

Les Açores nommées destination touristique durable No1

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Azores Islands named No.1 sustainable tourism destination

Situated in the heart of the Atlantic Ocean, the Azores have low levels of development and offer many sites of natural heritage, protected marine life and wildlife, including the islands of Graciosa, Corvo and Flores – all UNESCO Biosphere Reserves.

The results are in, and for the first time the archipelago of the Azores has been named the No.1 sustainable tourism destination in the world by a new leading study, beating 1,000 other coastal and island destinations to the top spot. The new research comes from Quality Coast, the largest international certification programme for sustainable tourism destinations, which scored the Azores consistently high in all of its criteria including factors such as nature, environment, socio-economic factors and identity/community.

The accolade follows the islands' recent rise to the forefront of the sustainable tourism arena, having been recognised by Quality Coast and National Geographic Traveler Magazine in more recent years as one of the most sustainable holiday destinations in the world.

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