TRAILS OF THE AZORES

Natural Park of Flores



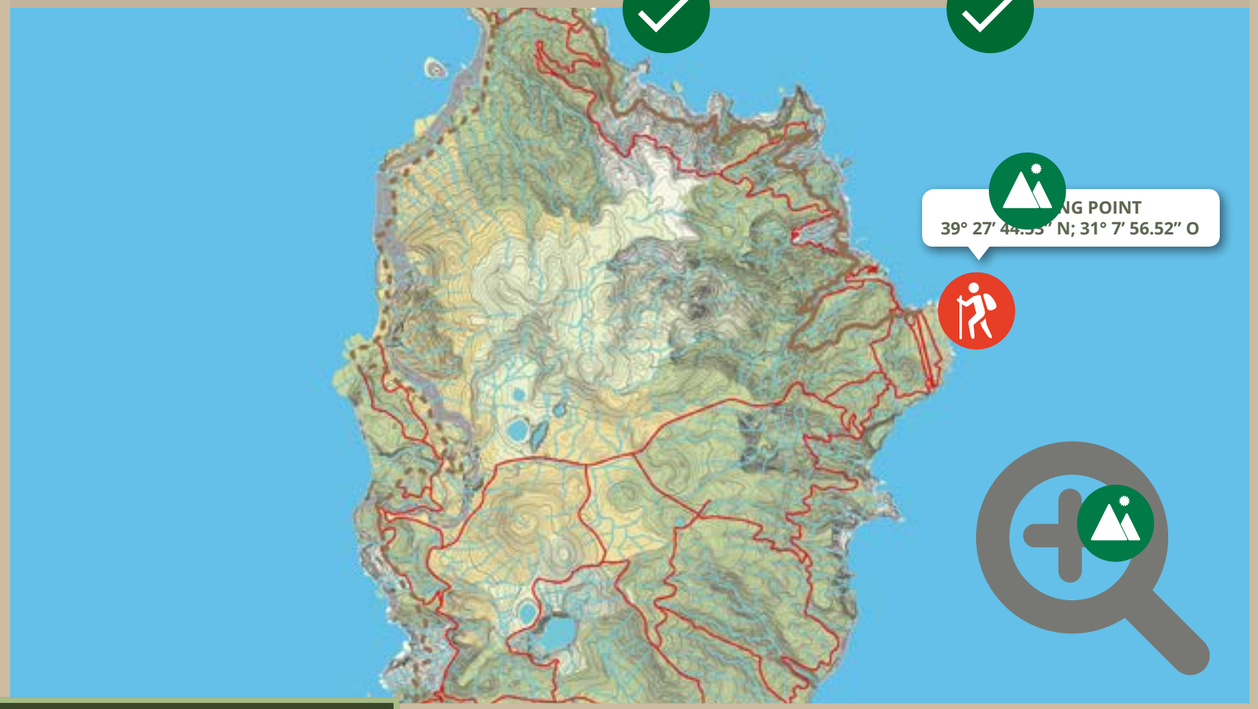
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STAGE 2

FLORES

CERTIFICADO AÇORES REGIÃO DO OESTE PELA NATUREZA

GR1 FLO
Great Route of Flores

Difficulty: Hard **Extension:** 47 km **Time Average:** 18:00h **Category:** Linear

STAGE 1

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Starting Point
39° 27' 44.53" N;
31° 7' 56.52" O

Geosite

Peak

Bathing area

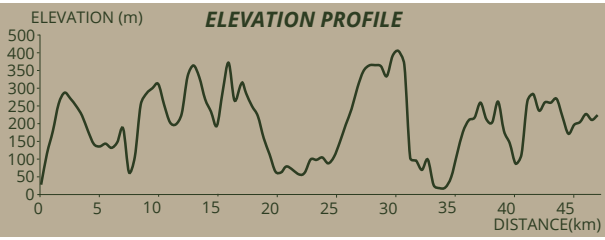
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This hike is divided in two stages of approximately 21 and 26 km each. The first stage — between Santa Cruz and Ponta Delgada — is characterised by wide and deep valleys crossed by numerous streams that led to the construction of a Hydroelectric Power Station at the initial stretch. In addition, the stage covers the northeastern coast, characterised by a steep relief and a vast coastal outline with many islets, crags, headlands and inlets, which form an important nidification area for several species of seabirds. As for the second stage — between Ponta Delgada and Lajedo — the low and linearized coastal cliff that stretches from Ponta Delgada to Ponta do Albernaz is replaced by one of the most beautiful seaside landscapes in the Azores, where the lavic and detritic *fajãs* — such as *Fajã Grande* and *Fajãzinha* — are separated at the island's Central Plateau by a large fossil cliff about 300 metres high, from which countless streams flow, creating impressive waterfalls in the slope, the most remarkable of which is the *Poço da Alagoinha*, consisting of a lagoon at the bottom of the cliff. The small villages like Mosteiros — the least populated parish in the whole country — add a special charm to the surrounding landscape.

Considering the extremely uneven altimetry that characterises the path, you should take into account your physical condition, the degree of your interest, and how much effort you are willing to put before covering it. Moreover, the trail crosses several water streams, so you must also consider the rise of the water level in the days subsequent to high precipitation.