

Praia da Vitória, Terceira, Azores, Portugal

Terceira's east-coast port town opens onto the Azores' best sandy beach — and an island packed with volcanic caves, patchwork hillsides, and a UNESCO Renaissance city just 20 minutes away.

 Pier (Porto Comercial)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Euro (€)

 Portuguese (English widely spoken)

🌴 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Porto Comercial da Praia da Vitória; no tendering

Best For: Volcanic landscapes, UNESCO city, patchwork viewpoints, beach day

Walk to center: ~1.5–2 km flat walk along the marina; shuttle often available

Don't Miss: Algar do Carvão volcanic chimney and a plate of Alcatra beef

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €10–15 · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Algar do Carvão — Volcanic Chimney** — Descend into one of the world's only accessible volcanic chimneys — a moss-draped cavern ending in a crystal-clear...
- **Angra do Heroísmo — UNESCO Old City** — Terceira's capital is a beautifully preserved Renaissance city with 16th-century fortresses, cobblestone streets, and...
- **Serra do Cume Viewpoint** — Terceira's most photographed panorama: an emerald patchwork of green fields divided by black volcanic stone walls.
- **Biscoitos Natural Pools** — Atlantic rock pools on Terceira's north coast formed from volcanic basalt — calm enough to swim while surf breaks just...
- **Impérios & Holy Spirit Chapels** — Terceira's brightly painted Holy Spirit chapels — called Impérios — are unique to this island.

BEST WALKS

- **Town & Beach Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat · Easy — Walk the marina promenade to Praia Grande beach, then cut through the pedestrianized Rua de Jesus for local shops, pastelarias, and...
- **Facho Viewpoint Hike** 2 km round-trip · 30-40 min · Strenuous climb · Rewarding views — From the town center, follow the staircase path up to Miradouro do Facho for a panoramic sweep of the bay, the port, and the Atlantic.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	56°	15d
Jun	69°	63°	12d
Aug	76°	69°	15d
Sep	73°	68°	16d
Oct	69°	64°	16d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:11AM–8:25PM · Jun 6:23AM–9:14PM · Aug 7:02AM–8:42PM · Sep 7:30AM–7:55PM · Oct 7:57AM–7:09PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Four seasons in one day. Azorean weather changes fast — sun, rain, wind, and fog can all appear within hours. Pack a lightweight waterproof jacket even when it looks clear.

Praia da Vitória, Terceira, Azores, Portugal — Port Map

cruiseports.org

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|--|
| 1 Casa de Vitorino Nemésio | Birthplace and museum of famous Azorean writer Vitorino Nemésio. | 2 Facho Viewpoint | Scenic viewpoint offering panoramic views of Praia da Vitória bay. |
| 3 Miradouro da Ponta da Má Merenda | Coastal viewpoint with stunning ocean and cliff panoramas. | 4 Praia da Riviera | A beautiful sandy beach perfect for swimming and sunbathing. |
| 5 Miradouro da Serra do Cume | Iconic viewpoint with panoramic "patchwork" views of the island's interior. | 6 Baía das Canas | A picturesque bay with a small, tranquil pebble beach. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |