form: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LpCo4RwkCBiRV5tvV1x65zV2NbVPk--j
2. AMC AT Assumption of Risk Participant Release Form: https://drive.google.com/open?id=12I7z2qJFTZUZZgJuTQpUeU_F-3k15Wk
3. AMC AT Medical Form: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1tHJqv3RAkVJxvnjUv_no8YcaiadJlJzR
4. AMC AT Supplemental Medical Form (Optional): https://drive.google.com/open?id=177l1uOmd1G29fBaXIASid6o_SUzb2_hP
5. AMC AT 2124-Portugal Outfitter Release Form: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NZJRxDgSWK5STczTkKjrRy53LmtVlpP

Mail the above four (4) ink-signed forms along with a deposit check for $1,000 payable to the Appalachian Mountain Club and mail to: Joan Chambers, PO Box 2532, Woburn, MA 01888

Your check will not be deposited unless we offer you a place. If you are accepted from a waiting list, we will not deposit your check unless you confirm that you are still interested.

We expect this trip to fill quickly so the sooner you can get everything in the better and the sooner we can start the screening process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact L. Joan Chambers, wu.chambers@gmail.com and L. Cliff Chambers, wu.chambers@gmail.com, 617-680-3735.

After we receive your application, we will talk to you about your experience to ascertain your ability to participate successfully in this trip. Providing information to us about a medical issue or injury will not necessarily disqualify you from participation, but we may need to ask you some follow-up questions. We want to be sure that we can adequately provide for your needs in our locations.

Please remember that all AMC Adventure Travel events are led by volunteers. As such, they may be unable to respond to your inquiry immediately. However, they are very dedicated and will contact you as soon as possible.

Please read and understand the cancellation policy in the trip prospectus before sending any money.
Leaders

Cliff Chambers leads three-season hikes for the Hiking / Backpacking Committee of the AMC Boston Chapter. Cliff has co-led several hiking/trekking-oriented Adventure Travel trips to such destinations as the Grand Tetons, Glacier National Park, New Zealand, and Patagonia and has traveled to Norway, Poland, and Tasmania in Australia. Cliff has led trips to Greek Islands and Alaska with Joan in 2018. Cliff has Advanced Wilderness First Aid and CPR certification. He is looking forward to an amazing cultural experience in the Azores and Portugal.

Joan Chambers leads four-season hikes for the Hiking/Backpacking Committee of AMC Boston Chapter. She received the Winter Leader of 2009 award and was profiled in the July-August 2011 issue of AMC Outdoors magazine as an AMC volunteer leader making a difference. Since 2008, Joan has co-led 5 and led 10 AMC Adventure Travel trips to many US national parks, and abroad in N. & S. America, Europe, Africa, New Zealand and Australia. Joan is Advanced Wilderness First Aid and CPR Certified. She can't wait to experience this Azores-Portugal adventure with like-minded explorers!