

The Azores Challenge Badge Pack



Girlguiding
Midlands



Azores Trip

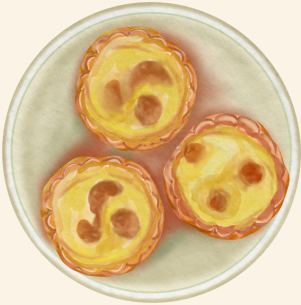


About us

We are a group of 24 Guides, Rangers and Leaders from the Midlands who will be travelling to the Azores in 2025. We will be completing various activities whilst staying on São Miguel.

We have designed this activity pack together to complement our pineapple shaped trip badge. We have given suggestions for the number of activities to be completed by each section but this can be adapted to suit.

Azores Activity Key



Food

Rainbows / Brownies - 1
Guides - 2
Rangers / Leaders - 2



Geography / islands

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History and culture

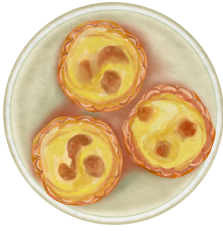
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Animals

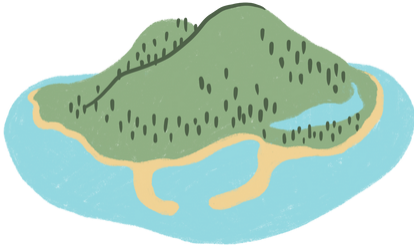
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**Rangers / Leaders - plus 2
more from any section**



Food

- **Pineapples are grown in the Azores, but should they be put on pizza? Hold a debate to decide whether they should or not. Come up with some other fun debates questions. You could link this with the 'Listen up!' Brownies UMA, 'Why, why, why?' Guides UMA or 'Talk the talk' Rangers UMA.**
- **There are tea plantations on the Azores. Try a selection of different teas in a blind tasting session. You could try fruit or herbal teas, English breakfast, Earl grey, Green, Oolong or another type.**
- **Play the fruit salad game including pineapple, guava, banana and passion fruit as these are all grown in the Azores.**
- **Find out about typical Portuguese cuisine and try something that you haven't had before.**
- **Make a fruit salad including at least 2 of the fruits grown in the Azores (pineapple, guava, banana and passion fruit).**
- **Create a menu called 'A bite of the Azores' for a restaurant. Think about what you could include to make it authentic for the Azores. You could also try making a dish from the menu.**
- **The Azores islands produce a lot of cheese. Try a selection of at least 5 different cheeses.**
- **Have a go at making an Azorean cheesecake tart or the similar popular Portuguese Pastel de nata. If you do not have cooking facilities then you could simply buy and try.**



Geography and The Islands

- Find out about where the Azores are and how you would travel to get there.
- Try playing 'pin the islands' on a world map.
- Find the names of the 9 islands in the word search included in the appendix.
- Draw and colour the Azores flag. Explore facts about the Golden Goshawk, the bird that is featured on the flag.
- Create and write a postcard to a friend telling them about your holiday in the Azores.
- You've been stranded on one of the Azores islands. What 3 things would you find most useful to help you survive and why?
- Have a go at making your own volcano. Put a pile of baking soda on a baking sheet. Put a small amount of vinegar in a cup and add a drop or two of food colouring. Use a spoon or eye dropper to drop (or just pour) a little vinegar solution onto the pile of baking soda and watch your volcano erupt!
- Find a rock and paint the flag of the Azores on it.



History and culture

- **Learn some simple phrases in Portuguese. You could play a game of 'find the phrase' – place English phrases around the room then get the girls to find the right one for a given Portuguese phrase. Brownies could link this in with the Languages interest badge.**
- **A Chamarrita is a traditional folk dance – learn some dance moves and give it a go – there are demonstration videos on YouTube.**
- **The viola da terra is an Azorean stringed instrument a bit like a guitar with 12 strings. Make your own guitar using recycled materials and put on a performance for your friends.**
- **Once you set foot in the Azores, it is impossible not to notice the beautiful blue mosaic tiles and intricate pottery pieces that adorn numerous buildings and can be spotted everywhere. Make your own tile design using only the colour blue.**
- **Embroidery is a cherished tradition in the Azores. Try learning a few simple embroidery stitches.**



Animals

- **Off the coast of the Azores, whales can be spotted. Make your own whale entirely out of paper plates.**
- **In the trees many species of bird can be found. Take part in a national bird watch to find out the species of birds that make a home in your garden.**
- **The ocean around the Azores is home to an array of marine life. Create a shark out of paper mache or clay.**
- **The Azores is teeming with a range of wildlife. Make origami animals such as fish, dolphins or lizards.**
- **Play an animal related game such as fishes in the sea, fruit salad with fish, corners or your own take on a game of your choice.**
- **Sustainability is something we are all thinking about. Create a puppet of an animal found in the Azores made entirely of recycled materials. Can you create a short drama using your puppets?**
- **Create a song that includes different animals from the Azores. It could be created by changing lyrics in a song.**

Appendix

Cheesecake tart recipe

Ingredients

Crust

- 2 cups flour
- ¼ cup butter

Filling

- 4 egg yolks
- 1¼ cup sugar
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp salt
- 4 tbsp softened butter
- 2 cups ricotta
- icing sugar for dusting the tops

Instructions

Making the Crust

1. To create the crust, first butter your tart tins, or muffin pan, liberally. Then, scoop a spoonful of flour into each tin. Tap the flour around so the whole tin is coated in flour. Once it is coated dump the excess flour back into a bowl. Next, spray each tin with water to make the flour sticky. Then, again coat each tin with a second layer of flour.
2. Next, spray each tin with water to make the flour sticky. Then, again coat each tin with flour. Repeat this process three more times.

Filling

1. Combine sugar and egg yolks in a bowl. Whisk until well combined. Then add the cinnamon, salt, and softened butter. Mix until well combined. Finally, mix in the ricotta cheese.
2. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Fill each tin with the batter all the way to the top.
3. Place the tarts in the oven and lower the temperature to 300°F. Cook until they reach an internal temperature of 175°F, or about 20–30 minutes until golden and set.
4. Let cool for 15 minutes, then tap the tins to carefully remove each tart from the tins. Dust the tops with icing sugar and serve.

Credit:

<https://justcookwithmichael.com/recipes/queijadas-da-vila/>

Wordsearch

The Azores Islands

S	A	N	T	A	M	A	R	I	A
A	Q	D	U	N	P	Z	F	H	T
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SAO MIGUEL
SAO JORGE
SANTA MARIA

TERCEIRA
GRACIOSA
FAIAL

PICO
FLORES
CORVO

Branding approval



2 attachments (556 KB)

Hi,
Can I check the branding of these badges meets the requirements please?
Many thanks,
Siobhan

Inbox



Branding Matters
To You

9 Oct

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Hello Siobhan,

Many thanks for your email and for sharing your badge design for Azores 2025, Girlguiding Midlands

I can confirm the designs meets our refreshed branding requirements (circle and shaped badge design) . It is OK to produce in Masterbrand (White Trefoil on Girlguiding dark blue Pantone® 2766 C background).

Good luck with the event and badge production.

Kind Regards
Ruth



11 Colours
Woven Badge
Size: 138mm x 75mm
Laser Cut Edge
Fleece Backing (Sew-On)