

**THE SOLAR BRANCO ECO ESTATE
GUIDE TO PICO**

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#WELOVEAZORES: THE #WELOVEAZORES campaign and website was created in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis. Tourism is the key driver of employment in the Azores and the impact cannot be understated on the islands.

This guide aims to highlight the best local restaurants, experiences and activities on each island. Helping the recovery through sustainable tourism.

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ABOUT THE SOLAR BRANCO ECO-ESTATE

ABOUT THE PROPERTY: Solar Branco or The White Mansion in English, is located just above the historical town of Livramento on the biggest island of the Azores, Sao Miguel. The estate has 9 individual accommodation units. The main building originates from the 1800s.

OUR UNIQUE EXPERIENCES: From vegan cozido to a gin tasting masterclass we have Azorean themed experiences for you to enjoy. Check these out by visiting our website [here](#).

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PICO

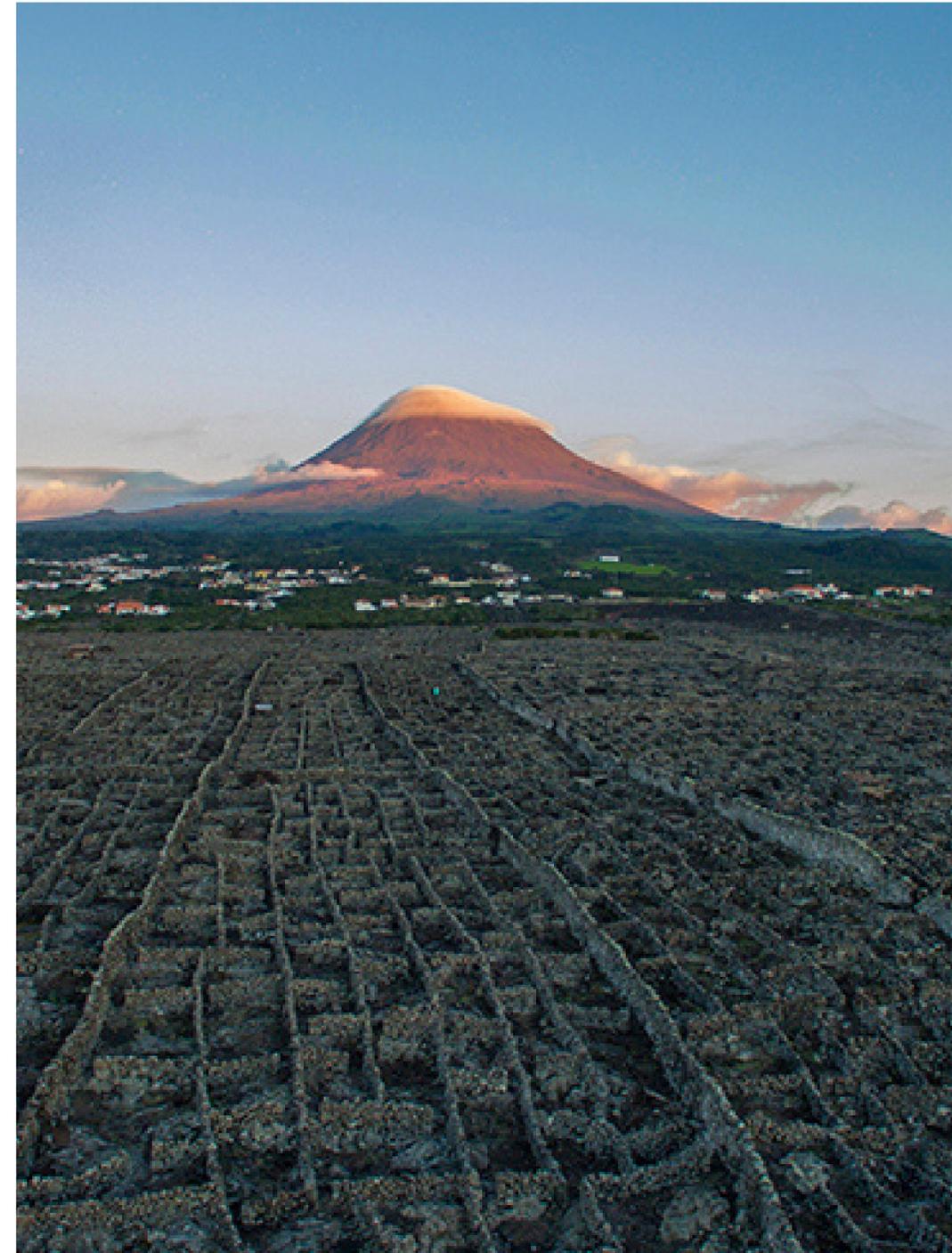
(THE GREY ISLAND)

Pico's two nicknames, "The Gray Island" and "The Mountain Island" are linked, both inspired by the massive stratovolcano located on the island's west side.

Unique rock formations along black coastlines and ancient infrastructure made with dark gray basalt rock, left behind by volcanic eruptions, have become part of Pico's unique heritage and support a peculiar yet remarkable local horticulture industry: wine and brandy production.

It's not every day you can try World Heritage wine grown from dark volcanic soil, but you can at the Cooperativa Vitivinicola Da Ilha Do Pico, located near the island's largest town called Madalena (tastings and tours can be scheduled between their opening hours Wednesday through Friday 8am-8pm, and Saturday 3pm-8pm).

Equally unique and a must-see is Arcos do Cachorro (Arches of the Dog), massive basalt rock cliffs forming caves and tunnels.



WHAT TO SEE & DO

Pico, is named after its imposing mountain Ponta de Pico or Pico Alto, which is the highest mountain of Portugal and also the highest elevation of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

Pico with its 300,000 years the “youngest” island of the Azores. The island is situated 17 km south of São Jorge and just 6 km west of Faial.

If you wish, you can stay on the island of Faial and have easy access to Pico. The ferry from Horta to Madalena only takes about ½ hour.

There are departures all day long. A great way to see Pico (especially if you are short on time) is to take a tour through Terralta Nature Tours, +351 938 972 678.

You can take tours to the mountain on Pico or a coastal walk along some of the most beautiful coastline in the Azores. They also have a wine tour and sunset tours.

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EATING

Magma

Travessa do Outeiro das Eiras 2A, 9940-185 São Roque do Pico
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O Farrobo

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Restaurante Ponta da Ilha

Caminho de Baixo, Manhenga, Piedade
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Taberna do Canal

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Canto do Paço

Rua do Ramal nº4, Prainha
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