

TRAILS OF THE AZORES



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Great Route of Graciosa

Difficulty: Medium **Extension:** 40 km **Time Average:** 14:00h **Category:** Linear

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For more information about the Great Route, check the official website trails.visitazores.com



Starting Point
39° 5' 0.08" N;
27° 59' 48.30" O



Geosite



Peak



Bathing area

Nature Park of Graciosa



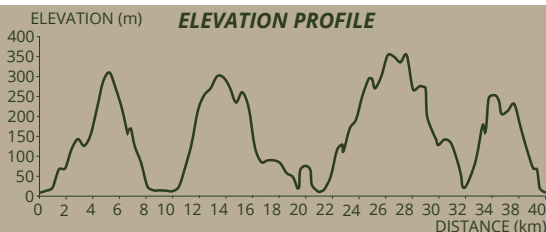
Protected Area for the Management of Habitats and Species



Natural Reserve



Natural Monument



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The second stage connects the village of Luz to the starting point in Barra and features the Caldeirinha de Pêro Botelho, a 25-metres-deep volcanic pit cave located in the hills of Serra Branca, which is a natural lookout point over a large part of the island. Along the way, you will also find the valley between the Central Massif and the Caldera Massif and the old ruts made by oxcarts in the Fontes area.

You should plan your hike according to your physical condition, interest and availability. There are places where you can stay overnight, especially some old windmills that were restored and are now used as rural tourism establishments.