

LOCAL INFORMATION

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Terceira, Azores

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LAJES FIELD, AZORES, PORTUGAL

Lajes Field is a Portuguese Air Base, located on the island of Terceira. The nine inhabited islands of the Azores archipelago are located in the North Atlantic Ocean, about 2,300 miles east of Washington, D.C. and about 900 miles west of Lisbon, Portugal. Together, they form an autonomous region of Portugal. Lajes Field, known as the "Crossroads of the Atlantic," provides an important mid Atlantic link for US and allied forces to Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The volcanic origin of all the islands is revealed by their volcanic cones and craters. Pico, a volcano that stands 7758 feet high on the island of the same name, has the highest altitude in the Azores.

The nine islands of the archipelago are divided in three Groups: The Eastern Group of São Miguel and Santa Maria; the Central Group of Terceira, Graciosa, São Jorge, Pico and Faial, and the Western Group of Flores and Corvo.

HISTORY

The first Americans arrived in 1944 to construct a runway. Over the years, Lajes has provided support to US and NATO operations, Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM. In March 2003, The Atlantic Summit, hosted by the Portuguese government brought many distinguished visitors to the island, including U.S. President, George W. Bush.

MAJOR COMMAND

United States Air Force Europe (USAFE).

POPULATION SERVED

There are more than 1,700 DoD personnel and their families as well as Portuguese military personnel.

LOCAL CURRENCY

The medium of exchange on Lajes Field is the US dollar. Local currency is the European Euro. The rate changes each business day and is affected by the US dollar's strength in foreign money markets. Euros are available for purchase at the exchange, Top of the Rock Club, Outdoor Recreation (ATM) and banks located in the Portuguese terminal (713).

COMMERCIAL TAXI

Commercial taxi service is plentiful and relatively inexpensive. A typical ride into the port of Praia costs approximately \$7 and a trip to Angra is

PORTUGUESE HOLIDAYS	
New Years Day	1 Jan
Mardi Gras	16 Feb
Good Friday	2 Apr
Day of Liberty	25 Apr
Day of the Worker	1 May
Espírito Santo Monday	24 May
Corpus Christi	3 Jun
Day of Portugal	10 Jun
Praia da Vitoria Day	11 Aug
Assumption Day	15 Aug
All Saints' Day	1 Nov
Restoration of Independence	1 Dec
Immaculate Conception	8 Dec
Christmas Day	25 Dec

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about \$18. Ask the driver in advance to negotiate the price. Call 295-512654, 295-512092, or 295-512151 for commercial taxi pick-up. The dispatcher will give you the license plate number of the taxi that will come for you.

LOCAL DINING

There are many restaurants in the Lajes vicinity which feature excellent Portuguese food at reasonable prices. Most restaurants have an English menu. You may also wish to ask any of our permanent party personnel for recommendations of local eateries. It's recommended that you don't eat butter or cheese that is not in sealed individual packets.

UNIFORMS OFF BASE

Uniforms are not to be worn off base or outside of vehicles in accordance with our host nation agreement. This includes even quick convenience stops. The only exception to this rule is to pay a phone bill, water bill, electric bill, rent and those attending official functions at the golf course.

WEATHER

High winds in excess of 50 knots (57.6 mph) are common. Wind warnings are announced through AFN radio and television programming. When wind warnings are in effect, stay inside as much as possible, keep curtains drawn, and be alert for flying objects when you must venture out of doors. Be especially careful when opening and closing doors to buildings and cars.

ONCE YOU'RE SETTLED

There's a lot to enjoy when you are here and we don't want you to miss a thing. Find out what's happening:

1. Pick up a copy of Accents, the Force Support Squadron monthly publication.
2. Check www.lajesfss.com frequently for the latest info
3. Lajes Weekly Bulletin (sent directly to your .mil account)

4. Read the base newspaper, Crossroads
5. Listen to AFN Island 96
6. Read the posters/flyers in the facilities

Make the most of your time at Lajes through the 65th Force Support Squadron Activities. Log on to www.lajesfss.com for specific info.

Airman & Family Readiness Center
Arts and Crafts
Atlantic Island Kennels
Auto Hobby Shop
Bowling Center
Chace Fitness Center
Child Development Center
Civilian Personnel Office
Community Activity Center
Education Center
Human Resources Office
Laundry
Library
Lodging
Marketing
Military Personnel Section
Oceanview Island Grill
Outdoor Recreation
Sports Zone
Subway
Top of the Rock Club
Veterinary Clinic
Youth Programs



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- Deliver Global Communications
- Provide Trained and Ready Expeditionary Airmen
- Enhance Bilateral Relations

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Gate #4

Fenced Area

Walk-in Gate
Gate #7

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Gate #1

Santa Rita Hill

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- VOQ
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- EDUCATION CENTER
- LODGING / FSS COMMAND STAFF
- LODGING WAREHOUSE
- BOWLING CENTER / LAJES PARK SNACK BAR
- PENTAGON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- OCEAN FRONT BX / LAUNDRY
- BASE LIBRARY
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
- ODDS
- YOUTH CENTER
- THEATER
- BASE CHAPEL
- TLF
- COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER / SUBWAY
- ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER / TOP ATLANTICO
- OUTDOOR RECREATION / OCEANVIEW ISLAND GRILL
- GAS STATION
- SHOPPETE / MILITARY CLOTHING SALES
- BEAUTY / BARBER SHOP
- POST OFFICE
- COMMISSARY
- FITNESS CENTER
- MEDICAL CLINIC
- AUTO HOBBY / ISLAND GARAGE / CAR WASH
- OPTOMETRY CLINIC / BIDENVIROMENTAL / PUBLIC HEALTH
- VET CLINIC
- AFN
- HOUSING MAINTENANCE
- ATLANTIC ISLAND KENNEL
- DENTAL CLINIC
- PASSENGER TERMINAL
- AB4 TERMINAL / BASE OPS / PT TELECOM