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## **What is it about islands? The nearness of the sea; the "voyage" to get there; that sense of other-worldliness?**

Whatever the answer, it's not by chance that so many of our Walks feature boat rides to tiny islets or a spot of island-hopping from one magical place to next.

It was only a matter of time before we devised perhaps the perfect island Walk - in The Azores.

Plumb in the middle of the Atlantic ocean, these are, quite simply a string of jewels, just waiting to be discovered.

With all that's wonderful about Portugal combined with a uniquely beautiful landscape, climate and geology, this new Walk is set to be one of our most popular.

Switching hemispheres, we're happy to report there a still a few spaces on our South Island of New Zealand Walk coming in March. If you have ever dreamed of a trip to New Zealand, this Walk will not disappoint.

The south island is a truly wonderful place and we need 13 nights to do it justice! If you plan to extend your trip down under, our Travel Desk can, of course, help with that too.

And for fellow islanders: a snapshot of some of our other favorite island havens.



## **The Azores**

### **Its' all about the volcanoes!**

Packed into nine small islands, the Azores archipelago in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean boasts a geographical diversity bursting with natural wonders.

No wonder it's sometimes referred to as the "Hawaii of Europe."

The Azores Islands are a dream come true for nature lovers and outdoors enthusiasts.



## **New Zealand**

### **Starring the stunning South Island**

Nature crafted New Zealand's South Island with the surreal beauty of a movie set (think Lord of the Rings and Narnia).

It's home to truly spectacular scenery, where mountains, glaciers, sounds and incredible lakes stretch across a stunning landscape.

With so many staggering natural wonders packed into such a small area, this is where "tramping", as the Kiwis call hiking, comes into its own.



## **Outer Hebrides**

### **Stark beauty, Scotland's remote islands**

Tiny, remote, with a carefully preserved Gaelic culture where crofting, community events and ceilidhs bring people together like nowhere else on earth.



## Northumbria

### A mosaic of Vikings, castles, and saints

Skim over the sands and causeway to the ancient Holy Island of Lindisfarne and prepare to enter another world where the ocean protects a wealth of history, and wildlife.



## Croatia

### Dalmatian Coast

Croatia, Dalmatian Coast - Island-hoppers heaven. On Hvar hike through a rugged landscape of silvery-purple lavender fields and the hillside vineyards. Tiny, car-free Lopud makes a peaceful escape. Its sole settlement (population 269) is built around a gently curving bay.



## **Sardinia and Corsica**

### **Exotic Islands of the Tyrrhenian Sea**

A taste of both Italy and France. Sardinia offers chic style, a rich history and some stunning beaches, while Corsica, birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, is home to craggy cliffs, some delightful towns and a pristine coastline.



## **Brittany and Normandy**

### **D-Day Landings and Mont St-Michel**

A magical island topped by a gravity-defying medieval monastery, Mont St Michel is among France's most stunning sights, and has lured pilgrims across the centuries.



## **Maine Coast**

### **Acadia National Park and Mount Desert**

We simply have to visit the Cranberry Isles, an archipelago of five gorgeous islands lying just south of Mount Desert Island. No crowds, no traffic jams, and Acadia National Park's mountains as a stunning backdrop.