

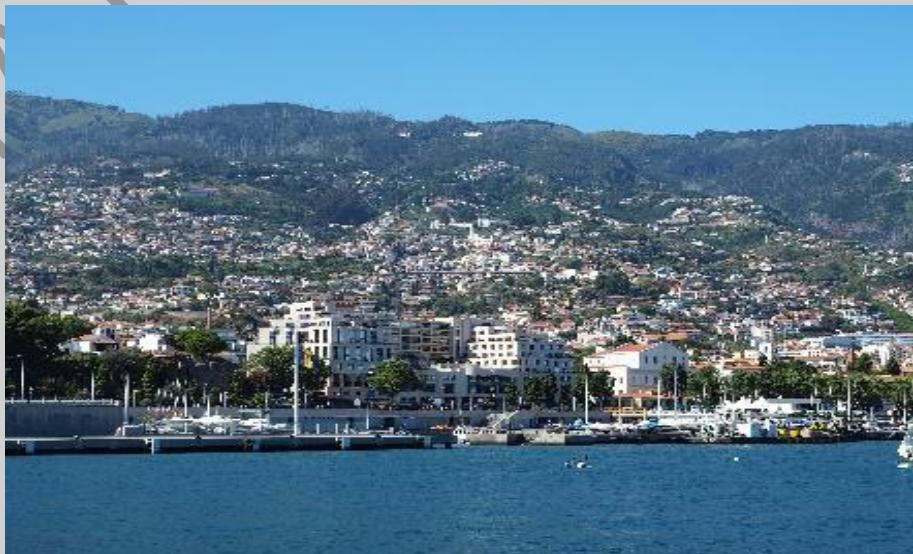
DISCOVERING MADEIRA ISLAND



Should you envision a unique moment to share with a dear one, that long planned trip, the honeymoon of your dreams, or even a business trip... we have the ideal place for you: Madeira Island!

It is here, and with us, in the best island destination in Europe and the world, full of unique landscapes, idyllic places where the vibrant colours and intoxicating aromas hanging in the air, will be part of your daily life during your stay. In addition, the open and frank smile of those who live here and the art of knowing how to welcome will certainly last in your memory forever.

It is in the mild south, with a subtropical climate, that the capital - **Funchal** - flourishes and whose name is due to the abundant fennel that existed on its slopes in the past.





Right next to it, fusing its borders with the capital, is the city of **Câmara de Lobos**, once a fishing village for the famous black scabbard fish, among others. Câmara de Lobos will charm you, for its bay is nestled in small boats, anchored whilst undulating in a soft dance, dressed in very bright colours.

Products such as bananas, vegetables and wine are also characteristic of the same region. And speaking of drinks, *Poncha*, our regional recipe was, according to popular belief, created by those fishermen, who drank it to warm up and face the cold nights along the ocean.

Other remarkable localities border the south coast of Madeira. **Ribeira Brava** village displays the island's ethnography, its people's ways and habits, in a must-see Museum. The local market and the Mother Church are other suggestions.

Strolling around the beautiful and warm **Ponta do Sol**, through the winding alleys of **Jardim do Mar** or by the cobbled streets of neighbouring **Paul do Mar**, being thrilled by a sunset at **Ponta do Pargo**, where the sea merges with the sky, is something that can only be felt and never described.

Towards the mountain and onto the plateau of **Paul da Serra, Madeira's Natural Park**, let's admire the green forest. A receptacle for rainwater, it does not cease to be so in times of drought; the immense heath captures the moist from the clouds that sweep them, to feed streams and *levadas*.



Then groves, stairs, bridges and levadas take us to the famous **25 Fountains levada walk**. From there and if we wish to continue further, some other paths lead to **Fanal**, with its centenary and leafy fetid laurel trees (*octea foetens*), where it is not uncommon to find grazing cows.

Descending the plateau from the northeast side, we arrive at the mouth of the stream, whose flow forms the longest stream on the island with a length of 22km. **Ribeira da Janela**, named after it, flows into the sea right in front of an islet. On its pebbled beach, we can already glimpse **Porto Moniz**; Once a whaling spot, it is known today for its refreshing baths in natural pools.

If we choose to go down to **Porto Moniz** through the east, we pass through **Santa**. But it is at the **Santinha Viewpoint** that the scenery fills our eyes and takes our breath away; **Porto Moniz** literally stretches out at our feet.

Continuing along the coast, there is one of the longest black sand beaches - unlike around the island, there aren't only black pebbles - which bathes the village of **Seixal**. Formed by a lava flow around the time of the geological formation of the island, it is also home to tiny natural pools. Its soil is fertile; therefore, the vineyard grows with peculiarities of the island's ground substrate.

While passing through modern tunnels and faint glimpses of the ancient ones, you can see waterfalls that come off the mountains and several water lines that paint the slopes of the north coast green, until you reach **São Vicente**. Located in a valley, several villages decorate the municipality, a cluster of houses surrounded by extensive green areas. On its terraces, plenty of the vineyard cultivated fields.

Returning to **Funchal** from that locality, you will be faced with several options - either through the 3,100m tunnel - the second longest in the island - or through the old regional road. Here, you will be in the heart of the laurel forest, passing through **Encumeada**, where, with good weather visibility, you can see the north on one side, the south of the island on the other. Heading down, you will reach the place of **Serra d'Água**, also famous for the *Poncha*.

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The next destination is **Cabo Girão**, one of the highest promontories in Europe, with a stunning skywalk located at 580m altitude, above sea level.

If you choose to continue along the north coast, **Ponta Delgada**, **Arco de S. Jorge** – the Museum of Vine and Wine, are places not to be missed.

The neighbouring community is **Santana**. Who has never heard of their typical houses? In addition to the most publicized ones, there are others, privately managed, worth seeing.

The **Guindaste** Viewpoint with a skywalk and beautiful views of **Ponta de S. Lourenço**, **Faial** and the **Penha d' Águia Mountain**, precede the visit to **Porto da Cruz**. Here, a sugar cane mill produces, among other products, Agricultural Rum, one of the components of **Poncha**. Strolling through its streets and by the sea is something else. Take pictures from **Maiata** beach and, with any luck you will see someone paragliding through the skies.



From **Porto da Cruz** it is possible to go to **Portela**, a viewpoint, for a photo of **Penha d' Águia** and **Porto da Cruz**, previously visited, below. Direction to take: **Ribeiro Frio** or towards the **Caniçal** region. In Ribeiro Frio, there is an opportunity for a 1.5km walk full of magic on **Vereda dos Balcões**.

If you choose to go directly to **Caniçal**, then you may be faced with a choice between **Ponta de S. Lourenço** and **Ponta do Rosto**, or you may visit both. Located in the most western part of the Island, from the first point you can admire the beautiful **Baía d' Abra**, running approximately 1 km from its beginning to **Pico do Furado**. Before this peak is the **Casa do Sardinha**, a small oasis in a semi-desert landscape, thanks to the trade winds that lash the place.

The return is made through the old tunnel that connects **Caniçal** to **Machico** since 1960. **Pico do Facho** is the viewpoint that allows you to review the points previously visited on the Peninsula, and from there, because there is so much to see, the description can even be exhaustive; the village of **Caniçal**, such as **Porto Moniz**, which was also a whaling place, the **Deserts Islands**; the city of **Machico**; **Porto Santo** and the iconic **Madeira International Airport**, also known as **Cristiano Ronaldo Airport**. In its most recent construction, a structure of almost 2km long is supported by 180 gigantic pillars.

On the way to **Funchal**, the starting point, we still have time to visit the **statue of Jesus Christ the Redeemer**, the first of its kind in the world.

The other option, going through **Portela**, gives you panoramic view of the north coast; **Santana**, **Porto da Cruz**, the **Mountainous Massif of Madeira**, composed among others by **Pico do Arieiro**, **Pico das Torres** and **Pico Ruivo**, all with an altitude above 1800m, and the latter, the highest on the island and the third highest in Portugal, measuring in height 1862m. If you choose this route, you may have the opportunity to visit **Pico do Arieiro** located at 1818m and enjoy the unparalleled beauty of the place.



Passage through the **Madeira Natural Park**, glimpse of **Paul da Serra**, the **Deserts Islands** and the arrival destination, **Funchal**.

After all this, do you still feel like you can discover the island in a short time? Add whatever you want. We also suggest restaurants where you can enjoy regional, national and international cuisine and where you can spend some free time... if you do have any left!!

Before traveling, we suggest you read a little about what we suggest visiting, about us, and let us know:

- How long do you plan on visiting us?

- What do you want to do and where?
- How many are you?
- What is your budget?
- Have you any suggestions?

These are the main elements for a tailor-made program...

Depending on your choice, the program will take place throughout the island or along part of it.

From 375 € pax per day

It includes:

- Transportation in a **Mercedes E Class** car, to and from the Hotel (outside Funchal, there are additional fees);
- guide's and driver's fees and transportation expenses;
- personal accident insurance and liability insurance.

It does not include:

- Transfers;
- Meals;
- Accommodation and Travel;
- Anything that is not described in the "it includes" segment.

NOTE:

All prices shown include VAT. The program may be subject to changes, depending on the weather or other factors beyond LEVATA TOUR's control, and may also be subject to modifications or even cancellation. Prices may also vary depending on whether it is low or high season. In Madeira, the high seasons considered by our company are:

- May (Flower Festival);
- August and September (summer holiday);
- December (New Year's Eve fireworks).

The months not mentioned are considered low season.