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# Centro de Artes e de Ciências do Mar

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## ABOUT

The Centre is housed in the old SIBIL whale factory, an industrial plant dedicated to the processing of these large sea mammals into oils and flours. It fell into disuse in the early 1980s, but between 2005 and 2007 the SIBIL building was restored by the Municipal Council of Lajes do Pico.

In this current phase of the Centre's existence, visitors can see a permanent exhibition of the factory equipment, as well as multimedia exhibitions about the factory and the biology and ecology of the large cetaceans. The Centre also hosts a range of different artistic and cultural events and provides some exciting educational activities for visitors. It is open to the public every day and is equipped with a shop, bar and open-air leisure area.

In its second phase, a Marine Sciences Centre will also be opened, geared towards applied research and enjoying the academic support of the University of the Azores.

Owned by the Municipal Council of Lajes do Pico, the Centre is managed by CULTURPICO, a Municipal Company. This space is open all week from Monday to Sunday, uninterruptedly every day from 10 am to 7 pm. Admission to the Centre costs €2.50 per person, with a 50% discount being provided in the following cases:

- Holders of the Youth Card
- People aged 65 or over
- Groups of 10 or more people

Admission is free for:

- Children aged 12 or under

Guided tours may be booked for Mondays (from 1 to 5.30 pm) and Thursdays (from 10 am to 1 pm).

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## Characteristics and Services

Shops  
Guided Tours  
Cafeteria

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## Timetable

10 am - 7 pm

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## Accessibility

### Payments

Credit cards accepted  
Travellers Cheques accepted

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