

# **THE SOLAR BRANCO ECO ESTATE GUIDE TO SANTA MARIA**

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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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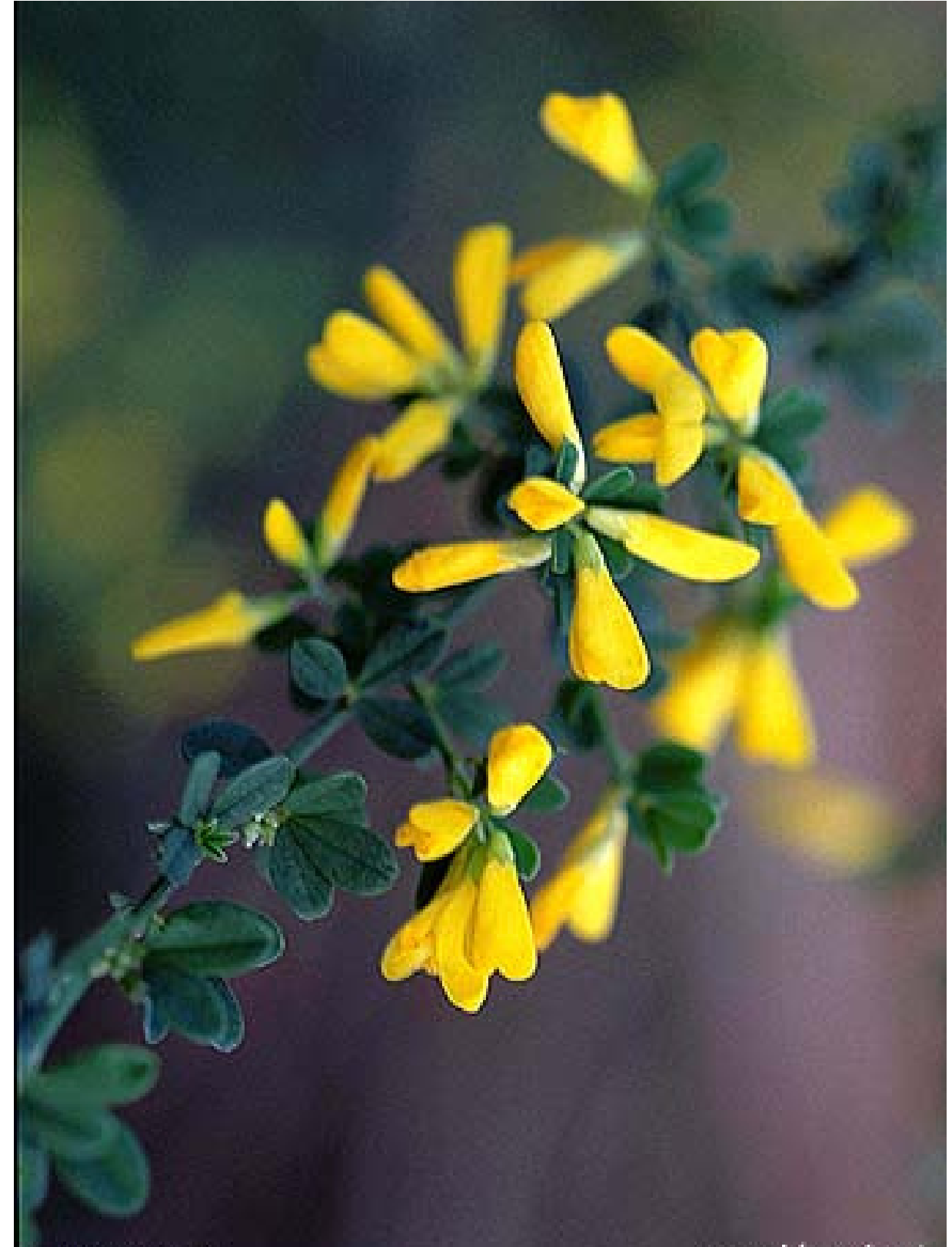
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# SANTA MARIA

## (THE YELLOW ISLAND)

Also named after its abundance of bright flowers is Santa Maria, believed to be the first island in the Azores to be discovered and one part of the archipelago's eastern group (São Miguel is the other part).

The bright yellow flowering shrubs that inspire the island's nickname grow along Santa Maria's green slopes between rural towns and are called giestas.



# WHAT TO SEE & DO

The landscape of **Santa Maria** is quite different from the other islands on the Azores and the houses are spread all across the island.

The land is very fertile and the rural landscape is beautiful. Santa Maria is the southernmost island in the Azores Islands, about 55 miles from Sao Miguel.

The island has a surface area of 97 km<sup>2</sup> and about 6000 inhabitants. The island contains the oldest Azorean villages (Vila do Porto).

The island also has old houses with windows that belonged to Capitão Donatário, dating back to the 15th century.

More coming soon.

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# EATING

## **Central Pub**

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## **Espaço em Cena, Lda**

This is the best restaurant on the islands. Warm service matched by delicious food. EN1-2A, 9580-480 Vila do Porto

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