

Thomson Family Adventures  
Friends Across Borders Information  
Destination: Azores

**Olá (hello)!** Very soon you will be packing your bags and waiting for the flight that will start your adventure. Before you go, your child(ren) can write to a pen pal in the Azores.

Your pen pal visit will be at a farm and/or local school. You'll have a chance to talk and play with children, and discover more about their daily life.

Please follow the guidelines below to ensure effective communication.

### **BEGINNING COMMUNICATION - Kids**

Attached are some fun templates and questions to help your kids get started! They can choose from one of the templates or write their own letter.

1. Your child is responsible for writing the first letter. We suggest writing about things that kids in Azores can relate to such as: sports, pets, and family. Photos and drawings are always a nice touch! Send their first letter as soon as possible.
2. Email me at [Lisa@familyadventures.com](mailto:Lisa@familyadventures.com). All letters are delivered electronically to our colleagues in the Azores



### **GETTING RESPONSES**

- Please be patient. Your pen pal will write a letter which will then be translated and delivered electronically to our local office in the U.S.
- We will then e-mail the letter to you and your child.
- Your child can respond via our office to any letters they receive by following the beginning guidelines.

### **LEARN THE LANGUAGE!**

Portuguese is the primary language spoken in the Azores. Help your kids learn common Portuguese words and phrases by encouraging them to include them in their letters to their pen pal!

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| • Hello             | Olá               |
| • Goodbye           | Adeus             |
| • Good Morning      | Bom dia           |
| • Good Afternoon    | Boa tarde         |
| • How are you?      | Como você está?   |
| • What's your name? | qual é o seu nome |
| • My name is...     | meu nome é        |

### **WHAT TO BRING?**

Kids always love to see photos, maybe pictures of pets, or postcards from your hometown, so be sure to bring some of those along! Gifts and donations are not required.

Sincerely,  
*Lisa Aprille*

# ***Conversation Starters***

Who? What? When? Where? How?



What is your favorite book?

When is your birthday?

Where are you from?

Do you have any pets?

How old are you?

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

What is your favorite holiday?

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

What is your eye color?

What is your favorite month? Why?

What is your favorite food?

What is your favorite movie?

How tall are you?

What type of music do you listen to?

Who is your best friend?

Who is your hero?

Do you have any nicknames?

What is your favorite subject in school?