



Our Ref: VBU Azores 2024

11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Re: Proposed CCHS Geography Trip to Azores, Portugal**

Next autumn, CCHS would like to propose an exciting opportunity for a geography trip to the Portuguese island Azores.

This proposal is going out to current geography students in Year 12 and 10, but also to the Year 11 and 9 students, who have interest in following geography into A-level and GCSE respectively. The trip is limited to 40 students in total.

The provisional details are as follows:

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Destination: Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel island of Azores, Portugal

This is an exciting trip of a natural wonder in the middle of Atlantic Ocean. Created at the junction of three tectonic plates, the nine Portuguese islands of the Azores make the perfect destination for an educational and inspirational geography trip.

The Azores have similar geographical characteristics to Iceland but with a warm climate and lush green forests. You'll visit bubbling hot springs and lava tubes, explore Europe's only tea plantations and maybe even spot whales breaching the surface of the Atlantic Ocean.

Estimated Provisional Cost: £950, based on 40 students (Please be aware that this price may vary at the time of booking depending on student numbers etc. It also does not include personal spending money)

The price will include:

- Return Travel by coach to the airport
- Return flights to Ponta Delgada
- 4 nights Full Board Accommodation
- Tourist Guide
- Coach transport and 5 - day itinerary, including visit to the Furnas Geothermal Village, Geothermal Pool Swim, guided tour of Tea Plantation, forest Walk with Geothermal & HEP Stations and Salto do Cabrito Waterfall, guided tour of pineapple plantations, visit to Gruta do Carvão Lava Tube and ten pin bowling
- Further information visit <https://www.discover-the-world.com/study-trips/destinations/azores/>

We understand the current financial climate and therefore a payment plan will be put in place up until the final balance is due.

Places will be allocated on the 'first come, first served' basis and secured by the payment of a deposit of £100

Please use this [form](#) to register your interest in your child attending this trip, the deadline for this is Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. **If you have already submitted a response, there is no need to register your interest again.**

We would also like to make it clear, from the outset, that any student gaining a place on the trip will be required to uphold the highest standards of behaviour and attendance right up until the trip date itself; and it is the school who will make any final decision on which students will attend the trip.

We are really excited to be able to offer this trip at CCHS, and believe it is an excellent opportunity for our students to develop their knowledge of geography and transferable life skills in a different environment, as well as creating memories that last a lifetime.

I will send out further information regarding the trip as soon as possible based on the responses to this letter.

If you require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01255 424266 or via [admin@cchs.school](mailto:admin@cchs.school)

Yours faithfully

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