

Our Trip to Terceira



Terceira is one of the islands located in the Azores and belonging to Portugal. The Azores have 9 islands, and Terceira is the third largest island, after Sao Miguel and Pico.

There is an American air base situated in Lages, which also is the main airport close to the Praia da Vitoria. From here you can fly direct to all of the islands. This was the island that I chose to take my vacation with my kids and my husband in August 2002. I did not choose this island because it is better or more beautiful than the other ones. I decided on it because I knew how much my husband would like to see his father and the kids also they would be happy to meet their grandfather. We arrived in Terceira August 20, 2002, and my father-in-law was wanting for us at the airport. How good I felt when I looked into my father-in-law eyes and saw how happy he was to see his son after 30 years and his grandchildren for the first time! We were amazed by the wonder of places he took us to see— the garden, the Museum, the beaches, the fumes, the cave and the Monte Brazil. Terceira is a little island but very lovely and we had a wonderful time. I

am not going to describe how beautiful Terceira is with words but instead am going to show some of many pictures we took. Our first day was visited the beautiful garden in Angra do Heroismo.



This is the biggest and the most beautiful garden in Terceira. Also it has a little fishpond in the middle of the garden. We could just walk around and enjoyed the beautiful view.



The next day we went to visit the beaches and we were surprised what we saw. Most the beaches in the Terceira are full of lava rocks except one that is locating in the Praia da Vitoria.



Praia da Vitoria is the only beach that has sand. The others are just lava rocks.



All the rocks we saw on beaches are all lava rocks from the volcanoes of hundredth years ago. The next picture is the view of the ocean and the sky.



From here we stopped at the Biscoitos. In this town we saw the Wine Museum.



We could taste different wines in this museum. Next day we stopped at the Monte Brazil.

This place has lots of things to see and to do.



This picture shows some part of the city and a big mountain that is calling Monte Brazil. This place is where they had lots of battles. When we went to visit this place it was some soldiers showing us around and tell us about the place. This place still has the stone jails with little room where they captured the enemies and the canoes. My children liked so much this place that they did not mind to go there more than once. They enjoyed feed the ducks, the deer and even they had a chance to hold the ducks. Also it is a beautiful place for an enjoyable picnic.



Amanda and Nichole feeding the ducks at the Monte Brazil.



My older daughter with her father holding a duck.



How happy father and son are to be together after 30 years.



Amanda and Nichole inside of the stone Jail at the Mont Brazil



Mount Brazil is surrounded by water. When we were driving up made me think of the Mountain Washington road. Other thing I want to show is one of the traditions

that almost all the islands have and Terceira has too. It is the bullfight by rope and they do that every summer.



This tradition had been happen since Spain invaded the islands in 1581. The way they won the battle was when the women decided to send the bulls free into the streets.



They have the real bullfight in the arena but for the people in the islands the bullfight by rope is the really tradition for them. Next stopped was in the fumes and the caves.



The next amazing thing we saw was the fumes that were coming from under the ground. Is another attraction named the Furnas do Enxofre that is hot steaming and providing a colorful formation in the air. Also we visited the cave.



The Gruta das Agulhas is the main attraction of the village Porto Judeus. The Cave is a typical lava tube. So many things we explore in this small island that we wanted to stop the time and the vacation never ends.



Our vacation ended, and with sadness we had to say good-bye to the family, and the beautiful sights, hoping that we could come back some day. From the plane, we had one last chance to see the beautiful island and how small it looks from the sky. Terceira was an obvious choice because of the many years that we had not seen it and the wonderful opportunities it had in terms of beloved people to meet and places to see. Our vacation therefore was not only wonderful in and of itself, but also because our entire family now has a shared experience in Terceira.