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Hiking around the island of Madeira

Trip Summary

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Free Day Calheta

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Airport

Information & Documents



Price

Price from EUR 1,900 per person in a double room
Total for 2 people: EUR 3,800

Please understand that prices are only indicative, it will always be necessary to ask suppliers for availability and rates.



14 nights with breakfast in 3- and 4-star hotels, some with sea views.

- Luggage transport to accommodations
- Taxi transfers to hikes according to the program
- Detailed route descriptions
- Airport transfers
- High-quality maps (hiking book and hiking map)
- German-speaking local contact person

Difficulty level of hikes

9 varied hikes ranging from easy to moderate on trails along levadas, coastal paths, and Madeira's mountains. Duration between 3.0 and 4.5 hours, distance: 8–14 km, elevation changes: up to 920 m ascent and 650 m descent (depending on the route). Sure-footedness and a head for heights are required during the hikes.

Prices per person in a double room

Included:

- 14 nights with breakfast in small hotels
- Luggage transport to accommodations
- Taxi transfers to hikes, including airport transfers
- Hiking book and hiking map

Self-guided walks

Day 1- Machico



Arrival and transfer to the hotel in Machico. Machico is the oldest settlement on the island and today the second largest town. Stroll through the charming old town or relax on the beautiful sandy beach after your flight.



Machico

Machico, located on the east coast of Madeira, is a charming town with a rich history, stunning coastal views, and natural beauty. Known as the place where Portuguese explorers first landed on Madeira in 1419, Machico holds a special place in the island's history.

Highlights of Machico:

- **Historical Significance:** Machico is one of Madeira's oldest towns and the first place settled by Portuguese explorers. You can visit the Chapel of São Roque, which commemorates the arrival of the explorers, as well as the 15th-century Mother Church of Machico with its Gothic elements.
- **Prainha Beach:** Machico is home to one of Madeira's few natural sandy beaches — Prainha. This small black-sand beach is perfect for relaxing, swimming, and enjoying views of the Atlantic, framed by the rugged cliffs typical of Madeira's coastline.
- **Hiking and Nature:** The surrounding hills of Machico offer trails through laurel forests, mountain viewpoints, and lush valleys. A popular trail is the Vereda do Larano, which offers panoramic views of the coast.

- **Local Cuisine:** Restaurants in Machico serve authentic Madeiran dishes such as espetada (grilled beef skewers) and bolo do caco (Madeiran garlic bread). Due to its coastal location, fresh fish, especially grilled, is also very popular.
- **Festivals and Celebrations:** The town hosts various festivals throughout the year, including the Festival of Our Lady of the Mount and the celebration of Madeira's discovery. During these festivals, the town comes alive with traditional music, dance, and parades.

Machico combines historic charm with natural beauty, making it a must-visit for those exploring Madeira's east coast who want to experience both local culture and breathtaking landscapes.



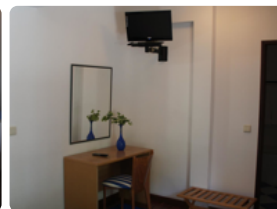
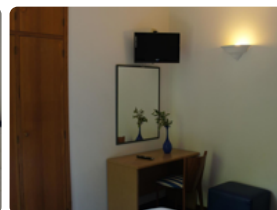
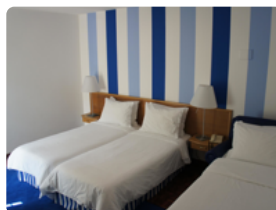
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Location

The hotel, centrally located in Machico, is situated directly on the beach.

Facilities

The hotel is equipped with an elevator and has 12 rooms. The friendly reception staff is happy to answer any questions. Amenities include luggage storage and a safe. Wireless internet access is available in the public areas. The tour desk offers assistance with booking excursions. The hotel has wheelchair-accessible facilities. Guests arriving by car can park in the parking lot. Additional services include car rental, transfer service, room service, laundry service, and a coin-operated laundry. For business purposes, a fax machine is available to guests.



Amparo

Rua da Amargura, Machico, Portugal

Day 2 – Eastern Tip of Madeira: Ponta de São Lourenço



Ostspitze Madeiras: Ponta de São Lourenço

Today you'll hike along the eastern tip of Madeira: the Ponta de São Lourenço peninsula.

The trail leads over basalt and tuff stone along the sometimes steep coastline. Bizarre rock formations rise from the sea, and in the distance, you can spot the neighboring islands of Desertas and Porto Santo. Along the way, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of Madeira's east coast.

Distance: 8 km

Hiking time: 3.5 hours

Elevation gain/loss: approx. 400 m ascent and descent



Amparo



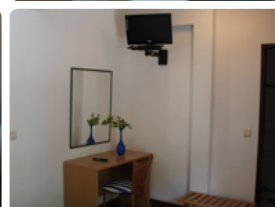
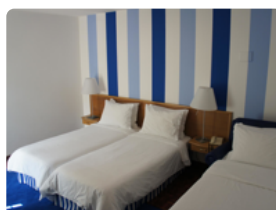
Amparo

Rua da Amargura, Machico, Portugal

Day 3 - Santa Cruz / Levada da Serra do Faial de Camacho a Santo da Serra



Check out at Amparo



Amparo

Rua da Amargura, Machico, Portugal



Levada da Serra do Faial de Camacha a Santo da Serra

Drive to Camacha, the village of basket weavers, and start the hike along the Levada da Serra do Faial from Camacha to Santo da Serra.

You'll walk all the way to your next accommodation, Estalagem A Quinta in Santo da Serra. Your luggage will be transferred directly to the hotel.

Distance: 13 km

Hiking time: 3:45 hours

Elevation difference: approx. 140 m descent



Camacha

Camacha is a charming village on the island of Madeira, best known for its basket weaving, traditional customs, and picturesque surroundings. Located about 10 kilometers from Funchal, it's an ideal place to discover Madeira's local culture and craftsmanship.

Main Attractions in Camacha

Basket Weaving (Fábrica de Vimes):

Camacha is the center of basket weaving on Madeira. In the workshop, visitors can watch the art of basket making and purchase handcrafted items.

Camacha Church (Igreja de São Lourenço):

This historic church is a local landmark and a lovely spot to visit.

Traditional Festivals:

Camacha is well known for its traditional music and folklore events. Especially during local festivities, visitors can experience Madeiran culture up close.

Natural Beauty and Levada Walks:

The area around Camacha offers many hiking trails along the levadas (irrigation channels), passing through lush vegetation and stunning landscapes.

Why Visit Camacha?

Tradition and Craftsmanship: Nowhere else on Madeira is basket weaving as present as it is here.

Authentic Atmosphere: Camacha has preserved its traditional charm and offers a truly authentic Madeiran experience.

Nature Experiences: Its proximity to hiking trails makes it a great destination for nature lovers.

Tips for Visitors

Buy Basket Products: Take the opportunity to buy handmade baskets and other woven goods directly from the artisans.

Bring Hiking Gear: Comfortable shoes and weatherproof clothing are recommended for walks and hikes in the area.

Attend a Festival: Check for local events to fully immerse yourself in the local culture.

Camacha blends art, tradition, and nature, making it a unique destination on Madeira that reflects the deep cultural roots of the island's people.



Check in at Quinta Santo Antonio Da Serra

Quinta Santo António da Serra is situated in a rural area of Madeira, just 18 kilometres from Funchal. All the flats are self-catering and feature authentic wood-burning fireplaces and a balcony.

Some of the numerous activities available just a 5-minute walk from the Quinta include golf, horse riding and tennis.

The flats are set in spacious gardens with sun loungers.

The village of Santo António da Serra is a short walk away and offers bus links, shops and public gardens with views over Madeira.

Santa Catarina Airport is 9 kilometres away.



Quinta Santo António Da Serra

Estrada Santo António da Serra, Santa Cruz, Madeira, PT

Day 4 - Levada da Serra do Faial / Levada do Furado



Check out from Quinta Santo Antonio Da Serra



Quinta Santo António Da Serra

Estrada Santo António da Serra, Santa Cruz, Madeira, PT



Levada da Serra do Faial / Levada do Furado

Today you'll hike from your accommodation to Ribeiro Frio.

The first few kilometers follow the Levada da Serra do Faial, then continue along the wild and romantic Levada do Furado. The trail takes you through jungle-like landscapes, eucalyptus and laurel forests, and is lined with tree heather and Madeira mahogany trees. Along the way, you'll pass beautiful picnic spots, tunnels, streams, a waterfall, and enjoy stunning views time and again.

From Ribeiro Frio, you'll travel to Santana, known for its traditional thatched houses.

Distance: 11 km

Hiking time: 3.5 hours

Elevation gain: approx. 140 m ascent



Ribeiro Frio

Ribeiro Frio is a small village and a natural paradise in Madeira, known for its breathtaking landscapes, trout farm, and famous levada walks. Located in the heart of the island, surrounded by lush vegetation and majestic mountains, it is a popular destination for nature lovers.

Main Attractions in Ribeiro Frio

Trout Farm (Viveiro de Trutas):

One of the best-known attractions is the trout farm. Here, visitors can see how trout are raised and learn about the importance of fish farming on Madeira.

Levada Walks:

Ribeiro Frio is the starting point for some of the island's most beautiful levada hikes, including:

- **Levada dos Balcões:** A short and easily accessible walk leading to a viewpoint with panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and mountains.
- **Levada do Furado:** A longer trail that passes through dense laurel forests and follows impressive water channels.

Lush Vegetation:

Ribeiro Frio lies within the **Laurisilva forest**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The forest is a relic of prehistoric vegetation and is home to a variety of endemic plant and animal species.

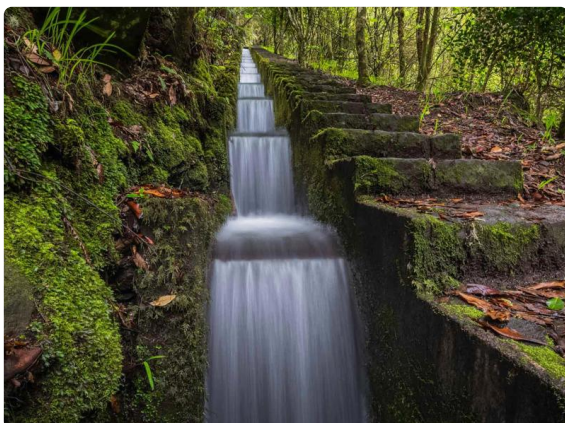
Why Visit Ribeiro Frio?

- **Nature and Tranquility:** The peaceful surroundings offer a welcome escape from busy tourist centers.
- **Unforgettable Views:** The viewpoints and trails provide spectacular vistas over Madeira.
- **Local Charm and Authenticity:** The village maintains its rural character and is ideal for experiencing the natural side of the island.

Tips for Visitors

- **Bring Hiking Shoes:** The levada walks require comfortable shoes with good grip.
- **Check the Weather:** As Ribeiro Frio is at a higher altitude, it can be cooler and wetter—bring a jacket.
- **Try Fresh Trout:** Visit a local restaurant and enjoy trout raised right on site.

Ribeiro Frio is a true gem for nature enthusiasts, reflecting the unique beauty and biodiversity of Madeira.



Santana

Santana, a picturesque municipality in the north of Madeira, is world-famous for its traditional thatched houses (*Casas Típicas de Santana*) and its stunning natural beauty. This region combines cultural heritage with spectacular landscapes and is a must-visit for anyone traveling to Madeira.

Highlights of Santana

Traditional Thatched Houses:

The famous triangular houses with thatched roofs and colorful doors are a symbol of Madeira. Some of these houses are open to visitors and serve as small museums or souvenir shops.

Madeira Theme Park (*Parque Temático da Madeira*):

A unique theme park that presents Madeira's culture, traditions, and history in an interactive way. Visitors can learn about the island's volcanic origins, maritime history, and agricultural customs.

Biosphere Reserve:

Santana has been declared a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**, highlighting its rich biodiversity and the region's sustainable way of life.

Hiking and Nature:

Santana is a paradise for hikers. One of the most popular trails is the **Levada do Caldeirão Verde**, which leads through dense laurel forests and offers breathtaking views of waterfalls and gorges.

Pico Ruivo:

Madeira's highest peak (1,862 meters) can be reached from Santana. The hike offers spectacular views across the island and is a must for adventure lovers.

Cuisine:

The local cuisine in Santana is hearty and based on fresh, regional ingredients. Try the traditional **espetada** (beef skewers) or **bolo do caco** (sweet potato bread).

Festivals and Traditions

The **Santana Festival**, held every July, celebrates the region's agricultural traditions. It features music, dancing, and local delicacies.

Tips for Visitors

- **Clothing:** Bring weatherproof clothing, as the mountain climate can be cooler and wetter.
- **Photo Opportunities:** Don't forget your camera to capture the charming houses and stunning landscapes.

Santana is a delightful destination that offers visitors the chance to immerse themselves in Madeira's culture and nature. It's a perfect place for those seeking authenticity and adventure.



Check in at Hotel O Colmo

Location

This family-friendly hotel is ideal for families and is located in the heart of Santana, around 3 km from the sea. There are a number of shops nearby and access to public transport is around 200 metres away. Funchal Airport (FNC) is approximately 30 km away.

Facilities

Guests can choose between 3 suites and 47 double rooms, which are located in two 3-storey buildings with lifts. The multilingual staff at reception in the lobby will be happy to help you check in and out. Hotel amenities include a safe and a cash machine. Wireless internet access allows guests to stay connected while on holiday. The hotel offers a range of facilities for guests with disabilities. Wheelchair-accessible facilities are available. A fireplace creates a cosy atmosphere. A range of shops invite guests to stroll and browse. Guests at the hotel can make use of various leisure facilities during their stay, including the garden. Other amenities include a newspaper stand, a TV room and a games room. Guests arriving by car can leave their vehicles in the garage or in the car park. Further services and facilities include 24-hour security, medical assistance, room service, a laundry service, a hairdresser, a coin-operated laundry service and a hotel shuttle bus. A fax machine is available to guests for business and communication purposes.

Hotel O Colmo



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Day 5- Along the Romantic North Coast: From Santana to São Jorge



On old cobblestone paths, you follow the romantic coastline from **Santana to São Jorge**. Along the way, a beautiful pebble beach invites you to take a swim, and the path to the former ship landing point, carved into the rock, is truly spectacular.

Distance: 7 km or 9 km (with detour)

Walking time: 3.5 hours or 4.5 hours (with detour)

Elevation change: approx. 350 m ascent and descent



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Day 6 - Levada do Caldeirão Verde



Levada do Caldeirão Verde

Pure Nature! Travel to the Queimadas Nature Reserve and hike along the *Levada do Caldeirão Verde* (Green Cauldron). The path leads through rainforest-like vegetation, rocky gorges, and past numerous small waterfalls. At *Caldeirão Verde*, you will find an impressive basin with steep walls from which a waterfall flows into a small lake. There is also the option to continue hiking to *Caldeirão Inferno* (+ 5 km / + 2 hours).

Distance: 14 km

Hiking time: 3.5 hours

Elevation change: negligible



Queimadas

Queimadas is a picturesque spot in the Santana municipality on Madeira, known for its natural beauty, lush forests, and traditional thatched houses. It is an ideal starting point for some of the island's most spectacular levada hikes.

Main Attractions in Queimadas

- **Casa de Abrigo das Queimadas:**
A charming traditional thatched house located deep in the Laurisilva forest. It is a popular photo spot and serves as a resting place for hikers.
- **Levada do Caldeirão Verde:**
Queimadas is the starting point for the famous hike along the *Levada do Caldeirão Verde*, one of Madeira's most impressive trails. The path leads through lush vegetation, tunnels, and narrow paths overlooking deep valleys. The destination is the spectacular Caldeirão Verde lagoon with its breathtaking waterfall.
- **Laurisilva Forest:**
Queimadas lies within the Laurisilva Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This prehistoric forest is home to numerous endemic plants and animal species, offering a unique natural experience.

Why Visit Queimadas?

- **Nature Reserve:** The area is a paradise for nature lovers and a place of tranquility and beauty.
- **Hiking Trails:** The levada walks offer a perfect mix of adventure and stunning landscapes.
- **Insight into Madeira's Traditions:** The typical thatched houses reflect Madeira's rural architecture and provide a glimpse into local culture.

Tips for Visitors

- **Hiking Gear:** Sturdy shoes, a flashlight (for tunnels), and rain gear are recommended.
- **Bring Water and Snacks:** The hikes can take several hours, so come prepared.
- **Respect Nature:** The Laurisilva Forest is a protected area—please take your trash with you and respect the wildlife.

Queimadas is a perfect destination for those wanting to experience Madeira's wild beauty and unique hiking trails. It combines nature, culture, and adventure in an unparalleled way.



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Day 7-Caminhada do Rei

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Check out from Hotel O Colmo





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King's Walk

Today awaits the King's Walk: the summit hike. The hike takes you from Achada do Teixeira to Pico Ruivo (1,862m), the highest mountain in Madeira, and continues to Pico do Arieiro (1,818m). You will be rewarded with breathtaking views of Madeira's mountainous landscape down to the sea. If the weather doesn't cooperate or you prefer an easier hike, you can instead walk along the coast from Santana to São Jorge (7–9 km, 3.5–4.5 hours, approx. 350m ascent and descent). Afterwards, transfer to your hotel in Funchal.

Distance: 14 km

Duration: 6 hours

Elevation difference: approx. 920m ascent and 650m descent



Vereda da Encumeada and Pico Ruivo

Hiking Trail PR1.3 Vereda da Encumeada

The PR1.3 Vereda da Encumeada trail is 11.2 km long, takes about 6 hours, and starts near Pico Ruivo. It follows the central mountain ridge westward to Encumeada, offering views of volcanic cliffs and is surrounded by the Laurisilva forest.

This trail connects with the path from Pico Ruivo, beginning at the Achada do Teixeira shelter (PR1.2 Vereda Pico Ruivo). The shelter features signposts for other routes such as PR 1 – Vereda do Pico Arieiro and PR 1.1 – Vereda da Ilha.

Along this route, you will pass through two distinct ecosystems protected under the European Natura 2000 network: the central mountain massif and the Laurisilva forest. Above 1400 meters, species like the Highland Urzal can be found, while the Laurisilva forest hosts species such as Tilde (*Ocotea foetens*), Loureiro (*Laurus novocanariensis*), Kuchenteig (*Clethra arborea*), Sanguinho (*Rhamnus glandulosa*), Echium candicans, the orchid (*Dactylorhiza foliosa*), and Mandon (*Argyranthemum pinnatifidum*).

Approaching Encumeada, you get the feeling of being in the very center of the island, with panoramic views of the majestic Curral das Freiras valley, landscapes in the south like Serra D'Água, and the São Vicente valley to the north.

Included:

- Qualified guide
- Insurance

Not included:

- Food and drinks

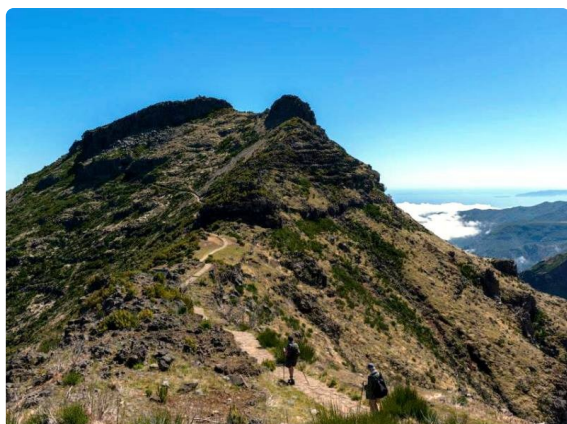
Languages:

English, Portuguese, French, German

Duration: 6 hours

Difficulty: Moderate

Distance: 11.2 km





Check in at Hotel Orquidea

Location

This city hotel is located about one mile from the center of Funchal. Shopping and entertainment venues are approximately a quarter-mile away, and public transport is also about a quarter-mile from the hotel. Guests can reach nearby nightclubs within about half a kilometer.

Facilities

The hotel has 3 single rooms and 73 double rooms spread over 7 floors, accessible by elevator. At the 24-hour reception in the lobby, guests are warmly welcomed by German- and English-speaking staff. Check-in and check-out services are available around the clock. Guests can store valuables in a safe. Wireless internet access is available in public areas. The tour desk assists with booking excursions. The hotel offers a range of facilities for guests with disabilities and is wheelchair accessible. There are several shops, including a supermarket and a souvenir shop. Additional amenities include a TV lounge and a library. Guests arriving by car can park in the garage or on the parking lot. Further services and facilities include car rental, medical care, room service, wake-up service, laundry service, a hairdresser, a coin-operated laundry, and a hotel doctor. Bicycle rental is available for exploring the surroundings. For business needs, a fax machine is at guests' disposal.



Orquidea

Rua dos Netos, 69-71, Funchal, Portugal

Day 8-Funchal - Tag 8-Funchal - Tag 8 – Funchal: Day at Leisure



Funchal

Day at leisure — we have lots of tips for you! Explore the capital Funchal with its lively market hall, charming old town, and centuries-old architecture. Or try a thrilling ride down the streets in a traditional wicker toboggan. Alternatively, go whale and dolphin watching in their natural habitat.



Teleferic Madeira

From the cable car, hovering over a city where buildings coexist with gardens and vegetable plots, enjoy the amphitheater and bay of Funchal against a backdrop of blues, greens and oranges.

The city of Funchal is known as the Garden City, as a result of the coexistence of green spaces and houses, with a great wealth of flowers, in a symbiosis between the countryside and the city. This harmony of landscape and environment makes the cable car ride a pleasant experience.

Watch the city move away and climb the slopes to get closer to steep nature, framed by the Atlantic blue. From the city to the top of the parish of Monte, you can also see the natural beauty of Madeira, its orography and geology.

Opening: 09:00

last shipment: 17:45

Journey time: 15 to 25 minutes each way.

Route: Funchal-Monte: 3200 meters of incline



Funchal Markt

Funchal is a city full of parallel cobblestone streets that stretch at the foot of a mountain above the sea. It is the capital of Madeira. First, we can go to Monte, the upper part of the city. Locals say that Emperor Charles I of Austria was exiled to Monte during World War I. Today, you can still see the remains of the old railway, which had to be dismantled during the Nazi era so that the steel could be used in the war. A must-see in Monte is the Tropical Palace, a dream garden full of exotic plants and trees. When you enter it, you feel like you are in a tropical forest. Another place not to miss is the Church of Nossa Senhora do Monte, which is 598 meters above sea level and houses the tomb of Charles I of Austria.



Monte Palace Madeira – Tropical Garden

The Monte Palace Madeira Garden is situated on a hillside with a breathtaking view of Funchal Bay and is one of the island of Madeira's most unique places, distinguished by its exotic flora and the art that surrounds it.

Its history dates back to the 18th century when Charles Murray, an English consul, purchased the land south of the Monte Church and transformed it into an estate. In 1897, it was bought by Alfredo Guilherme Rodrigues, who built a palace-like residence there that was later converted into a hotel called the "Monte Palace Hotel."

Today, the Monte Palace Madeira Garden consists of about 100,000 plant species from around the world. Among this vast collection, which spans an area of 70,000 m², the centuries-old cycads (palm ferns), regarded as living fossils, stand out.

Visitors are also amazed by the ornamentations that decorate the various areas between the dense vegetation and the ponds. In this space, there are stoneworks from different eras and countries, various Buddhist sculptures, stone lanterns, and a famous tile collection (from the 15th to the 20th century). Furthermore, the Monte Palace Madeira Garden is home to a rich variety of wildlife, including majestic swans, peacocks, and Asian koi fish.



Madeira Toboggan Ride on Traditional Willow Basket Sledges

(Every day except Sunday)

Take a Madeira toboggan ride on traditional willow basket sledges. An exciting and unforgettable ride at speeds of up to 30 km/h is guaranteed.

Highlights:

- Madeira toboggan run on traditional sledges
- An exciting and unforgettable ride is guaranteed

About:

Enjoy a toboggan ride on traditional wicker sledges dating back to the early 19th century, when locals used them as a means of transport to quickly travel from the village of Monte down to the city of Funchal.

For many years, the toboggan ride from Monte has been a very popular tourist attraction.

The toboggans are guided by two runners dressed in white, wearing the typical hats known as straw boaters.

The descent from Monte to Livramento is about 2 km and takes around 10 minutes.

Monte itself is a well-known scenic spot, famous for its beautiful lush gardens and the magnificent view over the city and beyond. The route to Livramento is very picturesque, and an exciting ride of up to 30 km/h is guaranteed.

Pickup:

Departure point: Caminho do Monte nº4, 9050-084 Monte, Funchal, Madeira

How to get to us?

GPS: 32° 40'31.32" N - 16° 54'9.67" W

Taxi: Caminho do Monte nº4

Bus: #20, #21, #48

Cable car: Funchal-Monte (one way)

Voucher Information:

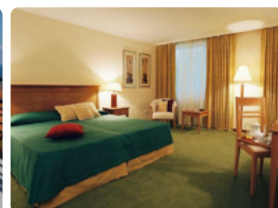
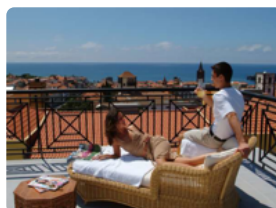
Upon booking, you will receive a .pdf voucher. You must print it out and show it to our representative.

Operator Information:

Full operator details, including local phone numbers at your destination, are included in your confirmation receipt. Our product managers select only the most experienced and reliable staff at each destination to remove the guesswork and ensure your safety.



Hotel Orquidea



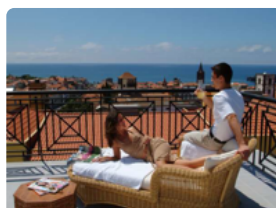
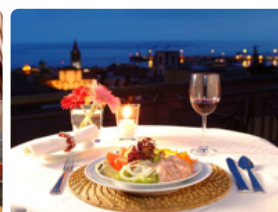
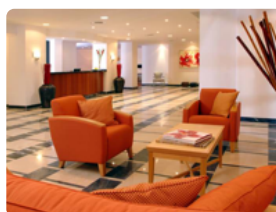
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Day 9- Ribeira Brava



Check out at Hotel Orquidea



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In the afternoon, you will travel to your next accommodation in Ribeira Brava. Enjoy the views along the way of the vineyards of Câmara de Lobos and the impressive cliffs of Cabo Girão.



Ribeira Brava

Ribeira Brava is a charming town on the southwest coast of Madeira, about 15 kilometers from Funchal. The name means “wild river” and refers to the river that flows through the town into the Atlantic Ocean. Ribeira Brava is known for its mild climate, historic sites, and stunning landscapes.

Highlights of Ribeira Brava

Old Town and Promenade:

The old town of Ribeira Brava offers a charming atmosphere with traditional houses, small cafés, and shops. The promenade along the beach invites visitors to stroll and relax.

Igreja de São Bento:

The main church of Ribeira Brava dates back to the 16th century and impresses with its architecture as well as the intricate tiles and altars inside.

Madeira Ethnographic Museum:

This museum is located in a former manor house and showcases the traditions and rural life of Madeira. Visitors can see tools, clothing, and agricultural equipment from earlier times.

Beach and Coast:

Ribeira Brava has a small but pleasant pebble beach, ideal for a relaxing day by the sea.

Viewpoints:

From Ribeira Brava, you can reach some of the island’s most beautiful viewpoints, including the Encumeada Pass, which offers breathtaking views of both the north and south coasts.

Hiking:

The area around Ribeira Brava is a paradise for hikers. Levadas (irrigation channels) like the Levada do Norte lead through green valleys and provide spectacular views.

Festivals and Traditions

The Festival of São Bento, the town’s patron saint, is celebrated every July. It is an opportunity to enjoy traditional music, dances, and regional dishes.

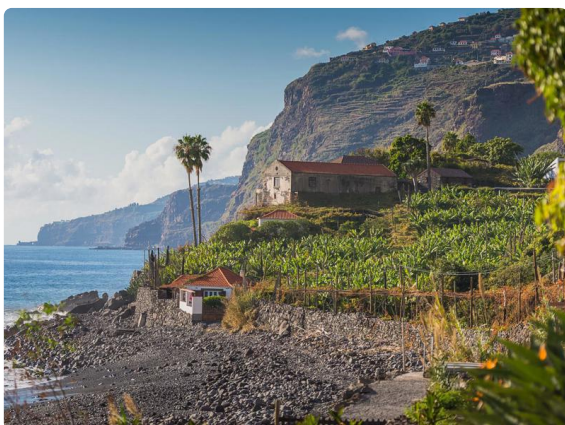
Gastronomy

Ribeira Brava is known for its delicious local cuisine. Try dishes like Espada com Banana (black scabbardfish with banana) or Espetada (meat skewers).

Visitor Tips

- **Getting there:** Ribeira Brava is easily accessible by car or bus from Funchal.
- **Activities:** Take time to explore the surroundings, whether for hiking or visiting nearby villages.

Ribeira Brava is an ideal combination of relaxation, history, and natural experiences, making it a must-see for any Madeira visitor.



Check in at Hotel Do Campo

Das Hotel Do Campo ist ein umweltfreundliches Hotel, das sich auf einer Klippe befindet und einen herrlichen Blick auf den Laurissilva-Wald von Madeira und den Atlantischen Ozean bietet. Es verfügt über einen erhöhten Salzwasserpool, der von Sonnenliegen umgeben ist.

Die Gäste können das hoteleigene Fitnessstudio mit Cardio- und Fitnessgeräten nutzen oder im Spa-Bereich mit Whirlpool und türkischem Bad entspannen. Zudem stehen ein Leseraum mit kostenlosem WLAN sowie ein Spielzimmer zur Verfügung.

Die Zimmer im Hotel Do Campo sind hell und luftig und verfügen über Panoramabalkone. Alle Zimmer bieten extra lange Betten, einen Sitzbereich, Sat-TV und ein eigenes Badezimmer mit Badewanne.

Im Hotelrestaurant und an der Bar werden traditionelle Spezialitäten serviert, die mit hausangebauten Kräutern zubereitet werden. Im Stadtzentrum von Funchal, das nur 15 Autominuten vom Hotel Do Campo entfernt liegt, finden Sie zahlreiche Restaurants und vielfältige Unterhaltungsmöglichkeiten.



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Hotel Do Campo is an eco-friendly hotel situated on a cliff, offering stunning views of Madeira's Laurissilva Forest and the Atlantic Ocean. It features an elevated saltwater pool surrounded by sun loungers.

Guests can use the hotel's fitness center equipped with cardio and gym machines or relax in the spa area with a whirlpool and Turkish bath. Additionally, there is a reading room with free Wi-Fi and a game room.

The rooms at Hotel Do Campo are bright and airy, featuring panoramic balconies. All rooms come with extra-long beds, a seating area, satellite TV, and a private bathroom with a bathtub.

Traditional specialties prepared with home-grown herbs are served at the hotel's restaurant and bar. The city center of Funchal, just a 15-minute drive from Hotel Do Campo, offers numerous restaurants and a variety of entertainment options.



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Day 10-Levada do Moinho



You start your hike directly from the hotel. After a short ascent, you reach the Levada Nova. For about two hours, you follow this typical Madeiran water channel while enjoying fantastic views of the green Tábua valley and the Atlantic Ocean. Returning to your hotel, you take small paths, side roads, and a coastal road.

Route: 11 km

Walking time: 4 hours

Elevation change: approx. 400 m ascent and descent



Levada do Moinho

The PR7 Levada do Moinho hiking trail is 10.3 km long, takes about 3 hours and 30 minutes, and follows the Levada do Moinho, where several water mills once stood. It stretches from Ribeira da Cruz in Porto Moniz to Tornadouro in Ponta do Pargo.

The trail starts at the regional road E.R.101, near Ribeira da Cruz, which separates the municipalities of Porto Moniz and Calheta.

The Levada Grande, or Levada do Moinho, owes its name to the numerous water mills that once lined its route. During the hike, you can discover some ruins of old mills.

Particularly notable is the waterproof floor in some sections of the levada, built to prevent water loss in certain areas.

The trail ends in Tornadouro, Junqueira, where the levada branches off.

Distance: 10.3 km

Difficulty: Medium

Duration: 3.5 hours

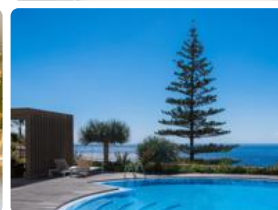
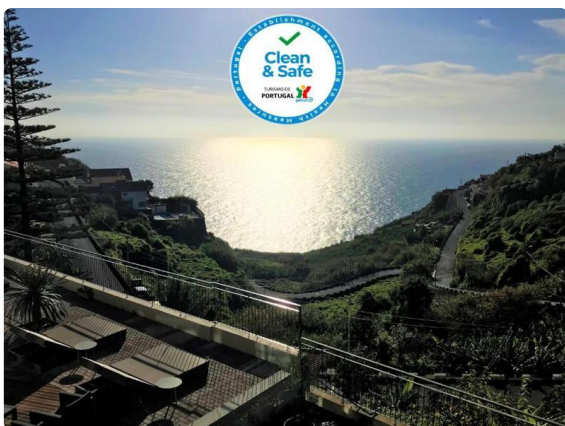
Start/End: Ribeira da Cruz (E.R. 101) / Junqueira (Tornadouro)

Maximum/Minimum elevation: 900 m / 496 m

Notes: The terrain can be slippery.



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Day 11- Free day in Ribeira Brava



Free day in Ribeira Brava

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel, with a view of the morning sun. Today, you can do whatever you like. You can take a walk or go for a bike ride, or simply relax by the pool or at the hotel beach



Church of São Bento – Ribeira Brava

Located in the heart of Ribeira Brava, the Church of São Bento is one of the most beautiful examples of religious architecture in Madeira. It was built in the 16th century and is dedicated to Saint Benedict, the town's patron saint. Particularly striking are the impressive basalt stone façade and the richly decorated interior with gilded wood carvings and traditional Portuguese tiles.

A special highlight is the painted wooden ceiling as well as the high altar, which houses beautiful statues of saints. This church is a true artistic and spiritual gem, inviting visitors to a moment of peace during their visit to this charming coastal town.



Madeira Ethnographic Museum

Located in the picturesque town of Ribeira Brava, the Madeira Ethnographic Museum offers a fascinating insight into the island's cultural heritage. The museum opened on June 15, 1996, and is housed in a historic building that served as a sugar cane mill and distillery in the 19th century.

The museum's permanent exhibitions are thematically arranged, showcasing various aspects of traditional Madeiran life, including production activities (such as fishing, viticulture, grain and flax processing), means of transport, domestic life areas (kitchen and bedroom), and traditional trade (general store).

In addition, the museum organizes educational activities and has a shop featuring local handicrafts.

A visit to the Madeira Ethnographic Museum is a unique opportunity to learn about the traditions and way of life of the island's inhabitants through the centuries.



The Ribeira Brava Bathing Complex

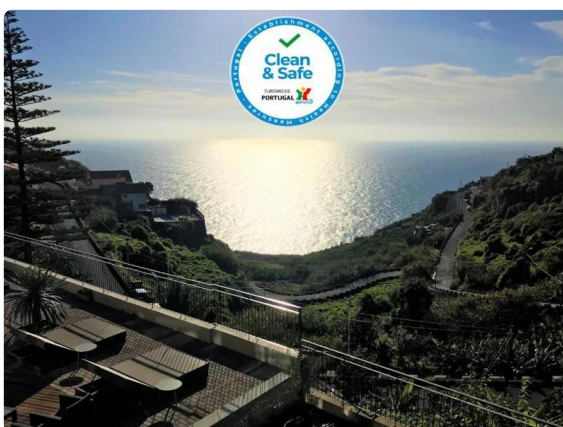
The Ribeira Brava Bathing Complex, located along an extensive coastline, is one of the most popular recreational spots on Madeira's west coast. Harmoniously integrated into the urban landscape, it offers the perfect place to enjoy the sun and swim in the clear Atlantic waters.

The facility features swimming pools, including one for children, sunbathing areas, sanitary facilities, changing rooms, as well as a bar and restaurant, ensuring comfort and relaxation for all visitors. The beach consists of pebbles and black sand and was modernized in 2021 with accessible walkways and an elevator to provide easy access for people with reduced mobility.

Free admission and excellent water quality make this bathing complex the ideal place for a relaxing beach day, followed by exploring the rich cultural and natural heritage of Ribeira Brava.



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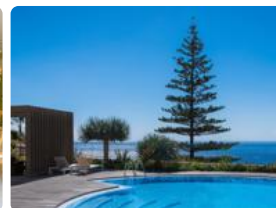
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Day 12-Rabaçal Nature Reserve



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Rabaçal 25 fontes

Today you will visit the Rabaçal Nature Reserve, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its impressive laurel forest and numerous waterfalls. You will hike through a wild, romantic landscape with breathtaking views into the valley along the Levada do Risco to the 100-meter-high Risco Waterfall and from there to the 25 Springs. Afterwards, you will continue on to your next accommodation.

Distance: 9 km

Hiking time: 3–3.5 hours

Elevation change: approx. 150 m ascent and descent



Calheta

Calheta is a charming coastal village on the southwest coast of Madeira Island, known for its beautiful golden sandy beaches (a rarity on the island, where pebble beaches are more common) and its mild year-round climate. The town is a popular destination for tourists seeking relaxation and outdoor activities such as hiking along the famous levadas — trails that wind through the mountains offering breathtaking views of the natural landscape.

Besides the beaches, Calheta is also famous for its wine production and the Engenho da Calheta, one of the oldest rum distilleries on Madeira, where visitors can learn about the sugarcane spirit production process and sample traditional drinks. The local marina is another highlight, offering boat tours for dolphin and whale watching as well as various water activities.

The village is also a cultural hotspot, featuring the Centro das Artes - Casa das Mudas, a museum of modern and contemporary art that offers a unique artistic experience with stunning ocean views.



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Location

The hotel is located in a quiet area in Estreito da Calheta, about 3 km from the beach.

Facilities

The hotel has 20 rooms. The multilingual staff at the reception in the lobby is happy to assist with any inquiries. Services such as luggage storage and a safe ensure a comfortable stay. Wireless internet access is available in public areas. The tour desk provides assistance with booking excursions. A fireplace creates a cozy atmosphere. Guests can relax in the garden. Additional amenities include a TV room, a game room, and a library. Guests arriving by car can park their vehicles for free in the parking lot. Other services and facilities include car rental, a shuttle service, laundry service, and a coin-operated laundry. Active guests can use the bicycle rental to explore the surroundings.

[Auf Madeira Urlaub machen: wohnen im Hotel Quinta Alegre - Quinta Alegre – Landhotel auf Madeira \(quinta-alegre.de\)](http://quinta-alegre.de)



Quinta Alegre

Rua do Hotel 48, Estreito da Calheta, Portugal

Day 13-Free Day Calheta



Free Day Calheta

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel with a view of the morning sun. Today, you are free to do as you please. You can take a walk or go for a bike ride, or simply relax by the pool or at the hotel beach.



Praia da Calheta – Calheta Beach

One of the few golden sandy beaches on Madeira, Praia da Calheta is ideal for relaxing and enjoying a day of sun and sea. The sand was imported from Morocco, making the beach a popular attraction since most beaches on Madeira have pebbles or dark sand.



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Rua do Hotel 48, Estreito da Calheta, Portugal

Day 14-Exploring the West Coast: From Ponta do Pargo to the Lighthouse

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Today's varied circular hike starts in Ponta do Pargo, a rural village known for its fruit cultivation. From here, you'll ascend to Levada Nova, which you will follow for about 1.5 hours. The return route runs along the cliffs, offering impressive views of the west coast. After the hike, your driver will take you to the Ponta do Pargo lighthouse, the westernmost point of the island. The spectacular views of the coastline and the foaming sea below will inspire you.

Distance: 14 km

Hiking time: 3.5 hours

Elevation change: 450 m ascent and descent

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Day 15-Airport



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Airport

Transfer to the airport with enough time to return the rental car and catch your flight back to your home city. Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

