

About the Portuguese Pearl

Madeira island

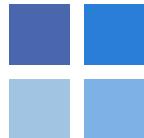
Madeira is a quaint Portuguese relic amidst the Atlantic Ocean. This island has an irreplaceable aura with intriguing villages, rich traditions and exotic forests, making it the perfect holiday escape.

Explore Madeira's beauty by walking through the vivid streets to discover the beautiful 15th and 16th century buildings, the staggering Sé Cathedral and enjoy the famous "Lavradores" Market.

For nature lovers wonder through rare Laurissilva forest to see awe-inspiring views of the island or scuba diving in the crystal clear waters of Garajau Reserves.

Madeira is a magical place bursting with life waiting to be discovered.





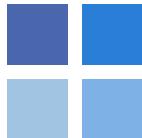
Climate

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average high °C (°F)	18 (65)	18 (65)	18 (65)	20 (68)	22 (72)	23 (73)	24 (75)	25 (77)	23 (73)	23 (73)	22 (72)	20 (68)
Average low °C (°F)	13 (56)	13 (56)	13 (56)	15 (59)	17 (63)	17 (63)	18 (64)	18 (64)	18 (64)	16 (61)	14 (57)	12 (54)
Precipitation mm (inches) / day	3,2 (0,17)	1,8 (0,13)	3,2 (0,10)	2,4 (0,8)	1,7 (0,06)	1,3 (0,04)	1 (0,04)	1,2 (0,05)	2,9 (0,11)	3,7 (0,14)	4,3 (0,17)	4 (0,16)

Madeira islands are blessed with a mild weather throughout the year.

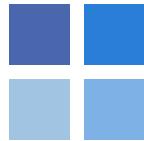
Seasons:

- Winter: December to February
- Spring: March to May
- Summer: June to September
- Autumn: October to November



Day By Day

Date	Morning	Lunch Time	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1			Arrival transfer by motor coach with English speaking guide assistance	Typical dinner including Folklore Accommodation
Day 2	City tour with Botanical Gardens or Eira do Serrado & Monte tour	Lunch at hotel or at leisure	Afternoon at leisure or Nau Santa Maria Boat Trip	Accommodation
Day 3	West tour Porto Moniz	Lunch at local restaurant	Afternoon on tour	Accommodation
Day 4	East tour Santana	Lunch at local restaurant	Afternoon on tour	Dinner at «Santiago Fortress» Accommodation
Day 5	Departure transfer by motor coach with English speaking guide assistance			



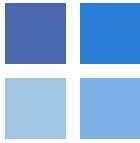
Traditional Gusto

Day 01 – Typical Night

We would like to welcome our guests to a dinner in local restaurant that offers a variety of delicious local dishes, such as the famous “Espetadas”.

Complement this experience dinner with a local folklore performance that will take place, allowing guests to truly absorb the island heritage.





Memorable tour

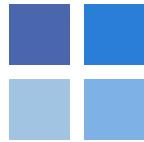
Day 02 – City of Funchal Tour – Option 1

This introduction to the city starts at the Botanical Garden, probably the highlight of this tour. Endemic flowers from the island as well as brought from all over the world turn the landscape into a palette of a painter.

The second stop is at “Mercado dos Lavradores”, where ladies dressed in typical costumes sell the exotic flowers produced on the island. On the lower floor the smell of fresh fish attracts clients to see the ‘catch of the day’, where the “espada” black scabbard fish is the most popular.

Next stop is at the lace factory where one of the most famous handicraft in the world is made. Madeira embroidery are still today used in palaces and noble houses. Last but not least, a visit to one of our wine lodges will delight our guests with the different kinds of Madeira wine. From the driest to the sweetest all turn common occasions into a special one.





Scenic Views

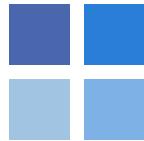
Day 02 - Eira do Serrado y Monte Tour – Option 2

This half day excursion leads to Pico dos Barcelos at 1100 ft above the sea level, from where one can get a fantastic view over the town, bay and surrounding hills.

A twisted road, bordered with eucalyptus reaches Eira do Serrado (lookout point) overlooking "Curral das Freiras", a peculiar village built in a deep valley, taken for centuries as the crater of an ancient volcano.

Last stop is at Monte, a village well known for its church where lies the tomb of Emperor Charles I of Austria. From here the most adventurous can take the famous toboggan ride. At the end the whole group will be taken back to the hotel.





Exploring the Atlantic Ocean

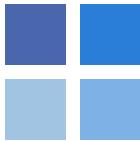
Day 02 – Santa Maria Caravel Tour

For the afternoon, embark the “Nau de Santa Maria de Colombo” and enjoy sailing along the beauty coastline of Madeira in a replica of the historic ship of Christopher Columbus that will take you back to the 15th century.

Sail along the south west coast to Cabo Girão, the highest sea cliff from Europe (580 m).

There is a strong possibility of watching the many forms of Madeira sea life, such as Dolphins, whales and turtles at close range.





Wonders of the West

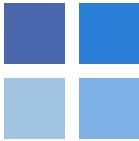
Day 03 – Porto Moniz Full Day Tour

Leaving Funchal along the coastline, we reach Camara de Lobos (where Sir Winston Churchill spent some time painting during his stay in Madeira) and Cabo Girão, which is the world's second highest sea cliff, stopping at Ribeira Brava.

Driving up the mountain, through the beautiful green valleys dotted with little white washed houses and dramatic waterfalls dropping from the heart of the mountain, all the way to Encumeada surrounded by a Laurissilva forest. Continuing to Porto Moniz known for its natural swimming pools, originally created when the Volcanic lava first contacted with the Atlantic Ocean's cold water.

Driving along the extravagant western and dramatic coast, our next and last stop will be at São Vicente for lunch at a 360° panoramic restaurant overlooking the Ocean.





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Day 04 - Camacha & Santana Full Day Tour

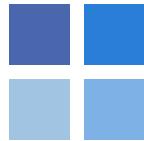
This full day takes the group to the village of 'Camacha', the wicker work center on the island. Guests will be able to see how the handicraft work of making baskets and waving willow furniture is still an artwork.

Driving up the mountain we reach 'Pico do Arieiro', the second highest mountain from the island (1810m). Ribeiro Frio will be the next stop. In the heart of the 'Laurissilva' forest, a gorgeous garden surrounds the trout hatchery.

Finally we arrive at Santana, probably the most typical village on the island, where still today some of the peculiar thatching roof houses can be found.

The last stop is at 'Machico', a town built between the mountain and the sea, actually the 'birthplace' of the island. The place where the Portuguese sailors arrived for the first time in 1419.





History, Art & Modernity

Day 04 - Dinner at Santiago Fortress

Situated at São Tiago Fortress (Old Fortress 17th Century), the Restaurant do Forte offers you a symbiosis of history, art and modernity. What was once a reinforcement of the fortification around Funchal bay is now State Patrimony housing the Contemporary Art Museum.

The terraces at the fortress can be used for a special events, where guests can enjoy a breathtaking view over the bay of Funchal.

Imagination is the limit to the flexibility with which this space is interpreted, providing intense experiences that revive all the senses.

