

# CABO VERDE



These islands will offer you the best combination between good fishing, specially jigging, with a family holiday centre with all commodities.

Jutting up from the Atlantic, some 500km west of Senegal, this stunning island chain has a captivating blend of mountains, beaches and peaceful seaside villages. On Santo Antão, craggy peaks hide piercing green valleys of flowers and sugar cane, ideal for epic hikes. São Vicente is home to the cultural capital of the islands, Mindelo, which throbs with bars and music clubs. On Sal and Maio, undulating windswept dunes merge with indigo-blue seas on unspoilt beaches of powdery white sand. Meanwhile, far-flung Fogo and Brava in the south-west offer their own enchantments, from surreal volcanic landscapes, to sparkling bays framed by towering peaks. Throw in the constant beat of music that Cabo Verde is famed for and the renowned morabeza (Creole for hospitality) of its people and you'll see why many have come and never left.

We work in two main areas quite different one from the other. Sal Island & Sao Nicolau. Sal is becoming a popular destination for sun and fans of all water sports, and is the best island if you are looking for a good range of hotels and year-round sunshine. The island may look like a desert island, but it is very much alive, especially if we are talking about the marine life and around the main town of Santa Maria. São Nicolau hides its secrets well. First impressions are of a desolate and barren island, but hidden among the three ridges that dominate all views are lush green valleys and soaring peaks that rise up to Mt Gordo (1312m), the island's highest peak. Sao Nicolau it's really the Jurassic Park of Cabo Verde, inland and out at the water!

Not so far away from Europe and with a lot of companies flying directly in less than 5 hours, is one of the best tropical places in the world to go fishing without long, exhausting and expensive flights.

Tons of species to catch, and with very good sizes, specially the Amberjack's, Cuberas, Almaco Jack's, Groupers, "Abadeixo", Horse Eye Trevallys, yellowfin Tuna, Blue Runners, Mahis, Sailfish, Wahoo... the catch list is immense while jigging, and also you can mix specialities like trolling for Marlin, or bottom fishing for big sharks.



# TARGET SPECIES



The target species here will be big Amberjack's and massive Almaco Jack's, Cubera Snapper, Yellowfin Tuna, Horse Eye Trevally, Blue Runners, Skip Jack Tuna, Wahoo, Sailfish, Blue Marlin, Mahi Mahi, all kind of groupers & shark's.

We can target them jigging, with the best activity we've seen in the whole world, trolling for Big Game trophy fish like Marlin, bottom fishing, live baiting, jig casting & popping for Tuna & Trevally's.

Bottom fishing is all year around, but jigging it has the best months between April and September. Big game trolling, it's prime season between May & July. All of these factors make us concentrate during the summer, where we will find plenty of fish and the best weather to go and catch them.

Beside the Big Game Trolling, Jigging will be the most attractive kind of fishing here. To practice this modality for 5-6 hours in a row, you have to come a physically prepared. This modality gives very good results and perhaps the most spectacular catches, but requires a higher physical effort than other ways of fishing. We use jig's between 90 and 150gr, which imitate an injured fish, making jig swimming as erratic as possible, to draw the attention of the fish that live in any layer of water, at the bottom, half depth or in the surface. We are going to use all kind of set up's, from light ones to medium and heavy, if the big amberjack's or groupers are active. The lines used are solid braid lines between 60 to 100lb with a fluorocarbon leader of about 100lb to 130lb. Be ready!



# ACCOMODATION



In Sal Island we collaborate with the Aquamarina Suites hotel, which is located in the heart of Santa María. Its proximity to the meeting points of activities, restaurants and the fishing pier itself makes it irresistible for our customers. They are apartments with several double rooms with double beds or single beds. Each room has its own bathroom and the flats are equipped with kitchen, although the same hotel offers its restaurant service at extended hours for customers. It has 24 hour surveillance, to maintain control of people who access the complex at all times.

If you have chosen to go fishing in Sao Nicolau, our place to stay it's going to be "Tarrfal da Vila de Sao Nicolau", that offers self-catering accommodation. Properties are overlooking the beach and offers private rooms with bathroom, fitted with a shower, continental breakfast is served in the morning, and we have a 24hour front desk, barbecue facilities and a terrace. Other facilities like luggage storage, an ironing service and a laundry are offered.

In both places, the daily price per person includes the tourist tax, daily cleaning, change of towels and sheets at midweek, breakfast buffet, Wi-Fi and air conditioning. The cost of gas, electricity and water is also included.



# BOAT



We offer two kinds of boats, the “May Way” specially good for jigging, and the “Lady Di 2”, specially designed for big game trolling and bottom fishing.

All of them are well-equipped and with the best captains on the island, that will do everything for you to catch your dream fish.



# SURROUNDINGS



What can best be described as a beach lover's paradise, Sal is the archipelago's most popular island for holiday makers, and it's no surprise why. With golden sandy beaches sinking into azure waters, windows into the island's past and some truly spectacular natural phenomena to admire, Cabo Verde successfully caters for many kinds of dreamers.

Though flat, desolate and overdeveloped, Sal boasts more tourists than any other island. They fall into three categories: the package-holiday crowd, hard-core windsurfers and those in transit to more interesting islands. If you don't mind the heavy tourist crowds, Sal has a fine restaurant scene, plenty of nightlife and some lovely beaches where you can unwind and enjoy some water sports.

The largest town is Espargos, right next to the international airport, but most people stay near the pretty beach in Santa Maria, 18km to the south, here, you'll find an endless expanse of golden beach which follows the coast all along the bay and around towards the western side of the island. As the main resort, Santa Maria is where you'll find all our hotels on Sal, and each is within a 20 minute walk of the variety of shops, restaurants and bars that also reside there.

Sal is the most barren of the inhabited islands on the archipelago but don't let that put you off, there are some lovely sandy beaches, good gastronomy, and the water sports activities in Santa Maria are excellent with good diving, wind and kite surfing.

Fruit of the vagaries of nature, the rocks and cliffs that shape Sao Nicolau are reminiscent of a fantastic novel landscape. Covered with its own vegetation and next to a beach of bright black sand. Tarrafal de São Nicolau, the capital, it's real retreat for anyone who seeks charm and serenity (with a touch of mysticism), and of course, big, really big fish! Sao Nicolau it's the wild side of Cabo Verde, with an ecosystem of great richness and diversity, this Island, has good hiking trails that pass through picturesque villages where you also can enjoy chatting with the friendly locals. It is worth getting lost in a walk along the top of Monte Gordo, an inactive volcano of 1312 m, and enjoy its panoramic views. Losing yourself to meet... a good plan.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES



Try your hand at kite and windsurfing on the beaches or explore the islands by quad or car, swim with shark's in the shallows, and visit the salt pans of Pedra Lume, where you can take a salt bath. Alternatively, dive into the volcanic rock pools of Buracona, right next to it is the Olho Azul, an underground pool which, when the sun is at its highest point, shines straight into a large hole making the ocean water shine like a large blue eye.

The sleepy island of São Nicolau is relatively untouched by tourism, but its spectacular scenery makes it a worthy addition to your island hopping tour. While first impressions of São Nicolau may be of a barren island, you don't have to venture far to discover its stunning secrets. To the west of the island, Monte Gordo, a magnificent mountain volcanic in origin, rises to 1,312 metres, the highest point on São Nicolau. Pine forests cover the hillsides, becoming covered in lichens in the mist-laden higher slopes, while village houses cluster around the mountain's base. The area is important because of its rich biodiversity and was officially recognized as a national park in 2007.

Possibly the island's most stunning valley, Ribeira Prata (meaning 'silver stream' in Portuguese), boasts a lush emerald green valley floor and lower slopes which lead up to dramatic cliffs and barren mountains. It can be visited as part of an island tour by car or enjoyed on foot. At Carbeirinho, beautiful rock formations, carved out over the centuries by Mother Nature, is a must on any island tour, together with Fajã Valley and its ancient dragon trees, a rare species, endemic to the island and the symbol of São Nicolau.

March until the end of May is the best time for whale watching, and also you can search for dolphins, or turtle watching at the beach. Horse riding and surf is good all year around too.



# USEFUL INFORMATION



Cape Verde has a good steady tropical climate year round. It's cooler than most of the rest of West Africa. The average daytime high temperatures range from about 20 to 28°C, with the warmer temperatures falling from May to November. For the tourist, it's basically warm enough to hike and swim throughout the year, although nights can get chilly from December through March. The harmattan does reach half the archipelago, bringing hot winds and Saharan sands along with it during November through March.

Most of the rain falls between the end of August and the beginning of October.

The best time for festivals is around carnival in February-Mindelo on Sao Vicente island, in particular, should not be missed. The busiest season is between November and April when the dry warm weather attracts lots of Europeans looking to escape their winter.

All visitors to Cabo Verde (except holders of some African passports) require a visa. A one-month tourist visa can be obtained without any problems on arrival for €25.

No type of vaccination is necessary, and It is recommended to have insurance that sufficiently covers all risks, including the practice of sports.

Electricity is 230V/50hz as in Europe & they speak Portuguese.



# WHAT TO BRING



- Jigging, popping & jigg casting rods
- Variety off jigg's and lures
- All your fishing equipment
- Your beach clothes, hat, sunscreen, glasses, etc
- Insect repellent
- Some warmer clothes for the night & one raincoat
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity
- Camera
- Cash in € or USD



# MEDIA & GUIDING



As a Professional Freelance Audiovisual Producer & Fishing / Spearfishing Guide, my job is to promote the best trips around the world, operated by the best companies I work with, always offering the best quality and compromise. I will, simply, bring you the best destinations, personally known, that offer you all the guarantees and adapts to your necessities. If you are a group, great! If you are alone, don't worry, I will find more people to join you! Whatever you want, from hardcore fishing to family holiday, I will provide Expert Coaching, advices & knowledge in the field, to make you catch that "one in a life-time" fish, that sometimes can be so elusive and challenging.

I know where & when to find them, and how to get you on them!

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# WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



## Included

- 7 days accommodation at the island with breakfast included
- 5 days off fishing with drinks aboard and snack's, expert crew & guide
- Insurance
- Tourist taxes
- Visa on arrival
- Transfers to the airport

## Not included

- Flights
- Day trips (upon request)
- Gear (renting possibilities available upon request)
- Other meals not included
- Tips