

From Paul you can visit the entire northern area of Santo Antão.

Trekking and walks starting from PAUL - VILA DAS POMBAS

The paths are of varying difficulty and you will find them suitable for all types of walkers. Any direction you take, it will reserve you pleasant surprises, angles of life that offer you beautiful views.

Below we offer you the description of some of the most spectacular routes.

Do not miss the path n. 1.

A journey along the old road to Porto Novo to Pico da Cruz and the Paul Valley.

Path No.1 Cova - Cabo da Ribeira - Passagem - Paul Cova - Cabo da Ribeira - Figueral - Paul

About 4 hours, descent, difficulty: medium

"Fantastic" rating

The route begins in Cova inside the crater.

You can reach it by taxi with 4,500 ecv. or with a Collective Aluguer starting from Ribeira Grande (in front of the pharmacy).

Go down to the crater. From the bottom starts an uphill path, it takes 1 hour on foot.

From this point it's all downhill. The first stretch, up to Cabo da Ribeira is quite steep but not dangerous. Here you can decide whether to go down a path along the Figueral valley or the road through Paul's Ribeira passing by Cha de João Vaz, Lombinho, Passagem. The two paths meet in Eito about 4 km from Vila Das Pombas, on the main road.

Along the path Cabo da Ribeira - Paul you can find several public service aluguers.

Path No. 1 (a) Paul / Vila Das Pombas - Passagem - Cabo da Ribeira - Figueral - Eito - Paul / Vila Das Pombas

About 6 hours - difficulty: medium

"Excellent" evaluation

Crossing the entire Paul Valley (panoramas and extraordinary environments) to Cabo da Ribeira for about 8 km. Uphill but on a carriage road. In Cabo da Ribeira, take a path towards Figueral and return on the main road to Eito about 4 km away from Paul.

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Path No. 1 (b) Cabo da Ribeira - Passagem - Paul / Vila Das Pombas

About 3 hours - downhill, difficulty: easy

Evaluation "Nice walk"

By taxi (1,200 ecv. Or in collective Aluguer) you can reach Cabo da Ribeira.

Follow the same road backwards to Vila das Pombas (extraordinary panoramas and environments).

Path N.2 Cruzinha da Garça - Formiguinhas – Fontainhas-Ponta do Sol - Paul / Vila Das Pombas

About 5 hours, difficulty: medium

Evaluation "Suggestive"

From Paul to Ribeira Grande and then to Cha de Igreja (1 hour by Aluguer or Taxi) continue on foot or by car to Cruzinha (2 km). Cruzinha is a small fishing village, at the starting point of the trek which in about 5 hours, will take you to Ponta do Sol. You will follow a path overhanging to the sea up to Formiguinhas and then Fontainhas and then the paved road up to Ponta do Sol .

Fontainhas, clinging to a rock outcrop, is one of the most picturesque villages in Cape Verde. Even the road that goes uphill in curves from Fontainhas to Ponta do Sol is a true masterpiece of craftsmen of other times.

Path No. 3 Ribeira da Torre - Xò Xò - Aguas das Caldeiras-Cova - Corda - Ribeira Grande

about 5 hours, difficulty: medium

Evaluation "Excellent"

Starting on foot (or by car) from Ribeira Grande you can go up the valley to Xò Xò along 6 km of paved road. If you want to continue along a more demanding route, you can reach Aguas das Caldeiras and then Cova on the Porto Novo - Ribeira Grande road, from where you can return with an aluguer.

Alternatively from Cova you can take path No. 1 and go back down to Paul. (other 4 hours)

Path N. 4 Paul - Cova - Pico da Cruz - Santa Isabel - Eito - Paul.

About 7 hours, difficulty: high

Evaluation "Superb, breathtaking and tiring"

It starts from Cova.

You can reach it by taxi with 4,500 ecv or with a Collective Aluguer starting from Ribeira Grande (in front of the pharmacy). From the main road you can walk up to Pico da Cruz. From there it downhill to Santa Isabel and then to Eito.

Path No. 5 Paul - Faja de Janela - Ribeira de Janela-Pontinha de Janela - Paul

About 5 hours, difficulty: low

Evaluation "Interesting"

From Paul you can reach Ribeira D'Anton on foot or in aluguer along the coastal road (3 Km). Go up to Faja along a steep path. From there through a plateau you reach the downhill to Ribeira de Janela. Return to the road near Janela cemetery. You can visit Pontinha de Janela (fishing village) on the way back on the costal road to Paul, on foot or in aluguer.

Path No. 6 Paul - Ribeira das Pombas -Neve and return.

About 4 hours, difficulty: nothing

Evaluation "Bucolic and relaxing"

Ribeira das Pombas (1 Km.) Can be reached on foot from Paul. You will enter on a completely uninhabited valley until you reach the base of a waterfall under Santa Isabel. Ideal for taking up an afternoon.

Path N. 7 Paul - Lombo Branco - Motin de Lest Monte Joana - Synagogue - Paul

About 5 hours, difficulty: low

Evaluation "Panoramic and interesting"

Along Paul - Ribeira Grande road you turn towards Lombo Branco on foot (1 hour) or by taxi (1,500 cve). Once you reach the plateau, you will pass through the villages of Motin de Leste and Monte Joana then reach Pau Seco (excellent views of Paul valley) then go to Cha das Furnas and finally Synagogue and Paul it can be done all on foot or in aluguer.

From Motin de Leste it is possible to take a deviation to Riberao Grande valley, where there are numerous Dragueiros.

From Monte Joana it is possible to deviate towards Pinhao and Ribeira Grande.

Other useful information:

The mountains in the north of Santo Antao are very inhabited, so you will always find someone to ask for directions or help in case of need.

Along almost all the routes you will find shops selling water, fruit, biscuits and groceries.

Path n. 2: It is better to do the walking part in the afternoon since the morning is completely exposed to the sun.

From Paul you can reach Ribeira Grande in 5 min. by car, Ponta do Sol in 15 min., Porto Novo in 30 min.

Day Trip Taxi Service

Departure 8.30 / 9.00. Agree with the driver.

The driver acts as a guide

€ 80 payment to the driver.

You can change the route and stops by talking to the driver.

route:

Hotel, Ribeira Grande, Corda, Cova, Pico da Cruz, Ribeira Grande, Ponta do Sol, Paul (Vila Das Pombas), Capo da Ribeira, Hotel.

TAXI and ALUGUER**Taxi prices from Paul:**

Porto Novo 3,000; Cova 4,500; Cruzinha 4,500; Janela 500; Cabo da Ribeira 1,200; Ribeira Grande 1.000; Ponta do Sol 1,500

Price of Collective Aluguer from Paul:

Porto Novo 300; Janela 100; Cabo da Ribeira 150; Ribeira Grande 100;

Prices of Collective Aluguer from Ribeira Grande:

Ponta do Sol 100; Cha d'Igreja 300; Cova 500

Don't forget to take the ancient scenic road PAUL - PORTO NOVO

Visit the ILDO BENROS Grogue distillery with a traditional animal-drawn "Trapiche".
(In Vila das Pombas next to the petrol station's)