

Lisbon, Mar 18, 2013. Back from the Azores yet one more time! But this trip didn't have anything to do with Lucy's needs to visit the region: as it turns out, my cousin Luis decided that he needed to celebrate his 60th birthday on an island, and Faial won the job. We made base at the beautiful Pousada da Horta at the Forte de Sta. Cruz—a fortress dating back to the 16th century, overlooking the marina of Horta and the neighboring island of Pico. Perfect. For meals, our “cafeteria” was the absolutely unique Peter's Café Sport. For the non-sailors in you, Peter's is undoubtedly the most famous bar among the sea-faring community of our planet. A veritable institution! (Thank you, José Azevedo, for your wonderful hospitality during our visits there. I shall return, and hopefully on a sailing boat.) To check out a few pictures from this trip, see below.

Closer to home, and equally worth mentioning: Ben just had surgery to deal with a non-cooperating appendix. After two days at the hospital, he is now nearly 100% fully recovered (and already back in school).

Filipa is now also back in school, after two weeks of spring break spent on this side of the Atlantic.

...And that's pretty much it for today, folks! Stay tuned to the next one. Jorge.