

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The sea is a deep, vibrant blue, transitioning to a lighter turquoise near the shore. The land is covered in lush green vegetation, with steep, rocky cliffs overlooking the water. In the distance, more mountainous islands are visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. Two white, curved lines sweep across the image from the left side, framing the scene.

madeira islands



madeira and porto santo guide





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welcome  
to madeira

**In fact, you don't have to travel a long way to find the ideal holiday destination. There are a thousand and one reasons for visiting Madeira!**

In addition to its stunning scenery and luxuriant mountains, this archipelago also includes a **mild climate all year round**, a warm welcome and peace, safety and security among its charms.

To really get to know Madeira, climb to the top of a mountain and **enjoy fantastic, breathtaking views** or follow the trails and paths in the Laurissilva Forest along more than 1,400 km of levadas in a unique encounter with the island's soul.

Feel the energy flowing from the **cosmopolitan ambiance** of Funchal's streets and buy some souvenirs, like the famous embroidery, Madeira wine or wickerwork.

Try taking a tour around the island, stopping off on the way to admire the landscape or enjoy a traditional

delicacy. For more energetic visitors there is scuba-diving, surfing, windsurfing or jet-skiing.

Romantics may prefer a wonderful sailboat trip along the coast to enjoy the sunset.

But to make this your dream holiday, you really must spend some time on the paradisiacal **island of Porto Santo** 40 km from Madeira, only 15 minutes by plane or 2h30 on the ferry. The "golden island" is blessed with 9 km of fine, unpolluted sand washed by a clear, calm sea - **all you need for a perfect stay.**

**Happiness is so near!**



## Location and climate

Madeira and Porto Santo and the uninhabited Selvagens and Desertas Islands make up the Madeira Archipelago, which was discovered by the Portuguese in 1418.

The archipelago is in the Atlantic Ocean, 500 km from the coast of Africa and 1,000 km from Europe. It's only a **90-minute flight from Lisbon**.

Madeira has an area of 741 km<sup>2</sup>, and is 57 km in length and 22 km in width.

Thanks to their excellent geographical location and mountainous relief, these islands have surprisingly balmy weather, with moderate humidity and **pleasant average temperatures** of 25°C in the summer and 17°C in the winter.

**The sea temperature is also very mild**, thanks to the influence of the warm Gulf Stream, averaging 22°C in the summer and 18°C in the winter.



## discover an enchanted island!

Although it is small, Madeira is rich in **majestic scenery and rare beauty**. Go and explore the charms and delights of this floating garden!

The main places to visit in the Madeira Islands are Funchal, the capital of the archipelago, Caniço, the east coast (Santa Cruz and Machico), the west coast (Câmara de Lobos, Ribeira Brava, Ponta do Sol and Calheta), the north coast (Porto Moniz; São Vicente and Santana) and Porto Santo.

Going west from Funchal you will come to **Câmara de Lobos**, a typical fishing town, and **Cabo Girão**, the highest sea cliff in Europe and the second highest in the world (580 m). Nearby is the curious village of **Curral das Freiras**.

It is located in a deep valley and has one of the island's most spectacular landscapes, where dizzying views (over 500 meters high, from its belvedere- Eira do Serrado) will take your breath away.

Continuing westward, visit the pleasant village of **Ribeira**

**Brava**, before going up to **Encumeada** on a road full of belvederes from which you can see the surrounding mountain peaks.

If you like, go down to the sunny coast of **Ponta do Sol** and **Calheta**, with their tempting bathing areas. **Surfers will find the best waves in Europe at the picturesque beaches of Jardim and Paúl do Mar.**

If you drive up to Paúl da Serra, the largest plateau in Madeira, stop to take in the fine view of the northern and southern slopes. Then go down to Porto Moniz and refresh yourself with a swim in the natural pools formed in the lava that once flowed down to the ocean.

Our journey continues to **São Vicente**, on a road scattered with waterfalls, where the majestic green of the hillsides contrasts with the crystalline blue of the sea.

When you get to São Vicente visit the **caves** and the **volcano centre** and the Museum Centre – Lime Route or simply take a stroll through the town's pleasant streets.

From here you can also go back up to Encumeada, delighting your senses with the **luxuriant vegetation of the *Laurissilva* “laurel Forest ”** or go on to Santana, discovering small belvederes on the way.

**In Santana you must visit the typical A - framed thatched roof houses**, the theme park and Queimadas, which is the starting point for excellent walks like Caldeirão Verde. The descent to Faial is a pleasant surprise thanks to the impressive beauty of the surrounding mountains.

When you get to Faial you can choose between Machico or a visit the island’s interior, taking the road to Ribeiro Frio, Poiso and Pico do Areiro. This peak is the island’s third highest point (1,818 m) and here we can find beautiful rock formations reaching into the sky like timeless statues.

If you choose to go to Machico, **be sure to visit Caniçal and Ponta de São Lourenço, the island’s easternmost point.** On the old road back to Funchal, at Ponta do Garajau, Caniço, make sure to stop and look out at the Desertas

Islands and the fabulous view of the bay from the São Gonçalo Belvedere.

Delight yourself with the countless views, on an island of such outstanding natural beauty!

## funchal

The capital of the archipelago is on the south coast of Madeira in a beautiful bay washed by the warm waters of the Atlantic Ocean and surrounded by green mountains and deep valleys.

Funchal was erected to city on 21st August 1508 and is now **the main centre for trade, tourism and culture in the whole archipelago.**

Explore this traditional but cosmopolitan city, strolling through its charming streets lined with pretty, flower-decked houses.

Walk around its old, carefully restored squares with their **traditional Portuguese paving and typical**





**Madeiran architecture.** Take in the city's museums and monuments and its art galleries with collections of works by Portuguese and foreign artists.

Take a walk round Funchal's Marina watch the sailboats and, further on, the cruise ships that stop over Funchal from all over the world.

You can also walk round in the city's gardens and look at the **exotic, carefully tended multi-coloured flowers.**

If you would like to see the Madeiran coast from a different angle and enjoy some fresh sea air at the same time, go on a trip in a yacht or catamaran, or journey back in time on a replica of Christopher Columbus's ship.

The late afternoon is ideal for **walking along the seaside promenades.**

If you enjoy panoramic views, don't miss the chance of an unforgettable trip on a cable car.

The cable cars between Funchal and Monte and between the Botanical Garden and Babosas (Monte) are the fastest way to get there while offering some spectacular scenery.

Whatever you choose, make the most of the chance to see a new world where tranquillity and a warm welcome make the difference.



 nature

**Dive in to the fascination of the deep blue sea in contrast with the emerald green of the islands' mountains! This is Madeira, an island whose beauty is a gift from mother nature.**

One of Madeira's greatest tourist attractions is its varied, **luxuriant vegetation, with a combination of tropical and Mediterranean characteristics** resulting in a mosaic in different shades of green.

Madeira is also famous for the harmonious forms and contrasting colours of its countless exotic plants from almost all over the world, which seem so at home here. Thanks to the exceptional climate, you can admire flowers like **orchids, birds of paradise, anthuriums, magnolias, azaleas and proteas** in their natural environment all year round.

Explore the wide variety of lovingly tended gardens and parks that fill the air with unimaginable shades and perfumes.

## gardens

### madeira botanical gardens (eng. rui vieira)

In its more than 35,000 m<sup>2</sup> of flower beds we find in **excess of 2,000 exotic plants from all over the world** living and flowering here as happily as in their original habitat. In view of the growing loss of biodiversity and habitats worldwide, this garden has become a focus of science and culture aimed at preserving endangered plants.

Whether you are a nature lover, botanist or tourist, if you want to take a world tour of the plant kingdom, visit the **natural history museum and the herbarium**. You will also encounter a fine collection of exotic birds within Loiros Garden; a visit here is much like a safari through a world full of colourful parrots. Open daily from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Except on 25th December.

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### quinta das cruzeiras garden

This garden is in the park attached to the Quinta das Cruzes Museum and has a **wide variety of endemic and exotic plants**.

Open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Closed on Monday and public holidays.

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### quinta magnólia garden

We can see a **variety of exotic plants in the vast green areas** in the gardens of this fine example of a Madeiran "quinta". The garden is in Rua Dr. Pita in Funchal and is open every day from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

10, Rua Dr. Pita - 9000 - 089 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 764 598

### palheiro gardens

In addition to their panoramic views, the Palheiro Gardens with spacious lawns and lakes boast **some of the rarest**

**and most valuable exotic plants in the world**. Open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Palheiro Ferreiro - Funchal

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### monte palace tropical garden

The Monte Palace Tropical Garden is located at "Quinta" Monte Palace, which belongs to the Joe Berardo Foundation. The garden boasts **plants from all over the world** on which a wide amount species have already been planted, including azaleas, heather, different trees and a wide variety of ferns. It also has a **collection of cycads** (Encephalartos), considered living fossils. The garden contains around 60 of the 72 known species. It also has an **area devoted to Madeiran flora**, where we find most of the Macaronesian *Laurissilva* varieties and other endangered species like *Pittosporum coriaceum*, popularly known as mocan.

This infrastructure is divided into three floors, two of which display several african sculptures and the third

houses a unique mineral collection with pieces from the four corners of the world.

The Monte Palace Tropical Garden is open daily from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm, except on 25th December.

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### quinta da boa vista gardens

One of the main aims of Quinta da Boa Vista is to take advantage of Madeira's matchless climate to recreate habitats similar to those of many highly endangered species. It has **sections devoted to Bromeliads from South America, Martinets from Australia and Aloes from Africa.**

The quinta's main attraction is perhaps its orchid collection that has been growing and winning awards for 20 years now.

From December to May the orchid houses put on a spectacular show: Cymbidiums, Paphipedilums (lady's slipper) and Lycastes predominate, while a collection

of **superb hybrids and rare species arouse visitors' curiosity for the rest of the year.**

Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Closed on Sunday and public holidays.

Rua Lombo da Boa Vista - Funchal

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### orchid garden

This orchid jungle boasts more than 50,000 plants and is one of a kind in Europe.

Here we can see **interesting laboratory reproduction work and its plants flower all year round.** Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. except 25th December.

37, Rua Pita da Silva (below Botanical Gardens)

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### emperor's gardens

**Quinta do Monte was once the home of Emperor Charles I of Austria, who died here, and of other well-**



known figures, like the artist Lourdes de Castro. Its gardens have been restored and it is now called Quinta Jardins do Imperador.

There is a café for visitors in the famous **Malakof Tower**. This tower is particularly beautiful, not only thanks to its fine architecture but also because it affords a view of Monte's romantic landscape all the way down to Funchal. Nearby is a garden of the same name, with a small fountain surrounded by a vast, **multicoloured rose garden**.

Open Monday to Saturday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Caminho do Pico - Monte  
Phone: (+351) 964 306 732  
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### municipal gardens

The Municipal Garden, with an area of 8,300 m<sup>2</sup>, also known as Queen Amélia Garden, is on the north side of Avenida Arriaga.

It was once the site of the São Francisco Convent and we can still see the convent's coat of arms on a stone on one of the lawns.

**The garden has fine examples of flora from Madeira and many other parts of the world**, the most important of which are labelled.

The garden is located in the city centre and also boasts a lake and a stream with fish and birds. It has works of art and an auditorium for cultural activities.

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### panoramic garden (jardim panorâmico)

The Panoramic Garden is located right in the Funchal tourist area, between the Promenade "Passeio Público Marítimo" and the "Estrada Monumental" road, at "Sítio da Ajuda".

The existing vegetation has been grouped into four distinct categories: Indigenous Coastal Flora, Indigenous Middle Altitude Flora, Cacti and Succulents, and Tropical Zone.

It has a magnificent panoramic view over the Atlantic Ocean.

Open daily from 7:00 am to 10 pm

Estrada Monumental – Funchal

[www.cm-funchal.pt](http://www.cm-funchal.pt)

### santa luzia garden (jardim de santa luzia)

The area around the old long-abandoned Hinton factory, where liquor and sugar used to be produced, has been transformed into a **green area in the centre of Funchal**.

The enormous old chimney that belonged to the old factory has remained to remind us of the important role it used to play for the Sugar Industry of Madeira. There are around 13.700 m<sup>2</sup> of green areas, including **five different themed gardens**: The Amphitheatre Garden (Jardim do Anfiteatro), The Tropical Garden (Jardim Tropical), The Water Garden (Jardim da Água), The Terraced Garden (Jardim dos Socalcos) and The Laurissilva “laurel forest” Garden (Jardim da *Laurissilva*).

Open daily from 8 a.m to 9 p.m

31, Rua de Janeiro - Funchal

### quinta do arco rose garden

In the gardens of Quinta do Arco in Arco de São Jorge on the north coast of the island, you can find **one of Portugal’s largest rose collections**, including some rare or even endangered species.

The collection consists of more than 1,000 different species. You can see old and new, rambling and ordinary rose bushes. The most important and the rarest are labelled with their name and class.

This garden has been awarded with the prize “Garden of Excellence” by the World Federation of Rose Societies.”

Open daily from from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm between April and December

Roseiral da Quinta do Arco - Sítio da Lagoa

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### santa catarina park

Santa Catarina Park, with an area of around 36,000 m<sup>2</sup>, is between Avenida do Infante and Avenida Sá Carneiro. It



affords a beautiful view of Funchal from the bay to Ponta do Garajau and its **large lawn is surrounded by flower beds with plant species from all over the world**. Here you can also see some aviaries, a lagoon and you can also visit the Santa Catarina Chapel.

on summertime from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

on wintertime from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Av. do Infante – Funchal

### monte municipal park

Monte's Park or Leite Monteiro's Park is the highest

municipal garden at 550 m and covers an area of 26,000 m<sup>2</sup>. **It is full of many indigenous and exotic species with some centuries-old trees.**

It is refreshingly cool thanks to a stream that cascades into its southern part. At the entrance, Largo da Fonte in the shade of huge plane trees has a bandstand and the Virgin's Spring, with a niche containing an image of Our Lady of the Mount.

### funchal ecological park

This park covers an area of around 1,000 hectares. The considerable differences in altitude and the park's many water courses mean that it boasts a **wide variety of indigenous flora**. Trees such as the stink laurel, (*Ocotea foetens*), laurel (*Laurus novocanariensis*), Madeira mahogany (*Persea indica*) and Canary Laurel (*Apollonias barbujana*), have also been planted there.

**Shrubs thrive in the higher areas of the park**, with a predominance of tree heath and Madeira bilberry (*Vaccinium padifolium*). Between 1,550 and 1,600 metres above sea level, we find the last two stands of Madeira mountain ash (*Sorbus maderensis*). This mountain ash



is a very rare native tree. Where the bird population is concerned, we can find a considerable number of species that usually nest in the Madeira Archipelago. Another special attraction is the unique snow pit, which was once used to store ice.

Open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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### ribeiro frio forest park

Located 17 km from Funchal, Ribeiro Frio is known for its beautiful gardens where plants and trees live side by side in perfect harmony. We can see a variety of native plants, some of them quite rare. This is an **excellent place for a walk**, savouring fantastic views from Balcões, where we are stunned by the sublime landscape of the deep valley of Ribeiro do Faial and the rocky amphitheatre of central chain mountains, at the heart of Ruivo's Peak, the highest point on the island.

### queimadas forest park

Queimadas is an isolated area 5 km from Santana. It's an **ideal spot for a picnic or a walk**.

To get there go west from Santana until you come to a turnoff where the road quickly turns into a rough mountain track. This trail leads through gorse bushes, hydrangeas and wild flowers right into a wonderful forest. Not far from here is Casa das Queimadas a large thatch-roofed building used by forest rangers.

### laurissilva - laurel forest, unesco heritage site

Visit **Madeira's indigenous forest**, the same one that João Gonçalves Zarco and his companions found when they reached the island in 1419.

Madeira's natural heritage has been singled out in Europe, thanks to its amazing richness, diversity and state of preservation, which is due, in part, to the Madeirans' respect for their natural heritage.

**On 2 December 1999, UNESCO recognised this and considered the Laurissilva Forest a World Natural**



Heritage Site, the only one in Portugal, which now belongs to all humanity. This forest was recently awarded as one of the Portugal Seven Wonders in the category of "Forests and Woods".

You must find time to admire and enjoy this forest which dates back to the Tertiary Age and survived the last glaciations, which confined it to Macaronesia, i.e., Madeira, the Azores, the Canaries and Cape Verde.

Madeira has the largest area of this type of forest, about 22,000 hectares. It also has the widest variety of fauna and flora with some rare specimens, such as the Madeira orchid, *Dactylorhiza foliosa*, which is unique.

Feast your eyes on huge trees of the laurel family (stink laurel, *Ocotea foetens*, laurel, *Laurus novocanariensis*, Madeira mahogany, *Persea indica*, and Canary laurel, *Apollonias barbujana*) and others like the lily of the valley tree, *Clethra arborea*, or Madeira juniper, *Juniperus cedrus*. Lower down discover bushes, ferns, mosses, lichens, liverworts and other small typical Laurissilva plants.



To which birdlife is concerned, there is the endemic long-toed pigeon (*Columba trocaz*), typical of the *Laurissilva* Forest and the symbol of Madeira Natural Park.

**Come and discover a true living relic, a real laboratory for botanists and plant lovers!**

## nature reserves

A series of protected land and sea areas make up the most important natural heritage of the Madeira Islands making it an excellent **destination for eco-tourism**.

The Madeira Natural Park was set up in 1982 to safeguard Madeira's natural heritage. It has been classified as a Biogenetic Reserve where we can find **unique flora and fauna**. Madeira Natural Park covers about 2/3 of the territory and is divided into **total and partial nature reserves, protected landscapes and recreational areas**.

**The Desertas Islands Nature Reserve** is the last Atlantic refuge of the monk seal (*Monachus monachus*), which was the main reason why it was set up in 1990.

**The Selvagens Islands Nature Reserve** is in the far south of Portuguese territory and was set up in 1971, making

it one of the oldest nature reserves in Portugal. These islands are considered to be a bird sanctuary, thanks to their excellent nesting conditions for seabirds.

**The Garajau Partial Nature Reserve** was set up in 1986 and is the country's only exclusively marine reserve. Amongst the fauna in the park are large fish such as the dusky grouper (*Epinephelus guaza*) and a wide variety of other coastal species.

The reserve is considered one of the world's main amateur diving destinations and a place of great scientific, recreational and tourist interest.

**The Rocha do Navio Nature Reserve in Santana** was set up in 1997 at the request of the local population. It includes a strip of sea, a potential habitat for the Mediterranean monk seal, an islet on which we can see rare plants that are endemic to the natural cliff habitats of Macaronesia.

At the east end of Madeira is the **Ponta de S. Lourenço Nature Reserve**, set up in 1982.

It has peculiar fauna and flora, thanks to the important local groups practically confined to this area. It also has an observation post for environmental education.



 levadas

**Prepare to discover a fantastic natural world on one of the unforgettable walks along the hillsides. From 0 to 1.862 metres high the excitement is guaranteed!**

Cultural and environmental factors have made walking one of Madeira's most traditional and popular open-air activities.

Lots of people come to the Madeira Islands just to walk the different circuits, discovering the pleasure of close contact with nature.

Walk along Madeira's paths and levadas to the interior of the island and see breathtaking virgin scenery.

**The levadas are a remarkable, ingenious irrigations system.**

These channels are testimony to our ancestors' gigantic efforts to bring water from the high mountain springs to the slopes and valleys.

**There are around 1.400 km of levadas in Madeira ready for you to explore** and discover breathtaking landscapes.

The rough Madeiran relief and its mountain environment mean there are routes of rare beauty, but the archipelago offers some very interesting alternatives, where you can choose exclusively mountain, forest, seaside or mixed circuits.

**Most of the walks are accessible to all though there are different degrees of difficulty** and so we suggest you ask your travel agent or consult specialised publications and make sure you have the right gear.

If you are really interested in walking with nature, we suggest you buy a programme organised by a travel agency or a holiday activity company, which lay on walks with a mountain guide.

Never do these walks alone and always take water, provisions, a torch a sweater, wear comfortable non slippery footwear and a charged mobile phone.

**On these magnificent walks, hikers of all ages can explore the island's fabulous unforgettable landscapes.**



 wellness

Discover an atmosphere of perfect harmony between man and nature in Madeira, where the saying “a healthy mind in a healthy body” makes a lot of sense.

Madeira has long been sought out for the therapeutic qualities of its climate in curing stubborn respiratory diseases and still offers its visitors **excellent conditions as a health destination**.

Dive into an island of calm, clear waters and recharge your batteries with seaweed and plant extracts, the fresh perfume of flowers, the pure air, and the mild climate. Discover the fertility of the land and the abundant sea-life in dishes that are as healthy as they are delicious and **rub shoulders with nature, far from the humdrum bustle of the big city**.

Make the most of the wide range of facilities offered by most hotels, such as **swimming pools, saunas, gyms, tennis courts and massages**. Some are real health resorts that combine medical and beauty treatments to offer services like **thalassotherapy, hydro-massage, Turkish baths, massages and beauty centres**, amongst others.

For more demanding customers, **Porto Santo boasts a thalassotherapy centre**, where experienced staff and excellent facilities combine to provide a variety of preventive and curative health services. The island's sand contains amazing minerals and is an excellent complement to treatment for rheumatic diseases.

The Madeira Islands are as healthy as they are natural and have everything you need for a **relaxing or invigorating holiday at any time of year**.

A vibrant market stall display of fresh produce and jars of preserves. The foreground is filled with baskets of green bell peppers, cucumbers, and broccoli. Behind them are large piles of oranges, red and yellow apples, and green limes. In the background, several large glass jars with red lids contain various preserves, including pickled vegetables and jams. A person in a white chef's coat is partially visible on the right side of the frame.

 gastronomy



**In the Madeira Islands, you will find typical regional dishes made from the highest quality ingredients. There is also plenty of international cuisine to choose from.**

Thanks to its close contact with the sea, most restaurants in Madeira offer excellent seafood and fresh fish dishes. **Limpets, octopus, shrimp, tuna steaks and scabbard-fish fillets are just some of the local delicacies.**

You must try traditional regional dishes like **tuna steak and fried cornbread or the delicious grilled beef on a laurel spit accompanied with sweet potatoes bread “bolo do caco”.**

Other traditional foods are home-made couscous, home-baked sweet potato bread and marinated pork.

**Fruit lovers will really think they are in heaven!**

Tropical fruits like mangoes, bananas, avocados, custard apples and passion fruits are abundant and their exotic flavours are the perfect end to a meal, either fresh or in a pudding, mousse or ice cream.

For the sweeter tooth, there is a rich variety of sweets. The most traditional are **honey cake** and honey biscuits made with the richest ingredients such as spices and sugarcane honey. **Cottage cheesecakes and fennel candy** are also highly appreciated.

There is also a wide selection of drinks. Exotic fruit juices such as passion fruit, papaya, guava. The famous “poncha” made with sugarcane rum, honey and lemon and the famous **Madeira wines**, which can be served as aperitifs or savoured with a coffee, are also an excellent choice.

**Try some of these mouth-watering delights!**

 madeira  
wine



**Madeira's matchless soil and climate, the production process and the grape varieties used have made Madeira wine unique.**

Chosen to celebrate the independence of the United States on 4 July 1776, praised by Shakespeare in his plays and admired by monarchs, princes, generals and explorers, Madeira wine is certainly a treasure.

**It is appreciated all over the world and has more than five centuries of history. This 'nectar of the gods' is one of Madeira's finest achievements.**

Just think about the Madeirans' constructive spirit over the centuries, visible in the hand-tilled vineyards on small plots of land called poios (terraces), sometimes clinging to the mountain sides.

There are more than 30 Madeira wine grape varieties, though the best are **Sercial, Boal, Verdelho and Malvasia**.

The most well-known dry wine is made from **Sercial** grapes. This pale, strongly perfumed wine makes an ideal aperitif. **Verdelho** leads the medium dry wines. It is golden, delicate and quite perfumed and is the best one for drinking with meals. **Boal** is medium sweet, smooth, velvety, noble and dark gold in colour and goes well with roast meat or dessert. Between meals or with dessert, few can resist a **Malvasia**, a sweet, red, full-bodied, intensely perfumed wine.

Connoisseurs of this 'art' should come to Madeira in September to see and participate in the **Madeira grape harvest and its festival**, a tribute to this age-old product that is recognised worldwide.

**Savour a glass and drink a toast to life with Madeira wine...**



culture



**Get to know a vast cultural heritage dating back to the time of the discoveries at museums, churches, palaces and mansions and in the Madeiran people's customs, folklore and art.**

## **monuments**

Funchal is particularly **rich in historical heritage sites of interest to tourists**, including churches, chapels and forts, many of which are classified as national monuments or listed buildings whose beauty leaves no-one indifferent.

Among the sights particularly worth a visit are **São Lourenço Palace, Pico Fort, Sé (Cathedral), Colégio or Jesuits' Church, Santa Clara Convent, São Tiago Fort and the Municipal Market.**

As you tour the island, you will come across monuments that are part of the archipelago's history and statues paying tribute to historical figures like one of the discoverer's of Madeira, João Gonçalves Zarco.

The region's historical buildings also play an important part in its range of accommodation, as some of them have been converted into sophisticated family accommodation - Madeira "quintas". Madeira's "quintas", once the former homes of princes and nobles, together with home-stay tourism, some in seigniorial mansions, are amongst the choices open to you.

## **museums**

For those who enjoy rich, diversified cultural activities, Madeira is definitely the place to go!

Pieces of the archipelago's culture and history can be found in its different museums.

### **contemporary art museum**

This museum placed in São Tiago Fort has a collection of Portuguese contemporary art dating from the 1960s to the present day. It also organises temporary exhibitions of different artists and institutions.



Open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:30 and 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Closed on Sunday and public holidays.

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9060-250 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 213 340  
Fax: (+351) 291 213 348  
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www.culturede.com

### religious art museum

This museum has important **collections of 16th to 18th century Flemish paintings and religious sculpture and 17th and 18th century objects in gold.**

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:30 and from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Closed on Mondays and public holidays.

21, Rua do Bispo  
Phone: (+351) 291 228 900  
Fax: (+351) 291 231 341  
E-mail: masf@netmadeira.com  
www.museuartesacrafunchal.org

### museu henrique e francisco franco

This museum has a **priceless collection of prints, drawings and sculptures by the brothers Henrique and Francisco Franco**, Madeiran artists whose works left a significant mark on Portuguese art in the late 19th and early 20th century. Open Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 12:30 and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Closed on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

13, Rua João de Deus  
9050-027 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 230 633  
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E-mail: [museu.franco@cm-funchal.pt](mailto:museu.franco@cm-funchal.pt)  
[www.cm-funchal.pt](http://www.cm-funchal.pt)

### natural history museum

This museum is in the Botanical gardens - Eng. Rui Vieira and houses a **valuable collection of documents attesting to the wealth of the archipelago's** natural heritage and its dynamics in this area.

Open every day from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, closed on 25th December.

Caminho do Meio - Qt. do Bom Sucesso  
Phone: (+351) 291 211 200  
Fax: (+351) 291 211 206

### frederico de freitas museum house

The jurist Frederico da Cunha e Freitas lived in this Romanesque-style house, where he collected *"objets d'art"*. The museum house has been restored by the Madeira Regional Government and contains an **impressive exhibition of different collections** including glazed tiles, mugs, teapots, ceramics, religious sculpture, old prints and neoclassic and art nouveau furniture. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m to 5.30 p.m. Closed on Sunday, Monday and public holidays.

7, Calçada de Santa Clara  
9000-036 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 202 570; Fax: (+351) 291 202 580  
E-mail: [cmffreitas@sapo.pt](mailto:cmffreitas@sapo.pt)  
[www.museumac.com](http://www.museumac.com) or [www.culturede.com](http://www.culturede.com)

### quinta das cruces museum

This baroque-style quinta was once the home of the second captain donee of Funchal. Today it houses a decorative art museum with a **vast collection of Portuguese and foreign furniture from the 16th to the**

19th century, porcelain from Europe and the Portuguese East India Company, 17th to 19th century Portuguese pottery, Indo-Portuguese and European ivory, Flemish and Portuguese sculpture from the 15th to the 18th century, nativity scenes from the 18th and 19th centuries and paintings and prints from the 16th to the 19th century.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Closed on Monday and public holidays.

1, Calçada do Pico

9000-206 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 740 670;

Fax: (+351) 291 741 384

E-mail: mdc.drac@madeira-edu.pt

www.quintadascruzes.com

### **funchal municipal museum (natural history)**

In the 19th century, this baroque-style palace was the home of the Counts of Carvalhal and was famous for its receptions. Today, it houses a **valuable exhibition of the archipelago's fauna, flora and geology**. It also conducts

important scientific research into the Macaronesia region. Open Tuesday to Friday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, closed Monday and certain public holidays (1st January, Shrove Tuesday, Sunday Easter, may 1st, 21st august, and 25,26th December).

31, Rua da Mouraria

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Phone: (+351) 291 229 761

Fax: (+351) 291 225 180

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### **vicente's photography museum**

This building was once the home and studio of Vicente Gomes da Silva, a pioneer of photography in Portugal. The museum **houses backdrops, cameras and negatives collected over a period of more than 100 years by the four generations of photographers in the Vicente family**. It also has archives of photographs from a number of other sources.



Open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 12:30 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm, Closed on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

43, Rua da Carreira

9000-042 Funchal

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Fax: (+351) 291 228 724

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[www.museumac.com](http://www.museumac.com)

or [www.photogramuseumvicentes.com.pt](http://www.photogramuseumvicentes.com.pt)

### madeira wine museum

The museum is in a series of baroque-style buildings where Madeira wine used to be made, stored, sold and exported and **includes the oldest Madeira wine cellars.**

The museum's collection includes letters from famous personalities, documents from the British companies that founded the Madeira Wine Company, books, utensils, a 17th century wine press and antique machinery. There is also a bar where visitors can taste and buy wine.



Open from Monday to Friday 10 am to 6.30 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm Closed on Sunday and public holidays.

Guided tours in English, Monday to Friday at 10:30 am., 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., in German at 10:30 a.m, 2:30, 3:30 pm, in Portuguese at 11:30 am. and 3:30 pm., French and Spanish at 11:30 am.

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### city sugar museum

Located at the former residence of the Flemish merchant, João Esmeraldo, this museum is dedicated to the **manufacture and export of sugar in Madeira in the 15th and 16th centuries.**

Temporarily closed

### ibvam museum (embroidery museum )

This museum shows how Madeira embroidery was made and has an exhibition of **valuable pieces of embroidery, tapestry and inlaid wood.** The embroidery is displayed in different outfits and with other items such as furniture. Open Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Closed on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

44, Rua Visconde do Anadia  
9050-020 Funchal  
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[www.bordadomadeira.pt](http://www.bordadomadeira.pt)

### "casa da luz" museum (electricity)

This museum is on the site of the old Funchal Power Plant, which was decommissioned in 1989. Its contents include rare machinery and equipment more than half a century old. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Closed in Sunday, Monday and public holidays.

2, Rua da Casa da Luz - 9050 - 029 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 211 480  
Fax: (+351) 291 233 990  
E-mail: [mcl@eem.pt](mailto:mcl@eem.pt)  
[www.museucasadaluz.com](http://www.museucasadaluz.com)

### "universe of memories" – j.c. abreu

Presenting a collection of pieces amassed during his travels donated by João Carlos Abreu, former Regional Secretary of Tourism and Culture. All the exhibits are closely connected to the story of his life. Apart from being



excellent museum pieces, they are also important due to their variety and the fact that they come from the four corners of the earth. There is a tearoom adjacent to the museum.

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Closed on Sunday, Monday and public holidays.

2, Calçada do Pico

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[www.universodememorias.com](http://www.universodememorias.com)

### monte palace museum

This museum in the Monte Palace Tropical Garden houses two permanent collections, one of minerals and the other

of **contemporary Zimbabwean sculpture**. The sculptures date back to the 1950s and 1960s and include works by Tengenenge artists such as Henry Munyaradzi and Bernard Matemera. The mineral collection is organized according to its aesthetic value. Most of the minerals are from Brazil, Portugal, Peru and North America.

Open daily from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Closed on 25th December.

174, Caminho do Monte, 9050-288 Funchal

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[fundacaoberardo@netmadeira.com](mailto:fundacaoberardo@netmadeira.com)

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### toy museum

This museum houses José Manuel Borges Pereira's **collection of old toys** together with some contributions from other private collections. The museum also has a café/ restaurant.

Open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Sunday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Closed on Monday and public holidays.

48, Rua da Levada dos Barreiros  
9000-061 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 919 922 722

## ribeira brava

### madeira ethnographic museum

This old baroque mansion now houses the Madeira Ethnographic Museum, which has **collections of ethnographic exhibits illustrating Madeiran culture and society**. The temporary exhibition room shows themes alluding to traditional Madeiran culture.

Open from Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 am. to 5:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Closed Mondays and public holidays.

24, Rua de S. Francisco  
9350-211 Ribeira Brava  
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or m.etnografico.drac@madeira-edu.pt  
www.museumac.com or www.culturede.com

## calheta

### “casa das mudas” art centre

This cultural facility in Calheta is divided into two parts, a **mansion built in the 16th century that belonged to a granddaughter of João Gonçalves Zarco**, the discoverer of Madeira, and a new, modern wing.

Open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Closed on Monday.

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9370-139 Calheta  
Phone: (+351) 291 820 900  
Fax: (+351) 291 820 911  
Email: info@centrodasartes.com  
www.centrodasartes.com

## são vicente

### lime route – museum centre

This Museum Centre is of great importance due to its great natural and cultural heritage values. This centre encloses an approximated area of about 12 000m<sup>2</sup>, where, we can find two limestone quarries, a lime kiln that due to its unique features its believed to be the only one of the kind found in Europe, apart from a set of fossils over 5 millions years old, apart from other constructions used to support farming and cattle-raising, such as haylofts, cultivation fields and levadas (water channels), very typical of Madeira's landscape.

It also presents three different themes areas such as: Natural Values, Rural Heritage, Lime Production and trade. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guided tours by previous appointment.

Lime Route – Museum Centre  
Associação Rota da Cal  
Sítio dos Lameiros

9240-211 S. Vicente

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## ponta delgada

### dr. horácio bento de gouveia museum house

Horácio Bento de Gouveia, a Madeiran teacher, journalist and author of a vast number of published works, was born in this house of typical Madeiran 17th and 18th century design. Here we can see a **variety of antiques and also articles associated with the writer's working life.**

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 3 pm to 7 pm. Closed on Sunday and public holidays. Sítio dos Terços, Vila de Ponta Delgada

Phone: (+351) 291 862 332

E-mail: cmdrhbg@yahoo.com

## arco de são jorge

### the arco de são jorge wine museum

Located in the Experimental Viticulture Field, on a grape growing property, this museum is an area dedicated to **publicizing the wine produced on Madeira Island, with an exhibition of some of the equipment used in this activity.** All the surrounding garden area can be visited.

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 2 pm. to 6 pm. Other days by appointment.

Sítio da Lagoa

9230-018 Arco de São Jorge

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Fax: (+351) 291 578 122

## caniçal

### whale museum

This museum is a testimony of the history of whaling and the activities related with this area. Amongst its collections it displays a whaling boat, part of a sperm

whale in fibre, showcases containing whalebone and whale's teeth and photos and prints of whales.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.  
Closed on Mondays and public holidays

Rua da Pedra d'Eira

9200-031 Caniçal

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Fax: (+351) 291 961 859

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## porto santo

### christopher columbus museum house

Columbus's house consists of two buildings, the older of which dates back to his time on the island.

Here we can see **portraits of Columbus from the 16th to the 20th century and maps showing his different routes.**

Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Sunday from 10:00 am to

1:00 pm. Closed on Monday and public holidays. On Summertime: July to September, Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Closed on Monday and public holidays.

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[www.culturede.com](http://www.culturede.com)





 animation



**Madeira is full of fun as we are a happy bunch! There is a variety of shows, festivals and exhibitions waiting for you! In addition to the natural attractions and year-round spring weather, there is always plenty to do in the Madeira Islands.**

Throughout the year, there are cultural, entertainment and sports events all over the island and they not only attract the local population but also make **holidays unforgettable.**

The main events are the traditional **Carnival, Flower Festival, Atlantic Festival, Wine Festival, Colombus Festival, New Year celebrations** and the more recent **Madeira Nature Festival.**

## **carnival**

The Carnival Festivities, one of Madeira's main tourist attractions, takes over the centre of Funchal and during a week, the city wakes to the sound of marching bands, samba and carnival parades, which will put the whole of the downtown area in a good mood.

Saturday night is held the grand float parade showing the creativity of the different troupes.

Shrove Tuesday is when Funchal explodes with joy.

Thousands of revellers from all over the region parade before a crowd of locals and foreigners who soon get caught up in the fun of the daring caricatures in the Cortejo Trapalhão costume parade.

For these days, **the streets of Funchal are decorated with lights and flooded with carnival music.**

Join the fun!

## **madeira island open golf**

Like an eternal spring, Madeira is the place, by excellence, as a golf destination, all year round. The annual Madeira Open is the most important golf tournament in the Madeira Islands and is part of the Main European PGA Tour, taking place in March or April in Madeira or Porto Santo Islands.

Paradise for golf lovers, don't miss this tournament of the European circuit, taking also the opportunity to get acquainted with the other golf courses at Madeira and Porto Santo.



## flower festival

Every year after Easter, Funchal is the **stage of a luxurious treat for the senses, the Flower Festival**, celebrating spring and the season's exuberant flowering, even more intense in Madeira thanks to its subtropical climate.

The celebrations begin on Saturday morning with the children's parade, when thousands of kids come to Praça do Município in the city centre to build a wall of flowers called the Wall of Hope.

There is another outstanding event the next day, the Grand Flower Parade with some floats and hundreds of people **showing off the island's local flowers filling the air with soft, ephemeral perfumes**.

At the same time as these events, there are other activities in honour of the flower filling this celebration of the senses: **unforgettable carpets of flowers, flower exhibition,**

**folklore shows, classical concerts and variety shows.** Come and experience spring with us!

## atlantic festival

The Atlantic Festival takes place in June and involves both **culture and entertainment** in its three different components: the Madeira Music Festival, the International Fireworks Competition and street animation.

The Music Festival enables residents and tourists alike to enjoy some of the best examples of our architectural heritage while listening to high-quality classical music.

The Fireworks Competition offers unique moments of splendid pyrotechnics and harmonious music. Every Saturday night, competitors from the four corners of the earth delight the crowds with joy and colour. Every year, the best firework companies in the world charm Funchal in what is now a major pyrotechnics event.

So in June the capital of Madeira is full of attractions and entertainment with **unforgettable shows of great artistic and musical quality and a magic atmosphere**.



## tour of madeira in classic cars

The Tour of Madeira in Classic Cars is an event that is limited to Classic and Vintage Cars, enrolled in the “FIA Historic Regularity Rallies” and included in the FIVA (International Federation of Vintage Vehicles) calendar, Category A, in which participation is limited to the standards of this Federation and simultaneously to those of the International Automotive Federation (FIA) and must be in original working order.

This event takes place over four days and covers around 400 km through beautiful and often winding Madeiran roads, competing in a way that allows competitors to experience the breathtaking landscapes of this beautiful island, at the end of June.

## funchal jazz festival

Madeira jazz festival is an event organized by Funchal's City Hall, which has gained more and more prestige every year, brings together famous national and international jazz players and groups at Madeira. The festival takes over Funchal, reaching out for Madeirans and tourists in the streets and bars, with street performances and other activities in the three days of the Funchal Jazz Festival.

If you are a jazz enthusiast, don't miss these three summer nights full of the unmistakable sound of jazz in the unique scenario of Santa Catarina Park, at the beginning of July. **[www.funchaljazzfestival.com](http://www.funchaljazzfestival.com)**

## madeira wine rally

The largest automobile event in the Region, recognised internationally, is the Madeira Wine Rally. Taking place at the first weekend of August, brings famous names from the world of motor racing.

For two days the competitors will race round various parts of the island, bringing excitement to the thousands of people who pack the Madeira's mountains to get as



good a view as possible of the speed and skill of the drivers. [www.ralivm.com](http://www.ralivm.com)

## wine festival

This festival is held in early September, when the grape harvest begins all over the island. It recreates **ancestral Madeiran habits dating back to the time of the first settlers**. In Funchal and Estreito de Câmara de Lobos, we celebrate **features of the grape harvest such as decorations, music and dancing**. Visitors to the traditional wineries can taste the wines while, outside, we find tributes to grapes, with a live grape harvest and the traditional parade of grape pickers in Estreito de Câmara de Lobos. This festival takes on all the features of a traditional Madeiran folk festival with regional dishes, living traditions and lots of fun.

## columbus festival

In September, Vila Baleira devotes a week to Christopher Columbus who came to the island and lived here for several years.

The festival remembers the discoverer's presence in the Madeira Islands on his voyages to the Americas and the epic of the age of the discoveries.

Visitors can enjoy music, exhibitions, street entertainment and medieval scenes. A theatrical recreation of the arrival of Columbus and his followers at the quay and a historical parade mark this week of history.

## madeira nature festival

Feel the landscape around you! Dive in it! Take a deep breath! Surrender to the charms of an island that exhales energy and inspires emotion and adventure. In October, Madeira promotes the Nature Festival and celebrates its best, among its visitors. On land, on air or on sea, the choices are plenty and everybody can

experience activities, offering a multiplicity range, designed for all population age groups. To these activities, many others join in, in an event that links sports, animation, ethnography and Madeira culture.

## new year celebrations

If there's a place where we celebrate life, it's Madeira. At the end of each year, we commemorate the completion of another 365-day cycle in our lives.

Christmas traditions, deeply rooted in Madeirans' customs, combine with the expressions of joy on the arrival of the new year in a rich, vast cultural, ethnographic and artistic programme lasting all through December and until Twelfth Night.

Funchal Bay's unique amphitheatre is transformed into a **giant nativity scene illuminated with thousands of lights decking the city's main streets** from the second half of November, in a scenario of rare beauty.

An island of celebrations, at hotels, restaurants and bars and in the streets which to welcome the New Year, lights



the city's skies with fireworks launched from 40 different points in a 10-minute display.

**It's like a new dawn marking the arrival of a new life!**



 shopping

**An unforgettable holiday deserves some fine souvenirs. As you roam Funchal's main streets, you will find a wide variety of shops selling everything from regional goods as souvenirs to Portuguese and international designer articles.**

If you're feeling tired, stop and drink a local fruit juice sitting comfortably at one of the city centre street cafes.

We suggest buying **Madeira embroidery**, which is a treasure that lasts several generations and is internationally recognised. Madeira embroidery is used in a wide variety of articles from handkerchiefs to beautiful tradition tablecloths, which are real works of art.

Other regional handicrafts are **wicker baskets, bags, trays, or even furniture.**

Wickerwork is available all over the island, but the heart of its production is in Camacha, where you can find a wide variety of sizes and shapes.

You're sure to take at least **one bottle of delicious Madeira wine** home after tasting it at one of the Madeira wine cellars and shops in the city.

**Madeiran flowers like orchids, birds of paradise, king proteas, anthuriums, etc. are many visitors' choice of souvenir.** You can buy these flowers anywhere in Funchal, in the municipal market, flower stalls or florists.

The municipal market, known as the Farmers' Market, is another must. It is a true shopping centre for regional products such as **exotic fruits, vegetables, fish and flowers, wickerwork, rugs and the famous Madeiran boots.**



🌸 sports



Climb up to the clouds among mountains and levadas and enjoy the pure, rarefied air or discover treasures as you explore the depths of the Atlantic. Whatever your choice, you will feel nature all around you!

If you like active holidays, this archipelago has excellent natural conditions for mountaineering.

You can choose from trekking, climbing, canyoning, jeep safaris, mountain bikes or horse riding to conquer the impressive mountains in a memorable experience. Don't miss the chance to go hiking, one of the favourite activities of Madeira's visitors.

Hang-gliding and paragliding are very attractive sports as the island's natural terrain is ideal for it.

**Where nautical sports are concerned, there are countless choices.**

Why not try diving with dusky groupers, dolphins or seals. Head into the waves at Jardim do Mar, Paúl do Mar or S. Vicente, and go surfing, windsurfing, jet skiing or water skiing for an unforgettable experience.



**For big-game fishermen, try catching a blue marlin in this peaceful sea.**

Madeira Islands offers a wide range of Tourist Animation Companies, specialized in the organization of leisure activities which will help you make the most of your vacation in the best possible manner. For further information please consult [www.visitmadeira.pt](http://www.visitmadeira.pt)

## sports infrastructures

### sports park, água de pena

(parque desportivo água pena - machico)

This infrastructure is located under the airport runway of Madeira and occupies an area of 105,200 m<sup>2</sup>, offering a highly entertaining sports centre.

We can find several multipurpose fields where it is possible the practice of activities such as hockey, futsal, handball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis and squash, among others.

Open daily from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. (It is advised those concerned to make pre reserve).

Sports Park Água de Pena

Sítio da Queimada

9200-202 Água de Pena - Machico

Phone: (+351) 291 966 222

E-mail: gabineteapoio@cm-machico.pt

or reservas.pdap@ptprime.pt

www.sociedademetropolitana.pt

### sports centre ribeira brava

(centro desportivo – ribeira brava)

The Sports Centre of Madeira is located up north of the junction of access to the expressway, in the valley of the Ribeira Brava. This complex consists of multiple buildings sports with about 60 thousand meters, **is designed to practice football, 11, futsal, tennis, field and paddel. It also offers a covered multi-faceted field, a biking and a circuit of physical maintenance.**

Beyond these vocations, the Sports Centre of Madeira has also **two playgrounds, green areas, a snack bar and an underground parking.**

Open daily from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

Sports Centre Ribeira Brava

Sítio da Fajã da Ribeira

9350 Ribeira Brava

Phone: (+351) 291 950 120; Fax: (+351) 291 950 129

E-mail: info@centrodesportivodamadeira.com

www.centrodesportivodamadeira.com

## marinas

We can safely say that the marinas in the Madeira Archipelago are located in beautiful surroundings each with its own special features.

Most of the marinas have support services that include water and electricity supplies, fuel stations, shower facilities and toilets. They also have nautical shops, restaurants and bars, among other facilities.

### Funchal Marina

Marina do Funchal

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### Quinta do Lorde Marina

Marina da "Quinta do Lorde"

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### Calheta Marina

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Coordinates: 33° 03' 6 N - 16° 18'9 W

A scenic photograph of a forest path. In the foreground, a stream flows through a concrete-lined channel on the left. The path is covered in fallen red leaves. Two hikers are walking away from the camera; the one in front has a red backpack. The path is lined with lush green trees and large blue and purple hydrangea bushes on the right. The background shows a valley with more trees and a glimpse of a building.

 walks

**Walking on the islands of Madeira and Porto Santo is reinvigorating, exciting and highly rewarding. Any hiker will find in the trails and levadas (man-made waterways across the mountains) of Madeira Islands a challenge as well as a pleasant surprise.**

The recommended routes for hikes within the Autonomous Region of Madeira are considered as small routes (PR). These are duly identified and described so that the users may, right from the start, be aware of the reality they will find. The trails are maintained, inspected and signposted by regional governmental organisations, especially by the Direcção Regional de Florestas (Regional Forest Board), which has helped by transferring some content through one of their projects, the Tourmac Project.

**The walking routes recommended in the Autonomous Region of Madeira have been established and regulated by Regional Legislative Decree no. 7-B/200/M.**

This list includes 20 hiking trails located on the island of Madeira and three on the island of Porto Santo, as indicated below:

#### **in madeira:**

- PR1 - Vereda do Areeiro (Pico do Areeiro - Pico Ruivo);
- PR1.1 - Vereda da Ilha (Pico Ruivo - Ilha);
- PR1.2 - Vereda do Pico Ruivo (Achada do Teixeira - Pico Ruivo);
- PR1.3 - Vereda da Encumeada (Pico Ruivo - Encumeada);
- PR2 - Vereda do Urzal (Curral das Freiras - Boaventura);
- PR3 - Vereda do Burro (Pico do Areeiro - Ribeira das Cales);
- PR3.1 - Caminho Real do Monte (Ribeira das Cales - Monte);
- PR4 - Levada do Barreiro (Poço da Neve - Casa do Barreiro);
- PR5 - Vereda das Funduras (Portela - Marroços);
- PR6 - Levada das 25 Fontes (Rabaçal - 25 Fontes);
- PR6.1 - Levada do Risco (Rabaçal - Risco);
- PR7 - Levada do Moinho (Ribeira da Cruz - Lamaceiros);
- PR8 - Vereda da Ponta de São Lourenço (Baia d'Ábra - Cais do Sardinha);
- PR9 - Levada do Caldeirão Verde (Queimadas - Caldeirão Verde - Caldeirão do Inferno);
- PR10 - Levada do Furado (Ribeiro Frio - Portela);

- PR11 – Vereda dos Balcões (Ribeiro Frio – Balcões);
- PR12 – Caminho Real da Encumeada (Boca da Corrida – Encumeada – Ribeira Grande);
- PR13 – Vereda do Fanal (Assobiadores – Paul da Serra – Fanal);
- PR14 – Levada dos Cedros (Fanal – Curral Falso);
- PR15 – Vereda da Ribeira da Janela (Curral Falso – Ribeira da Janela);
- PR16 – Levada da Fajã do Rodrigues (Fajã da Amã – Ribeira da Janela);
- PR17 – Caminho do Pináculo e Folhadal (Lombo do Mouro – Caramujo – Folhadal – Encumeada);
- PR18 – Levada do Rei (Quebradas – Ribeiro Bonito);
- PR19 – Caminho Real do Paul do Mar (Prazeres – Paul do Mar);
- PR20 – Vereda do Jardim do Mar (Prazeres – Jardim do Mar);
- Um caminho para todos – Queimadas



### **in porto santo:**

- PR 1 – Vereda do Pico Branco e Terra Chã (ER 111 – Terra Chã);
- PR 2 – Vereda do Pico do Castelo (Moledo – Pico do Castelo);
- PR 3 – Vereda do Calhau (Fonte da Areia – Calhau)

For those who are very interested in doing some of these walks we recommend that you contact one of the Travel Agencies or Tourist Entertainment Firm which organises Walk Programmes with official mountain guides who accompany walkers. Madeira Tourist Board declines any responsibility on the footpaths maintenance and conditions.

### **responsibility liability**

Persons using, or promotion the use of the recommended footpaths shall remain liable for property damage or personal injury incurred in the course of such usage. (Regional Legislative Decree N.º 7-B/2000/M, Article 9).

**Some walking routes are in current undergoing maintenance to ensure the safety of walkers, so we advice you to consult the updated status of each walk on [www.visitmadeira.pt](http://www.visitmadeira.pt) prior engaging walks on the Islands.**

### **codes of conduct and safety regulations**

Most trails cross mountains allowing you to explore nature, and for this reason it is very important to get adequately prepared before starting a hike, so that you do not jeopardise your own safety.

Here we shall mention some codes of conduct and safety regulations that should always be followed.

#### **walking code:**

- Avoid noise or actions against nature
- Do not take plants or animals with you
- Do not throw rubbish away (tissues do not easily decompose)
- Do not light fires
- If you are a smoker do not throw cigarettes ends on the floor, keep them for the dust-bin
- Do not change or damage the signs

#### **for your own safety:**

- Before starting out make sure you have update instructions on the route

- Let someone else know where you're going and when you expect to return
- Be sure to confirm the time it will take so that you can finish before nightfall
- Take some extra food and water with you
- Wear suitable clothes and shoes
- A charged mobile phone
- In case of heavy rain or strong winds do not go on and/or turn back using the same route
- Don't take risks

#### **useful contacts:**

Emergency number: 112

Civil Protection: 291 700 112



golf





**The golfing tradition in the Madeira Islands dates back to 1937, when three British families, the Miles, Leacock's and Blandy's, built the first nine-hole course.**

The region currently has 72 holes in three golf courses, two in Madeira, one with 18 and other with 27 holes, and one in Porto Santo with 27 holes, nine of which are on a pitch and putt circuit.

**The Madeira Islands' three golf courses boast excellent golfing conditions and beautiful surroundings.**

The islands have all the facilities they need to welcome golfers with all handicaps, including high-quality hotels, making the islands a paradise for golf lovers. The archipelago is well known as a golfers' paradise.

**Madeira's busy golfing calendar includes the Madeira Island Golf Open, part of the European PGA, and the most important golf tournament in the region, played every spring.**

## clube de golfe do santo da serra

**Considered one one of the most spectacular golf courses in Europe, it offers fabulous views from the mountains to the sea.**

The course was built in 1937 and was re-designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. in 1991. It is located in Santo da Serra not far from Funchal and less than 15 minutes from Madeira International Airport.

The par-72 course with its 27 holes and 9.003 metres has generous fairways and greens and a choice of tee positions for all levels of skill.

Santo António da Serra

9200-152 Machico

Phone: (+351) 291 550 100

Fax: (+351) 291 550 105

E-mail: [reservations@santodaserragolf.com](mailto:reservations@santodaserragolf.com)

[www.santodaserragolf.com](http://www.santodaserragolf.com)

## palheiro golf

Over 500 metres above Funchal Bay near the exotic Quinta do Palheiro Ferreiro Gardens is Palheiro Golf Course. **It opened in 1993 and was designed by Cabel Robinson**, who was careful to make the most of the region's hills and deep valleys to **guarantee golfers an exciting, competitive game.**

The par-72, 6,086 metres Palheiro Golf course has 18 holes and facilities like a pro-shop, putting green and driving range.

Rua do Balançal, 29

São Gonçalo

9060 - 414 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 790 120

Fax: (+351) 291 792 456

E-mail: [reservations.golf@palheiroestate.com](mailto:reservations.golf@palheiroestate.com)

[www.madeira-golf.com](http://www.madeira-golf.com) or

[www.palheiroestate.com](http://www.palheiroestate.com)



## porto santo golf course


Was designed by former champion Severiano Ballesteros and will soon be the largest course in the archipelago, allowing 500 golfers to play at the same time.

This course was opened in 2004 and has 18 par-72 holes and a quick par-3 nine-hole pitch and putt circuit taking an hour.

Sitio das Marinhas  
9400-162 Porto Santo  
Phone: (+351) 291 983 778  
Fax: (+351) 291 983 508  
E-mail: [sdps@netmadeira.com](mailto:sdps@netmadeira.com)  
[www.portosantogolfe.com](http://www.portosantogolfe.com)

With facilities of this magnitude, the Madeira Islands are now even more attractive to sports lovers. While you here, practice your strokes in a luxury environment enveloped by nature!



 attractions you  
must not miss



## madeira theme park

Madeira Theme Park is the only one in Portugal and is a **small, permanent exhibition park**.

It has pavilions devoted to the island's history, science and traditions and visitors can choose between nature, culture and entertainment.

**A replica of the Monte train, traditional ox carts and nets, a traditional Santana house, a windmill, a maze and a lake are some of attractions at this park devoted to Madeira's history and culture.**

Another of the park's assets is garden areas with Madeiran flora and paths running through them.

Opening hours: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

25th December: Closed

Estrada Regional 101

Fonte da Pedra

9230-116 Santana

Phone: (+351) 291 570 410; Fax: (+351) 291 570 419

E-mail : [info@parquetematicodamadeira.pt](mailto:info@parquetematicodamadeira.pt)

[www.parquetematicodamadeira.pt](http://www.parquetematicodamadeira.pt)

## volcano centre and s. vicente caves

The Volcano Centre combines culture and learning with leisure and enjoyment. **The centre is a fun way of learning about the birth of the planet and in particular the Madeira Islands, which resulted from volcanic eruptions.**

The Volcano Centre is also an added attraction for visitors to the caves, explaining them as an example Madeira's formation. It has a pavilion for an audiovisual show recreating the geological evolution of the caves, depicting a volcanic eruption and simulating the birth of the island.

Open daily, with the first visit at 10:00 am and the last at 7:00 pm. Closed on 25th December.

Volcano Centre and S. Vicente Caves

Sítio do Pé do Passo

9240-039 São Vicente

Phone: (+351) 291 842 404

Fax: (+351) 291 842 684

E-mail: [grutasvicente@hotmail.com](mailto:grutasvicente@hotmail.com)

[www.grutasecentrodivulcanismo.com](http://www.grutasecentrodivulcanismo.com)

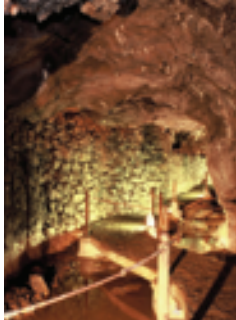
## living science centre

The Living Science Centre is regarded as a kind of cultural centre for adults and children. It houses **national and international science exhibitions** and has signed an agreement with the Knowledge Living Science Pavilion in Lisbon.

The centre has an exhibition area with interactive games and an auditorium seating 150 for congresses and seminars.

Open Monday to Sunday and public holidays from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Closed 25th December.

Living Science Centre  
Rotunda do Ilhéu Mole  
9270-095 Porto Moniz  
Phone: (+351) 291 850 300  
Fax: (+351) 291 850 305  
E-mail: [geral@portomoniz.cienciaviva.pt](mailto:geral@portomoniz.cienciaviva.pt)  
[www.portomoniz.cienciaviva.pt](http://www.portomoniz.cienciaviva.pt)



## madeira story centre

The Madeira Story Centre is the place for reliving Madeira's history from its geological formation to the present day. In a visit lasting 1½ hours, visitors explore history through interactive, multimedia recreations.

You interact with history at the Madeira Story Centre.

Open daily from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Closed on 25th December.

Madeira Story Centre  
27-29, Rua D. Carlos I

9060-051 Funchal  
Madeira - Portugal  
Phone: (+351) 291 000 770  
Fax: (+351) 291 000 789  
E-mail: [info@storycentre.com](mailto:info@storycentre.com)  
[www.storycentre.com](http://www.storycentre.com)

## the living science centre – madeira magic

This theme park has a “Living Science” area with recreational and educational infrastructures, a mini planetarium, an auditorium for showing three dimensional films and an area for temporary exhibitions, which always has something new to offer visitors.

Besides this infrastructure, Madeira Magic also has a 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> garden, which functions as an open-air recreational area with an educational component. The objective is to create an **area which is primarily dedica-**

**ted to children but which parents and grandparents will also like to visit.**

This area is also complemented by a health club, a restaurant with an area specifically designed for children and for holding birthday parties, and a tearoom which is accessed from the promenade. Support facilities such as first aid posts and nappy-changing facilities have not been forgotten, nor have access facilities for people with special needs and the elderly.

Madeira Magic is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Closed on Monday and on 25th December and 1st January.

Madeira Magic  
25, Rua Ponta da Cruz,  
São Martinho 9000-103 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 700 708  
Fax: (+351) 291 700 707  
E-mail: [fun@madeira-magic.com](mailto:fun@madeira-magic.com)  
[www.madeira-magic.com](http://www.madeira-magic.com)

## madeira cable cars

In Funchal, visitors can enjoy a half-day programme riding the two tourist cable car routes up and down the green slopes of the island's south coast and see some beautiful hidden scenery.

### funchal – monte cable cars

**These cable cars in the old part of the city run between Funchal and Monte taking about 11 minutes.**

With a total of 41, eight seating gondolas, they **afford spectacular views of Funchal's bay and valleys.**

The Funchal station is in Campo Almirante Reis and the Monte station in Largo das Babosas.

It takes only a few minutes to get from Funchal to Monte, while enjoying the surrounding landscape.

After visiting this small "Madeiran Sintra", why not go take an unforgettable ride back down to the capital in a basketwork sledge manoeuvred by two "carreiros" or sledge drivers.

Operating hours: from 9:30 am to 5:45 pm (last boarding).

Teleféricos da Madeira, S.A.

8, Caminho das Babosas , 9050-541 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 780 280

Fax: (+351) 291 780 281

E-mail: [info@madeiracablecar.com](mailto:info@madeiracablecar.com)

[www.madeiracablecar.com](http://www.madeiracablecar.com)

### botanical garden cable cars

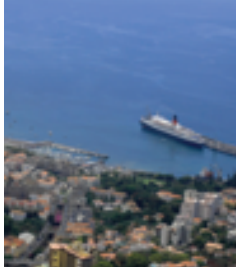
The cables cars that get you from the Botanical Garden to Babosas (Monte) in around 9 minutes are a great attraction.

The main station is in the Botanical Garden and the other is in Monte, near Largo das Babosas.

The cable car offers visitors a **panoramic trip with excellent views of Funchal Bay and Vale da Ribeira de João Gomes, a place of rare natural beauty with a stretch of Laurissilva forest.**

The cable cars are also an ideal way of getting to the Tornos levadas, Bom Sucesso and Curral dos Romeiros, all very popular tourist attractions.





After visiting the fantastic natural world of the Botanical Garden, you can go on to romantic Monte. **Sit comfortably outside the bar in Largo das Babosas and drink in the magnificent view of the valley.**

The station at the Botanical Garden has a bar and restaurant, both with terraces commanding splendid views. The Botanical Garden cable car line is 1,600 metres long and its 12 eight-seater cars run at a height of between 10 and 100 metres, with a capacity for about 400 people an hour.

Operating hours:

Daily from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm (last boarding).

Teleférico do Jardim Botânico  
MTA - Transportes Alternativos da Madeira, S.A.  
15, Caminho das Voltas  
9060-329 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 210 290  
Fax: (+351) 291 238 956  
E-mail: [info@telefericojardimbotanico.com](mailto:info@telefericojardimbotanico.com) or  
[info@botanicalgardencablecar.com](mailto:info@botanicalgardencablecar.com)  
[www.telefericojardimbotanico.com](http://www.telefericojardimbotanico.com) or  
[www.botanicalgardencablecar.com](http://www.botanicalgardencablecar.com)

## monte sledges

The sledge ride begins in Monte and ends in Livramento. **The sledges are powered by the feet of the two “carreiros”, or sledge drivers, and it’s a pure adrenaline experience.** It’s the ideal way to get down after going up to Monte by cable car.

Open daily from 9:00am to 6:30 pm.

Sundays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Closed on the 1st January, 14th and 15th August and the 25th December.



Monte Sledges  
Sítio da Igreja, Monte  
9050 - 288 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 783 919

## farmers' market

This market is well worth a visit and is a point of reference in Funchal's architecture and daily life.

It is a perfect example of Estado Novo architecture, which is somewhere between modernism and 1930s art deco. It has **two panels of tiles at the main entrance and several inside. They were made by the once-famous Fábrica de Sacavém.**

At the market, which is very near the old Santa Maria neighbourhood, the atmosphere is bustling, as you would expect from any market. But this one is ablaze with colours and redolent with the intoxicating perfume of beautiful flowers. **Birds of paradise, orchids, king proteas, roses, anthuriums and camellias** are displayed and sold by the sprightly flower sellers wearing brightly coloured regional costumes.

On the upper floor there are tropical fruits, vegetables and spices, while meat is on sale on the ground floor and fish is on the lower floor.

Open Monday to Thursday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Friday from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Saturday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Closed on Sunday and public holidays.

Largo dos Lavradores

9060 - 158 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 214 080

E-mail: [servico.mercados@cm-funchal.pt](mailto:servico.mercados@cm-funchal.pt)

## madeira casino

Madeira Casino in Funchal is a spacious leisure and entertainment centre.

Why not try your luck while you are in Madeira? The casino has a wide range of high quality games including roulette, poker, keno, Black Jack/21 and video rolls. In

addition to its slot machines, Madeira Casino also has facilities like the Palm Bar, Copacabana Disco, Restaurante Bahia and Restaurant Rio.

Night owls can enjoy the Copacabana disco, the ideal place for dancing to the latest music or watching a show starring famous national and international artistes.

Opening hours: daily Sunday to Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 3:00 am. Friday, Saturday and public holidays from 4:00 pm to 4:00 am.

Closed on December 24th and 25th.

Casino da Madeira

Avenida do Infante

9004-513 Funchal

Tel: (+351) 291 209180

Fax: (+351) 291 235 894

E-mail: [casino.madeira@pestana.com](mailto:casino.madeira@pestana.com)

[www.casinodamadeira.com](http://www.casinodamadeira.com)



## madeira aquarium

Madeira Aquarium, near the harbour in Porto Moniz, is an asset to the town's culture and leisure programme.

The aquarium is in the old São João Batista Fort, which was built in 1730 to ward off pirate attacks on Porto Moniz, which was the main port in the northern part of the island.

Porto Moniz Municipal Council took over the ruins in 1998, restored the fort to its original design and adapted its interior to house the aquarium.

Madeira Aquarium consists of 11 display tanks representing the different habitats in the Madeiran marine world the largest tank holds an impressive 500,000 litres of salt water.

Open daily from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Closed 25th December

Madeira Aquarium

Rua Forte de São João Batista

9270-095 Porto Moniz

Phone: (+351) 291 850 340  
Fax: (+351) 291 850 349  
E-mail: geral@aquariodamadeira.com  
www.aquariodamadeira.com

## aquapark

If you are looking for fun for all the family, set aside half a day for Aquapark, in Santa Cruz. The park has a capacity for more than 1,000 people and includes **fun pools, three waterslides, four fast slides, rapids, a black hole, a river hole, a lazy river, a leisure pool and a children's water park.** Open from June to September (subject to change).

Aquapark  
Ribeira da Boaventura  
9100-138 Santa Cruz  
Phone: (+351) 291 524 412  
Fax: (+351) 291 524 602  
E-mail: geral@aquaparque.com  
www.aquaparque.com

## helicopter rides

To get a good idea of the size of the archipelago, you can book a helicopter ride and **enjoy Madeira's magnificent scenery from the air.**

Helibravo Atlantic is a company providing a helicopter taxi service from Funchal Bay, with several number of itineraries to choose from, including a tour around the island.

Helibravo Atlantic  
17-6, Rua Dr. António José de Almeida  
9000-062 Funchal  
Phone: (+351) 291 232 882  
E-mail: helibravoatlantic@netmadeira.com



porto  
santo



**A golden isle, washed by turquoise seas and where peace and quiet reign supreme, is all you need for a truly relaxing holiday.**

The safety, the warm welcome from the local people, the pleasures of nature on the beautiful sandy beach and its tranquil waters make Porto Santo first among equals.

**This Atlantic island boasts 9 km fine golden sands ideal for sunbathing and swimming.**

Health and wellness go hand in hand on this magnificent beach as, in addition to its crystalline waters, its sands have rare therapeutic properties. The sand is soft, fine and smooth and consists mainly of calcium carbonate in the form of calcite, which has special thermal qualities.

**Vila Baleira can tell stories and legends of the distant and recent past, with the Museum House where Christopher Columbus once lived.**

The primitive beauty of the landscape enchants anyone walking the paths or cycling the island's trails.



## wellness in porto santo

Surrounded by natural scenery ranging from kilometres of quiet beach to green peaks and a deep blue sea, this small island is ideal for escaping the stress of the daily grind.

**Enjoy the scientifically proven therapeutic benefits of Porto Santo's sea and sand.** They are rich in iodine, calcium and magnesium and can restore the lack of mineral salts in the body caused by stress and fatigue.

**Be pampered in one of the many natural treatments at the archipelago's only thalassotherapy centre.** There are beauty treatments like facials and peeling, treatments for the prevention and relief of rheumatism, arthritis and bone and muscle problems and innovative techniques for combating the so-called diseases of modern life, like stress, breakdowns, fatigue, a sedentary lifestyle, poor diet, smoking, circulatory problems, joint conditions, digestive disorders, post-natal recovery, etc.

No one can remain indifferent to the archipelago's second largest island, so different from neighbouring Madeira, but just as attractive.

Come to paradise: it's so close!

## how to get to porto santo

### by air

There are daily flights between Madeira and Porto Santo, and also from Lisbon to Porto Santo all year round.

### porto santo airport

2km from Vila Baleira

Phone: (+351) 291 980 120; Fax: (+351) 291 980 121

E-mail: [anam@anam.pt](mailto:anam@anam.pt)

[www.anam.pt](http://www.anam.pt)

ICAO code: LPPS

IATA code: PXO

### by sea

Ferry boat



A modern ferry called Lobo Marinho belonging to the Porto Santo Line **carries passengers and vehicles between Madeira and Porto Santo every day** taking around 2 hrs 30 min. The vessel can carry up to 1,153 passengers.

**porto santo line** (inter-island ferry)

Email: [info@portosantoline.pt](mailto:info@portosantoline.pt)

[www.portosantoline.pt](http://www.portosantoline.pt)



### **in funchal**

Head office and sales:

6, Rua da Praia

9000-503 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 210 300; Fax: (+351) 291 226 434

Port of Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 214 881/2; Fax: (+351) 291 214 888

### **in porto santo**

6/7th Shop, Rua Estêvão de Alencastre

9400-161 Porto Santo

Phone: (+351) 291 982 938; Fax: (+351) 291 982 543

### **porto santo marina**

Porto Santo Marina operated by Assistência Náutica 33° 16° is located inside Porto Santo Harbour. It has berths at floating pontoons for 165 vessels of 4 to 15 metres in length. All berths are equipped with water and electricity supplies. Showers, toilets, a laundry, a repair shop, a reception and a fax service are some of facilities available.

Assistência Náutica 33° 16° - (Porto Santo Marina)

16° 18'40"W 33° 03'21"N

Phone: (+351) 291 980 080;  
Fax: (+351) 291 983 742  
Email: [marinaportosanto@quintadolorde.pt](mailto:marinaportosanto@quintadolorde.pt)  
[www.quintadolorde.pt](http://www.quintadolorde.pt)

## what to see

### christopher columbus museum house

The Christopher Columbus Museum House, Porto Santo's main cultural attraction, marks the discoverer's presence on the island. The museum recreates the environment in which the explorer lived for a time.

**Columbus's house consists of two buildings, the older of which dates back to his time on the island.**

There we can see portraits of Columbus from the 16th to the 20th century and maps showing his different routes. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Closed on Monday and public holidays.

On Summer time: July to September, Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Closed on Monday and public holidays.

2 and 4 Travessa da Sacristia  
9400-176 Porto Santo

Phone: (+351) 291 983 405

Fax: (+351) 291 983 840

E-mail: [casacolombo@casacolombo.pt](mailto:casacolombo@casacolombo.pt)  
[www.museucolombo-portosanto.com](http://www.museucolombo-portosanto.com)

### nossa senhora da graça chapel

(our lady of grace)

This chapel is one of the oldest churches built in Porto Santo before 1533.

It was destroyed in 1812 and rebuilt in 1951. It is closely linked to the island's history and it was here that **many of the inhabitants took refuge from pirates.**

### mother church

One of the main monuments in Porto Santo is the Mother Church also known as Nossa Senhora da Piedade in Largo do Pelourinho, in the city centre.



It was burned down several times by pirates and corsairs. Today it houses **lovely altars and paintings by Martim Conrado and Max Romer** that leave no one untouched by their beauty.

## windmills

Porto Santo's landscape is spotted with traditional and some windmills.

As its relief is fairly low, the island is exposed to winds from all quadrants.

**The windmills were built here the grind flour to make bread.** The first one was built in 1794 and was the most

impressive building constructed in Porto Santo in the 18th century. Years later, the island was very picturesque with countless wooden windmills, some of which still work today.

## portela

This belvedere is 1.6 km from Vila Baleira and is marked by a palm-lined avenue and some windmills.. **From here you can see Porto Santo Beach down to the west and cone-shaped Pico de Baixo and Ilhéu de Cima to the east.**

On the way there, stop and visit Nossa Senhora da Graça Chapel, built in 1851.

## pico castelo

(castelo's peak)

A small fort was built on top of this peak in the 16th century to ward off frequent attacks by French and Algerian pirates. Today, **this belvedere commands a fine view of Porto Santo.**

## pico do facho

(facho's peak)

At 517 metres, **Pico do Facho is the highest on the island.** Long ago, torches were lit here to warn the population of the approach of enemy ships.

Lovers of diversity and discovery can brave Serra de Fora and the large Serra de Dentro Valley on the eastern slope of Pico do Facho and **enjoy unique landscapes, charming inlets and the rough seas of the northern area.**

## pico de ana ferreira

(ana ferreira's peak)

The Pedreira belvedere is at the top of this peak and affords a view of Ilhéu de Fora, Pico do Facho and Pico do Castelo.

**The quarry consists of irregular prismatic columns known as the Piano.**

Climb to the top and be rewarded with a panoramic view of the town.

## fonte da areia

Natural springs are very important on an island with limited amounts of water.

In times gone by, this spring provided the tastiest water on the island and was also used for medicinal purposes.

The inhabitants consider it a holy spring even today. **Fonte da Areia doesn't spout water like it used to, but the wind has left its mark on the sandy rocks to create a spectacular display or erosion.**

You can get to the spring on a road going west from Camacha, towards the sea.

## ponta da calheta

There is probably no better way to enjoy Porto Santo Beach than to walk along it from the town to Ponta da Calheta. Listen to the magic sound of the waves and drink in this indescribable beauty.

Wait for nightfall and admire the last rays of the sun as they kiss the sea and golden sands.



## zimbralinho

Going west, between the Flores belvedere and Morenos you will find Zimbralinho and beautiful, tranquil place.

Walk along the trail and you will see the pebble beach with a drinking fountain.

Now you can walk down to the fantastic blue waters.

## morenos

To the west, after Pico da Ana Ferreira and Zimbralinho, you will find an ideal, verdant picnic area.

## ilhéu de baixo or ilhéu da cal

(limestone islet)

This islet has rich limestone mines. **Its slopes are pitted with caves leading into countless mining galleries.**

Between this islet and Ponta da Calheta is Boqueirão de Baixo, which is 400 metres wide and accessible only to small boats when the sea is calm.

## quinta das palmeiras

This mini-zoo and botanical garden in Linhares on a hill in the central western part of the island houses a vast number of birds and plants in an area of 5,380 m<sup>2</sup> covered with luxuriant vegetation.

On summertime open daily from 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

On wintertime open daily from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Closed 25th December .



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9400-020 Porto Santo  
Phone: (+351) 291 983 625  
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www.quintadaspalmeirasportosanto.com

### handicraft centre

This centre is in the town centre near the old quay and displays and sells handicrafts from the Madeira Islands.

Centro de Artesanato Porto Santo  
Av. Manuel Gregório Pestana Júnior  
9400-171 Porto Santo

## what to do

### beach

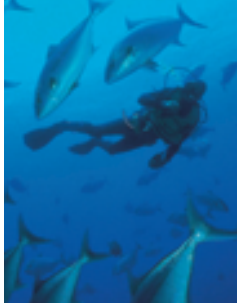
At Porto Santo Beach, the pleasure of sea bathing combines with safety and the qualities of the sand to make the island an exceptional holiday destination.

Health and wellness go hand in hand on this magnificent beach as, **in addition to its crystalline waters, its sands have rare therapeutic properties.**

Discover the benefits of this tranquil, inviting beach and relax and recover the energy and enthusiasm that you need.

### walks

Walking through wonderful landscapes and enjoying their wild beauty is a good way of relaxing, discovering the charms of nature and getting back lost energy.



In Porto Santo you can enjoy the simplicity and silence of walking.

## sports

### game fishing

Just like Madeira, Porto Santo has an international reputation for deep-sea fishing. Given the abundance and quality of the fish from the tuna family, these islands are the ideal place for catching blue marlin weighing in at over 500 kg.

### diving

Porto Santo has long been visited by divers thanks to the clearness and temperature of its waters and the beauty of its seas. Go snorkelling in this fantastic world. The most popular place with divers is in the southern part of the harbour, where the SS Madeirense, which connected for decades Porto Santo and Madeira, has been sunk.

Hundreds of divers have already visited this submersed treasure and they are unanimous in saying that it is an excellent attraction for diving fans.

### sailing, boat trips, canoeing and rowing

Enjoy the delights of a warm, calm sea and take a trip around the island to the gentle rhythm of the waves.

**As you sail or row, you can see the contrasts between the island's different coastlines.**

### jet skiing, waterskiing, windsurfing and kite-surfing

Try these sports in the bright blue waters of the bay.



Challenge the wind and enjoy a beach with perfect conditions for the excitement of windsurfing or kite-surfing.

### horse riding

Porto Santo has a horse-riding centre with a riding school that organises **pony trekking around Porto Santo, along routes of varying degrees of difficulty.**

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Mob. (+351) 917 775 542  
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[www.hpicenter/tripod.com/hipic1.htm](http://www.hpicenter/tripod.com/hipic1.htm)

### safaris

Drive a 4x4 around Porto Santo and enjoy some unique scenery.

You will never forget the sensation of overcoming tricky natural obstacles.

### hang-gliding and paragliding

The island's golden sands and clear blue sea make it very attractive to novices and experienced flyers alike. **Climb one of the peaks and soar off for an unforgettable flight.** There are good take-off points and plenty of alternatives for landing.



## cycling and motorcycling

Porto Santo is fairly flat and so cycling is a very popular way of exploring it, pedalling pleasantly and calmly to the island's magic corners.

## golf

Porto Santo Golf Course was designed by the former world champion, Severiano Ballesteros and opened in 2004. **It has 18 par-7 2holes and nine par-3 holes on a pitch and putt circuit.**

The course occupies a vast area affording players spectacular views of the north and south coasts of the island.

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## tennis

Porto Santo boasts the region's best tennis complex and one of the best in the country.

**The complex is in Campo de Baixo next to the golf course and is fully equipped for top competition tournaments.**

**It has a main stadium with stands seating 1,000 spectators, five secondary courts and two paddle courts.** Open daily from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

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## useful information

**Before planning your trip, find out about how to get to the Madeira Islands, the papers you need, customs formalities and health precautions.**

### getting there by air

You can fly to Madeira and Porto Santo and there are daily flights between Lisbon and Funchal taking an hour and 25 minutes.

Flights between the islands take around 15 minutes.

There are two airports, Madeira International Airport and Porto Santo Airport.

### getting there by sea

Funchal and Porto Santo are frequent calling places for cruise ships. Their ports are gateways to the islands and departure points for other destinations.

The trip between the islands takes about 2h30 hours by ferry, which can also carry cars.

There is also a weekly ferry-boat connection between the port of Funchal and the port of Portimão located on the south of Portugal.

### overland travel

Getting around the islands is very easy, thanks to the modern road network built in recent years. Practically all places of interest are easily accessible by road.

### papers

If you are visiting the islands from a European Union country belonging to the Schengen Agreement there are no restrictions on entry. Visitors from countries that don't take part on this agreement, it is required to have an identification document, which, under Portuguese law, means a valid passport and, in some cases, a visa.

### customs formalities

Goods leaving the island are not subject to any limitations. However, if the customs officers feel that the quantity is excessive, you may be asked to prove that the articles are for your personal use.

## vaccinations and health care

You do not need any vaccinations before travelling to the archipelago. Emergency treatment at state hospitals is free of charge for European Union citizens and there are good private health care services for visitors from other countries.

There are 67 health centres in Madeira and one in Porto Santo. Funchal has two public hospitals.

## pharmacies

Pharmacies are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Each pharmacy has a sign on the door giving the names of the duty pharmacies.

## information technology

Information and communication technologies are highly developed in the region. The international dialling code for Madeira is +351.

## phones

There are public phones in the main streets of the larger towns. Some take only phone cards, which you can buy in cafés, tobacconist and post offices.

To call abroad, dial 00 followed by the country code.

## time

In Madeira summer time is GMT. The clocks go forward one hour on the last Sunday in March and back an hour on the last Sunday in October, as in the rest of the European Union.

## water and electricity

The electric current in Madeira is 220V.

Water is abundant in Madeira and is all drinkable and of excellent quality.

In Porto Santo the water is desalinated and is also quite safe to drink.

## **banks and shops**

The banks are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Exchange bureaus are open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm every day except Saturdays, when they open from 9:00 am to 7 pm. On different schedules you can exchange currency directly at any hotel reception desk.

## **police**

If you need help from the police, dial 112. There is a Lost and Found Department at 28, Rua da Infância, Funchal, phone (+351) 291 208 200.

## **safety**

The islands in this archipelago are among the safest places in the world for a holiday. Provided that you take the usual precautions dictated by common sense anywhere in the world you are not likely to have any problems here. Most hotels have safes or other places for keeping valuables

## **fire brigade**

In case of fire call Bombeiros Municipais do Funchal on (+351) 291 221 014 or Bombeiros Voluntários Madeirenses on (+351) 291 229 117.

**Madeira Tourism Board has 7 tourist offices. Two of them are in Funchal, four in different parts of Madeira and one in Porto Santo. Madeira Tourism Board also has two tourist information desk offices, one in Curral das Freiras and another one in Lisbon.**

### **avenida arriaga tourist office**

Avenida Arriaga, 16

9004-519 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 211 902

Open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

### **monumental lido tourist office**

Monumental Lido Shopping Centre

284, Estrada Monumental

9000-100 Funchal

Phone: (+351) 291 775 254

Open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

and from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Saturday from 09:30 am to noon

### **airport tourist office**

Santa Catarina de Baixo

9100 Santa Cruz

Phone: (+351) 291 524 933

Open daily from 9:30 am to 9:30 pm

### **ribeira brava tourist office**

Forte de São Bento

9350 Ribeira Brava

Phone: (+351) 291 951 675

### **porto moniz tourist office**

9270 Porto Moniz

Phone: (+351) 291 853 075

### **santana tourist office**

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### **porto santo tourist office**

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### **curral das feiras tourist information desk**

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### **madeira tourist information desk in lisbon**

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