

Travel information for IODP Expedition 399 Building blocks of life, Atlantis Massif

The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.

TRAVEL FUNDING

As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office. U.S. funded participants should contact the U.S. Science Support Program for assistance with booking flights.
- 3) All costs associated with obtaining required visas.

EXPEDITION DATES

12 April 2023: Ship arrives in Ponta Delgada for a 5-day port call.

12 April 2023: No later than arrival date for scientists (inc. co-chiefs) in Ponta Delgada.

13 April 2023: Scientists (inc. co-chiefs) and technical staff transfer to the ship.

All members of the science party are expected to board the ship on the above date. A later arrival date must be cleared with the JOIDES Resolution Science Operator (JRSO) Expedition Project Manager, as the ship sails when ready.

12 June 2023: The ship is scheduled to arrive in Ponta Delgada.

All members of the science party disembark and go through immigration before noon. It is your choice to book a flight out later in the day on 12 June (can be risky and stressful) or spend the night in a hotel and fly out on 13 June (recommended).

PORT AGENT AND JRSO CONTACTS IN PONTA DELGADA

Port agent:

CMJ Rieff & Filhos, Lda

Contact Andre Fonseca

+351 916134522 or +351 916134523

info@cmjrieff.pt or andre.fonseca@cmjrieff.pt

NOTE: Do not ship freight to the port agent without first contacting JRSO logistics services (also refer to Peter's 13 January message).

College Station logistics contact:

Tyrone Brashear

+1 979-845-2113

logistics@iodp.tamu.edu

Local JRSO contact at April port call in Ponta Delgada:

John Van Hyfte (Supervisor of Engineering & Logistics)
+1 979 845 2144
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Local JRSO contact at June port call in Ponta Delgada:

Tim Bronk (IODP Marine Logistics Coordinator)
Phone: +1-979-695-8160
bronk@iodp.tamu.edu

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VISA INFORMATION

Check with your local consulate or embassy for visa requirements.

<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/portugal-visa/>

If your nationality requires a visa to enter Portugal, the standard rule is to apply at least 20 days before your trip. However, we strongly recommend that you apply for visas as soon as your flights are scheduled.

U.S. Visa Holders - Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. ***IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of inadequate or expired visas.***

Failure to meet each country’s visa requirements may prohibit the boarding and disembarking of shipboard personnel and is subject to immigration detention.

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PASSPORT INFORMATION

Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Cyprus** registered. **Passport information MUST be sent to IODP** – IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Donna Hoover (hoover@iodp.tamu.edu), please do so at your earliest convenience.

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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Ponta Delgada, Portugal – April 2023 AND June 2023

NOTE: Hotel room availability is limited in Ponta Delgada during the April and June port calls. The selected ‘IODP hotel’ (Octant Hotel, see below) requires 100% deposits. The JRSO was therefore not able to secure group rates or block reservations. You are encouraged to book your rooms as soon as possible through the hotel website or phone number.

‘IODP hotel’:

Octant Hotel
Av.Dr.João Bosco Mota Amaral, 4
9500-771 Ponta Delgada, São Miguel
Portugal
www.pontadelgada.octanthotels.com
Reservation phone: +351 296 249 902

Alternative hotels:

If you are not able to get a room at the Octant Hotel, we suggest the Bensaude hotel group which has two hotels: Grand Hotel Acores Atlântico and Hotel Marina Atlântico (<https://www.bensaudehotels.com/>). The hotel choice is ultimately yours.

Check-in time is 3 PM and checkout is 12 PM. Early check-in depends on room availability, and the only way to guarantee early check-in is to reserve the night before. If early check-in is not possible, the hotel will store your bags until you check in.

NOTE: The Octant Hotel will be the meeting location for the shuttle transport to the ship on 13 April.

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GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Airport to hotel: Transfer from the airport to the hotel is your responsibility. We recommend a taxi rather than public transportation.

The Octant Hotel is 6 km from the airport. The hotel does not have a transfer service; however, they can arrange for a driver of their trust to be waiting for you with your name on a sign. This service costs € 20 to be paid directly to the driver. If you wish to book this service, you will need to provide the hotel with your flight details.

Hotel to ship: In the morning of 13 April, the JRSO will provide a group shuttle from the Octant Hotel through immigration and to the JR. Departure from the Octant Hotel will be at 10 AM unless further notice closer to the port call.

Ship to hotel: Upon arrival back in Ponta Delgada on 12 June, The JRSO will provide a shuttle through immigration (if required) and to your hotel.

Hotel to airport: Transfers from the hotel to the airport (12 or 13 June) are your responsibility.

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REQUIRED NOW – FLIGHT INFORMATION

IODP is required to provide the Port Agent with a complete Travel Manifest. This is mandatory for Immigration Notification. Without advance notification, entry may be denied. Once your flight arrangements are confirmed, please provide an electronic copy of your flight itinerary to:

Beverly Stanford
TEL: +1 (936)348-0629 cell
EMAIL: bjwilson@tamu.edu