

Sao Migual Restaurants

Ponta Delgado

*[Alcides](#) Closed Sunday



There are plenty of great steakhouses in the island, but I decided to include Alcides on this list of the best restaurants in São Miguel island because, in addition to its fabulous steak, it is a great place for you to try other regional dishes like caldera conger eel and the “abrótea” filets (local fish). In this sense, it is the perfect restaurant to go to if you have people in your group who want to eat meat and others who prefer to eat fish or other regional dishes.

Boca de Cena Closed Sunday (no website)



Located in the heart of Ponta Delgada, this magnificent restaurant offers a contemporary cuisine, giving those who go there the very best of Portuguese and Mediterranean gastronomy.

In this restaurant less obvious products are used which makes this place very different and special.

It will be really hard to go to Boca de Cena and not enjoy the experience because the food and service are both of unquestionable quality.

**[Aliança](#) (Closed Sunday) Probably will need to wait



This is another great reference of the traditional cuisine of São Miguel.

Located in the center of Ponta Delgada, Aliança is also VERY famous for its regional steak, which is unquestionably the ex-libris of the house, despite serving other types of dishes equally appreciated by many. **Despite being a relatively small space**, it is ,nevertheless, very welcoming and of regional/traditional design. If you like meat, a good steak in particular, then Aliança is truly a must.

[A Tasca](#) (Closed Sunday) Probably will need to wait



The concept of this restaurant, which is very popular with all those who visit the island of São Miguel, is, in fact, very different because it combines music, live art and regional cuisine in the same space.

This unmissable icon of the islands cuisine, has an atmosphere of a real traditional tavern, with wooden tables, chairs and shelves with a generous and diverse wine cellar in plain sight, and its walls are decorated with the creativity of several artists invited to exhibit their work in the dining room.

It is often said that in Tasca all dishes are very good. However, the Terceira style rump, the octopus à lagareiro, the tuna belly with roasted potatoes, yams and vegetables and the cheese&sausage boards are clearly the most tasty alternatives you can find on the menu.

[Paladares da Quinta](#) Closed Monday (In Lagoa; 10 min) Online booking. Fancy dinner



This restaurant combines an excellent service and location with a unique gastronomic offer.

In Paladares da Quinta you will find the most typical dishes both of the island of São Miguel and of the north of mainland Portugal, where the roasted goatling, the roasted hake, the duck rice as well as many snacks and even several vegetarian dishes stand out.

Located in a quiet area on the Municipality of Lagoa, inside a private 6000 square meter estate where tranquility is the guest of honor, Paladares da Quinta is, indeed, one of the top 5 restaurants either for locals and tourists.

[Borda d'Água](#) (In Lagoa; 10 min) Closed Sunday



Borda d'Água is another fish restaurant on this list of the best restaurants on the island of São Miguel. It's a rustic restaurant, right next to the fishermen's pier, so the fish doesn't travel more than 100 meters to reach your plate. Everything on the list is good, but I personally LOVE the grilled prawns (they are HUGE), the grilled limpets and the mixed fish dish, which in my opinion is the best way to taste the best fish the restaurant offers.

The only thing I don't like about Borda d'Água is that at the beginning they present a series of regional snacks that claim to be "complimentary of the house" but that, in reality, are charged for at the end. Not cool!

****[Bar Caloura](#) (in Agua De Pau; 20 minutes)**



Caloura is a place frequented by locals and tourists looking for good weather, invigorating sea baths, relaxation and ... great grilled fish.

It combines a fabulous sea view with the excellence of its famous fresh fish grilled over charcoal.

With most of the tables set out on the terrace and the rest in a completely glazed interior space, it is almost impossible to lose the beauty of the fabulous place where you are.

With an informal but attentive service and a menu with the best grilled fish in the region, Restaurante Caloura is, in itself, a good reason to visit this welcoming and exotic fishing village.

[Restaurante Casa do Abel](#) Closed Wednesday (in Agua De Pau; 20 minutes) Meat



Casa do Abel is a pure meat grill restaurant that stands out from the competition because it has the best side dishes ever: from truffled mashed potatoes, sautéed mushrooms, rice with pineapple, sautéed broccoli with almonds... in short, just delicious options! But the star of the night is undoubtedly the meat: local, of different cuts (including ribeye and T-bone), cooked to the right point. Both the starters and desserts are also great and should not be missed.

Ribeira Grande

Monte Verde (Closed Monday)

In the city of Ribeira Grande, on the island of São Miguel, Monte Verde is a real reference when it comes to fish, even because this restaurant only has fish dishes on its menu, all fresh and freshly cooked.

Upon entering the restaurant, you are immediately welcomed by its owner, who will proudly invite you to choose the fresh fish displayed in the fresh fish display. After choosing the fish you want to eat, you'll go up to the dining room and wait for it to be served, which normally does not take long, despite the fact that all fish in this restaurant is fried or grilled on the spot.

For fish lovers, Monte Verde is truly a must, even because the restaurant itself is very welcoming and pleasant and the prices are not high at all.



Alabote (Closed Wednesday)



Also in the city of Ribeira Grande, there is another restaurant that is a unquestionable reference too.

In a building that combines the rustic with the modern and where the terrace overlooking the sea takes on a natural role, Alabote is also known for serving fresh fish and seafood, such as prawns and lobster.

Sete Cidades

Restaurant Sau Nicolau (Closed Monday)

(just opposite the church in the centre of Sete Cidades)

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