

Geographical information about the Azores

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	Santa Maria	São Miguel	Terceira	Graciosa	São Jorge	Pico	Faial	Flores	Corvo
Area (km ²)	97	745	400	61	244	445	173	141	17
Perimeter (km)	76	225	128	44	139	152	80	73	22
Maximum Elevation (above sea level) (m)	587	1105	1021	405	1053	2350	1043	911	720
Maximum Length (km)	17	62	30	13	54	46	21	17	6
Maximum Width (km)	10	16	18	7	8	16	14	12	4
Population (Census 2001) (habitants)	5578	131609	55833	4780	9674	14806	15063	3995	425
Parishes	5	64	30	4	11	17	13	11	1
County	1	6	2	1	2	3	1	2	1
Nearest Island/Distance	São Miguel / 81 km	Santa Maria / 81 km	Graciosa/ 57 km	São Jorge / 37 km	Pico / 19 km	Faial / 6 km	Pico / 6 km	Corvo / 18 km	Flores / 18 km

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Island	Long. Lat.		Area (km ²)	Altitude (m)	Geol Age (Ma)	Distance / Mainland	Human Popul. (km ²)	Densidade (hab./ km ²)	Area(%)		
	(W)	(N)							<300m	300-800m	>800 m
Corvo	30.8	39.7	17	718	0.71	1855	280	17	45.1	54.9	0
Flores	30.9	39.4	143	915	2.16	1868	4460	31	32.5	66.4	1.1
Faial	28.5	38.6	173	1043	0.73	1658	14750	85	53.5	41.1	5.4
Pico	28.2	38.5	446	2351	0.25	1613	14900	33	41.2	42.4	16.4
Graciosa	27.8	39.1	62	402	2.50	1595	4900	81	94.3	5.7	0
São Jorge	27.9	38.7	246	1053	0.55	1585	10290	41	30.1	66.2	3.7
Terceira	27.2	38.7	382	1023	3.52	1518	57030	141	55.6	42.5	1.9
São Miguel	25.5	37.7	759	1103	4.01	1363	131080	174	52.7	44.9	2.4
Santa Maria	25.1	36.9	97	587	8.12	1378	6070	62	86.4	13.6	0

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Table 1.- Latitude and Longitude refer to the centre of the island, and are given in decimal degrees north and west, respectively. Maximum altitude, habitat diversity and distance to mainland are also included.

	Santa Maria	São Miguel	Terceira	São Jorge	Pico	Faial	Flores
Island Characteristics							
Latitude	36.9	37.7	38.7	38.7	38.5	38.6	39.4
Longitude	25.1	25.5	27.2	27.9	28.2	28.5	30.9
Area (km ²)	97	757	402	246	433	172	142
Maximum Altitude (masl)	587	1103	1023	1053	2351	1043	915
Geological Age (Ma)	8.12	4.01	3.52	0.55	0.25	0.73	2.90
Ncav	0	22	58	14	100	7	0
Lcav (m)	455	2770	12113	847	23872	263	75
HD	2	8	12	3	8	5	9
Distance to mainland (km)	1588	1584	1764	1832	1860	1908	2152
Dmin (km)	81	81	38	18	6	6	220
Dmean (km)	263.7	192.7	133.3	115.7	119.4	138.0	305.1
Dsmr (km)	0	81	248	285	297	348	587

