

# SPACE FOR MARITIME SECURITY

Tackling challenges in the Baltic Sea & Overseas Territories

## GUIDE FOR ATTENDEES

2nd - 3rd June 2026

Grand Hotel Açores Atlântico

Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Portugal



In collaboration with



## ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The ESA workshop will take place in **Ponta Delgada**, on São Miguel Island, **Portugal**, from **1-3 June 2026** for an inspiring one-day workshop:

- June 1 - Evening welcome cocktail
- **June 2 - Full day of sessions** followed by an evening reception
- June 3 - Special social event.

It will bring together European and national stakeholders, experts, and operators to explore how space systems will enhance maritime security. Participants will examine evolving threats in two key regions: the Baltic Sea and European Overseas Territories.



The Baltic's narrow waters, harsh weather, and strategic importance will demand rapid analysis and resilient monitoring.

Overseas territories face vast maritime zones, geographic isolation from their parent state, and limited enforcement resources. Space assets, including Earth Observation satellites and multi-signal navigation systems, will provide real-time surveillance and decision support.

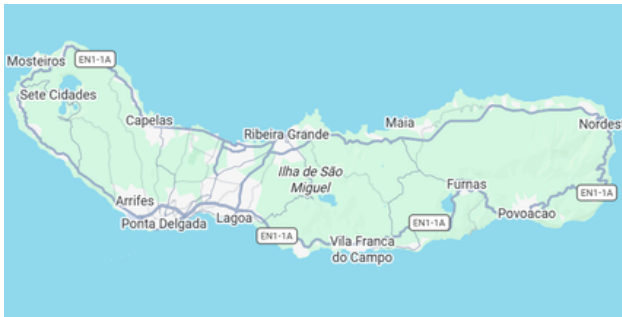
Panelists will discuss piracy, illegal fishing, smuggling, environmental risks, and geopolitical tensions impacting maritime safety. The workshop will emphasize collaboration among coast guards, port authorities, customs, military, and NGOs. Panels, case studies, and practical demonstrations will illustrate the use of space technologies.

Participants will gain insight into how to strengthen resilience and situational awareness. They will explore ways to safeguard sea lines of communication and secure economic interests. By sharing knowledge and experiences, the workshop will foster European cooperation in maritime security. It will highlight innovation, preparedness, and sustainable solutions for future challenges.



## WELCOME TO PONTA DELGADA AND THE AZORES ISLANDS

Ponta Delgada is the largest city on São Miguel, the main island of the Azores, an archipelago in the North Atlantic Ocean. The Azores are located about 1,500 km west of mainland Portugal, between Europe and North America. The islands are volcanic in origin, with lush landscapes, crater lakes, and dramatic coastlines that make them a unique natural destination.



Ponta Delgada serves as the administrative and cultural hub of the Azores. The city is known for its historic architecture, colorful façades, and charming cobbled streets.

The islands are famous for geothermal activity, hot springs, whale watching, and tea plantations. São Miguel is renowned for its lakes of Sete Cidades and Lagoa do Fogo, offering breathtaking views and outdoor experiences.



## THE VENUE - GRAND HOTEL ACORES ATLÂNTICO



The workshop will take place at the 5\* Grand Hotel Atlântico. It is one of the most iconic and prestigious hotels in Ponta Delgada, known for its excellent location on the waterfront overlooking the marina and the Atlantic Ocean. The hotel is within easy walking distance of the historic city center, restaurants, cafes, shops, and cultural attractions.

### TO BOOK

Room rates range from 130 to 160 euros per night.



Avenida Infante D. Henrique 113,  
9500-150 Ponta Delgada, Portugal  
[See on Google Maps](#)



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### Getting there from the airport

- Taxi: around 10 min ride to the hotel from the airport, usually around 10€-20€
- Airport shuttles / private transfer: Can be booked in advance through the hotel or third-party providers
- Car rental: Several car rental agencies operate at the airport, useful if planning to explore the island



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## WHERE ELSE TO STAY IN PONTA DELGADA



### São Miguel Park Hotel ★★★★★



R. Manuel Augusto Amaral s/n, 9500-222  
Ponta Delgada, Portugal  
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From São Miguel Airport (PDL): 10-15 min by taxi

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### EAT Hotel Avenida ★★★★★



Rua Dr. José Bruno Tavares Carreiro, 9500-119  
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### Hotel Alcides ★★



Rua Hintze Ribeiro, 61-77, Ponta  
Delgada  
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night



From São Miguel Airport (PDL): 10-  
15 min by taxi

## GETTING AROUND PONTA DELGADA

Ponta Delgada, the main city on São Miguel Island, is compact and easy to navigate. Depending on your plans, whether staying in the city or exploring the island, you'll find a mix of transport options including buses, taxis, car rentals, shuttles, and ferries.



Public bus: Tickets usually purchased directly from the driver (often 1€-5€)

- Local and intercity buses connect Ponta Delgada with nearby towns
- Urban minibuses operate within Ponta Delgada city centre.

Airport shuttle buses: Useful link [here](#) (often 4.50€ one way or 6.50€ round trip)

- Runs approx. every 40 minutes between 07:00-00:00
- Tips: schedules can be irregular especially early/late. Bus travel is more practical for island destinations when planning ahead



Taxis are widely available, reliable, and a convenient way to travel door-to-door around Ponta Delgada and between the airport and hotels.

- A taxi stand is located directly outside the arrivals terminal at PDL
  - Typical fare from São Miguel Airport to downtown Ponta Delgada: Around 10€-12€
  - No major ride-hailing apps like Uber or Bolt available - traditional taxis are the norm.
- You can also reserve taxis with services such as Taxi-Link



Ponta Delgada's city centre is compact and very walkable, ideal for sightseeing and short transfers



Ferries (e.g., Atlânticoline) operate between São Miguel and other nearby islands or coastal points, useful for multi-island itineraries (not for airport transfers)

## HOW TO GET THERE (and back again)

Ponta Delgada Airport (PDL), also known as João Paulo II Airport, is the main international gateway to the Azores archipelago. Most itineraries are however done with a layover, often in Lisbon.



Recommended travel: As the workshop runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> (morning) to 3<sup>rd</sup> (lunch) June but there is a welcome cocktail from 18:00 on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Thus, arriving in the **afternoon of 1<sup>st</sup> June** and departing **after lunch on 3<sup>rd</sup> June** or the **morning of the 4<sup>th</sup>** are preferable for greater comfort, depending on your itinerary.



Time Zone: The Azores are in the (GMT+0) time zone. As a reference, Portugal and the UK are in (GMT+1) while Spain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Norway are in (GMT+2) and Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are in (GMT+3).

### LISBON - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



#### ARRIVING

Option 1: Flight Azores Airlines S4 123

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure LIS at 12:35, Arrival PDL at 14:05

Total travel time: 2h30 (direct)

Price range: ~160e

Option 2: Flight Azores Airlines S4 125

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure LIS at 14:10, Arrival PDL at 15:40

Total travel time: 2h30 (direct)

Price range: ~200e



#### DEPARTING

Option 1: Flight Azores Airlines S4 122

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 09:50, Arrival LIS at 13:05

Total travel time: 2h15 (direct)

Price range: ~110e

Option 2: Flight Tap Air Portugal TP 1862

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 15:30, Arrival LIS at 18:55

Total travel time: 2h25 (direct)

Price range: ~120e

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## PORTO - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 171  
When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Departure OPO at 12:35, Arrival PDL at 14:00  
Total travel time: 2h25 (direct)  
Price range: ~200e



### DEPARTING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 174  
When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Departure PDL at 15:20, Arrival OPO at 18:40  
Total travel time: 2h20 (direct)  
Price range: ~200e

## MADRID - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Iberia IB 555  
When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Departure MAD at 15:30, Arrival PDL at 16:55  
Total travel time: 3h25 (direct)  
Price range: ~350e



### DEPARTING

Flight Iberia IB 554  
When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Departure PDL at 10:45, Arrival MAD at 15:45  
Total travel time: 3h (direct)  
Price range: ~50e

## LONDON - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Tap Air Portugal TP 1351 and then  
Azores Airlines S4 123  
When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Departure LHR at 08:00, Arrival PDL at 14:05  
Total travel time: 7h05 (layover 1h45 in LIS)  
Price range: ~250e



### DEPARTING

Flight British Airways BA 535  
When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Departure PDL at 12:05, Arrival LHR at 17:00  
Total travel time: 3h55 (direct)  
Price range: ~220e

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## PARIS - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



**ARRIVING**

Flight Air France AF 1024 and then Azores Airlines S4 125

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure CDG at 09:35, Arrival PDL at 15:40

Total travel time: 8h05 (layover 2h55 in LIS)

Price range: ~350e



**DEPARTING**

Option 1: Flight Azores Airlines S4 172 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 454

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 8:20, Arrival ORY at 16:05

Total travel time: 5h45 (layover 1h15 in OPO)

Price range: ~200e

Option 2: Flight Azores Airlines S4 512

When: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Departure PDL at 7:20, Arrival CDG at 13:00

Total travel time: 3h40 (direct)

Price range: ~150e

## AMSTERDAM - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



**ARRIVING**

Flight Tap Air Portugal TP 675 and then Azores Airlines S4 123

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure AMS at 07:20, Arrival PDL at 14:05

Total travel time: 9h05 (layover 3h25 in LIS)

Price range: ~300e



**DEPARTING**

Flight Azores Airlines S4 122 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 672

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 09:50, Arrival AMS at 18:40

Total travel time: 6h50 (layover 1h30 in LIS)

Price range: ~230e

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## BRUSSELS - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Iberia IB 598 and then Iberia IB 598  
When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Departure BRU at 12:05, Arrival PDL at 16:55  
Total travel time: 6h50 (layover 55 minutes in MAD)  
Price range: ~230e



### DEPARTING

Flight Tap Air Portugal TP 1860 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 644  
When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Departure PDL at 10:45, Arrival BRU at 20:05  
Total travel time: 2h20 (layover 2h10 in LIS)  
Price range: ~180e



### ARRIVING

## DUSSELDORF - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS

Flight Iberia IB 1320 and then Iberia IB 555  
When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Departure DUS at 11:55, Arrival PDL at 16:55  
Total travel time: 7h (layover 55 minutes in MAD)  
Price range: ~350e



### DEPARTING

Flight Iberia IB 554 and then Iberia IB 755  
When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Departure PDL at 10:45, Arrival DUS at 19:10  
Total travel time: 6h25 (layover 55 minutes in MAD)  
Price range: ~260e



### ARRIVING

## FRANKFURT - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS

Flight Lufthansa LH 1168 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 1863  
When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Departure FRA at 13:15, Arrival PDL at 18:50  
Total travel time: 7h35 (layover 1h50 in LIS)  
Price range: ~400e



### DEPARTING

Flight Iberia IB 554 and then Iberia IB 1331  
When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Departure PDL at 10:45, Arrival FRA at 22:30  
Total travel time: 9h45 (layover 4h in MAD)  
Price range: ~250e

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## COPENHAGEN - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



**ARRIVING**

Flight Tap Air Portugal TP 753 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 1863

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure CPH at 12:45, Arrival PDL at 18:50

Total travel time: 8h05 (layover 1h35 in LIS)

Price range: ~330e



**DEPARTING**

Option 1: Flight Azores Airlines S4 122 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 756

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 8:20, Arrival CPH at 23:00

Total travel time: 5h45 (layover 5h10 in LIS)

Price range: ~280e

Option 2: Flight Azores Airlines S4 512 and then Air France AF 1850

When: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Departure PDL at 7:20, Arrival CPH at 17:05

Total travel time: 7h45 (layover 2h10 in CDG)

Price range: ~200e

## OSLO - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



**ARRIVING**

Flight Tap Air Portugal TP 763 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 1863

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure OSL at 12:50, Arrival PDL at 18:50

Total travel time: 8h (layover 1h20 in LIS)

Price range: ~230e



**DEPARTING**

FlightAzores Airlines S4 120 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 764

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 08:20, Arrival OSL at 17:50

Total travel time: 7h25 (layover 1h10 in LIS)

Price range: ~300e

## STOCKHOLM - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Tap Air Portugal TP 781 and then Azores Airlines S4 127

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure OSL at 12:50, Arrival PDL at 20:55

Total travel time: 8h45 (layover 1h40 in LIS)

Price range: ~300e



### DEPARTING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 120 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 764 and then Scandinavian Airlines SK 886

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 8:25, Arrival ARN at 21:05

Total travel time: 10h40 (layover 1h10 in LIS and 2h15 in OSL)

Price range: ~400e

## TALLINN - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Air Baltic BT 851 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 641 and then Tap Air Portugal TP 1863

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure TLL at 07:20, Arrival PDL at 18:50

Total travel time: 14h30 (layover 2h50 in BRU and 3h35 in LIS)

Price range: ~900e



### DEPARTING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 124 and then KLM KL 1586 and then Air Baltic BT 858

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 15:15, Arrival TLL on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 13:15

Total travel time: 19h (layover 1h15 in LIS and overnight in AMS)

Price range: ~400e

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## RIGA - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Air Baltic BT 601 and then Iberia IB 598 and then Iberia IB 555

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure RIX at 07:30, Arrival PDL at 16:55

Total travel time: 12h25 (layover 3h10 in BRU and 55 minutes in MAD)

Price range: ~550e



### DEPARTING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 506 and then Air Baltic BT 684

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 07:50, Arrival RIX at 19:00

Total travel time: 8h10 (layover 1h05 in BCN)

Price range: ~350e

## VILNIUS - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Air Baltic BT 963 and then Air France AF 1528 and then Azores Airlines S4 173

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Departure VNO at 07:15, Arrival PDL at 21:00

Total travel time: 16h45 (layover 4h50 in CDG and 4h10 in OPO)

Price range: ~300e



### DEPARTING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 512 and then Air Baltic BT 966

When: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Departure PDL at 07:20, Arrival VNO at 23:05

Total travel time: 12h (layover 6h25 CDG)

Price range: ~280e

## MONTREAL - SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



### ARRIVING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 328

When: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Departure YUL at 21:30, Arrival Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June at PDL at 06:50

Total travel time: 5h20 (direct)

Price range: ~300e



### DEPARTING

Flight Azores Airlines S4 323 and then IWestJet WS 858

When: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Departure PDL at 16:55, Arrival YUL on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12:25

Total travel time: 11h30 (layover 3h30 in YYZ)

Price range: ~350e