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## Around Madeira

### UNIQUE COASTAL HIKES AND BLOOMING GARDENS.

Cloud forests, dark lava rocks and sunlit banana plantations. Sounds like a different holiday destination? No! The island of Madeira, not far from Lisbon in the Atlantic, offers a colourful variety for botanists, hikers and pleasure seekers. Over eight days you will explore from Porto da Cruz to the capital Funchal. You will walk through the plateau of Paul da Serra, looking for shade in the laurel forests and take a relaxing bath in the black lava rock.

### *Details about the hiking holiday in Madeira*

Hiking in Maderia calls for packing multipurpose clothing. In the north, surrounded by barren mountains and wet plateaus, it is cool. The sunny south impresses with flowers, eucalyptus trees and diverse cultures. The island with its 235.000 inhabitants leaves plenty of room for romantic and idyllic hikes. One of the most beautiful villages in Madeira is Prazeres. Here you can experience the original life of the islanders. Fancy something extraordinary for the grand finale? Grab a toboggan and start the fast ride down. It starts above the Funchal in Monte.

### *Highlights of the hiking trip in Madeira.*

Madeira is a sea of flowers - and more! The route over the Boca do Risco is particularly impressive, as are the lava rock swimming pools in Porto Moniz. In Funchal, sights and colourful capital hustle and bustle await you.

### *Useful information about the hiking holiday in Madeira*

The round trip in Maderia starts in the small fishing village of Porto da Cruz on the black sandy beach. Make sure you try a 'poncha', a drink made of honey, orange juice and sugar cane brandy. The daily routes run on varied hiking trails, which can sometimes be narrow. Surefootedness and a head for heights are required in some parts. You will walk for an average

of five hours a day on this botanical paradise. You want to escape a cold winter? No problem? The Eurohike team has a solution: the mountain hiking tour in Madeira is bookable all year round! Do not hesitate and let us advise you on your own personal hiking experience!

- Read more about a [walking holiday in Madeira](#).

## *Walking*



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour

## To the online version



# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival in Porto da Cruz*

Today you can relax on the black sandy beach in the small fishing village Porto da Cruz. You can visit one of the last remaining sugar mills where you can try the well-known "Poncha", which is a local drink made from sugar cane liquor, honey and freshly squeezed orange juice.

Hotel example: [Costa Linda](#)

DAY  
2

## *Circular walk along the wild north coast*

After a short transfer to Machico, you will walk along the impressive north coast on one of the old supply routes, which was previously used to cultivate the vineyards. Today one of the nicest footpaths runs along this route to Porto da Cruz. Enjoy the breath-taking views.

Hotel example: [Costa Linda](#)



approx. 4.5 to 5 hours



15 km



550 m



550 m

DAY  
3

## *Porto da Cruz – Sao Vicente, the quiet North Coast*

In the traditional village of Santana, known for its typical houses, your day's stage starts. Marvel at the traditional houses with their thatched roofs and stroll through the town, which is well worth seeing, before you continue to the start of the hike. The wonderful Levada do Rei leads you through primeval forest-like vegetation to the waterfall and the springs of Ribeiro Bonito. Through short tunnels you will reach an almost magical place at the head of the river valley. Finally, enjoy one of the famous drinks and cakes in the inviting bar Quinta do Levada.

Hotel example: [Calamar](#)



approx. 3 hours



10 km



350 m



350 m

DAY  
4*Sao Vicente – Porto Moniz, high plateau and cloud forest*

Transfer to the mountains or more specifically to the Paul da Serra high plateau. Today's walk brings you closer to Madeira's green mountains. You will walk along high-altitude paths rich in spectacular views, through shady laurel forests, which are partially an UNESCO world natural heritage site. An amazing hiking trail takes you through colorful blooming broom bushes to Fanal, a fairytale-like wood forest and pasture area: crooked trees, green meadows and grazing highland cattle create a very special mystical atmosphere. In the afternoon you reach the coastal village of Porto Moniz with its wonderful views at the blue sea. This charming place is well-known for its natural swimming pools, which were formed by the ocean from black lava rock.

Hotel example: [Aqua Natura Bay](#).



approx. 3.5 to 4 hours



11 km



150 m



350 m

DAY  
5*Porto Moniz – Calheta, Levada Nova*

Today you will walk along the south west coastline via green hills, which steeply drop into the sea after a while. In this part of the island you will discover the original way of life of its habitants, especially Prazeres is known as one of the loveliest villages of Madeira island. On your walk through fragrant eucalyptus forests, you will keep seeing Callas, Amarryllis and Agapanthus growing wildly. You will stay overnight in the lively coastal village, Calheta. It has a fine sandy beach and an elegant marina.

Hotel example: [Savoy Saccharum](#)



approx. 4.5 to 5 hours



17 km



50 m



650 m

DAY  
6*Calheta – Funchal, Levada do Norte*

Short transfer along the southern coast before you set off up to Levada do Norte where you get amazing views from. It is also the longest and widest Levada in the south. You will walk through typical farmed terraces and discover a vast variety of fruits. Along small villages like Quinta Grande and Campanario to the Cabo Girao, which is the highest steep cliff in Europe. From there you will get a fantastic view of the terraced fields below you and of the coastline until the capital, Funchal.

Hotel example: [Four Views Baía](#)



approx. 5 hours



15 km



250 m



150 m

DAY  
7

## *Circular walk Monte & botanic gardens*

You reach the pilgrimage site Monte by cable car, situated high above Funchal. After a visit to the church Nossa Senhora do Monte you can marvel at the dynamic wicker basket sledgers before embarking on your final stage. With a marvellous view onto the coast from Funchal the route leads you once again across subtropical island vegetation and back into the capital. We highly recommend you visit the amazing botanical garden giving you an understanding of the exotic flora of the island on an area of 35,000 square metres.

Hotel example: [Four Views Baía](#)



approx. 3 hours



8 km



100 m



550 m

DAY  
8

## *Departure or extra days*

# Tour character

Daily routes along well-built and very diverse paths, which can however sometimes be on narrow paths. Lots of paths run along the coastline and also along Levadas (irrigation canals), where a head for heights and sure-footedness are essential in some sections. You will need a good level of fitness for this waking holiday where the walks may take max. 5 hours.



# Prices and events

Place of arrival: Porto da Cruz

	Season 1 06.01.2024 - 09.03.2024   27.10.2024 - 07.12.2024   Arrival Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	Season 2 10.03.2024 - 25.05.2024   29.09.2024 - 26.10.2024   Arrival Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	Season 3 26.05.2024 - 28.09.2024   Arrival Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
Around Madeira, 8 days, PO-MAWPF-08A			
Base price	859.00	929.00	1,029.00
Surcharge half board 7x	235.00	235.00	235.00
Surcharge single room	429.00	429.00	429.00

Category: 4\*\*\*\*-hotels, 2x lovely 2\*\*-hotel (Porto da Cruz)

# Additional nights

Place of arrival: Porto da Cruz

	Season 1 Jan 6, 2024 - Mar 9, 2024   Oct 27, 2024 - Dec 7, 2024   Arrival Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	Season 2 Mar 10, 2024 - May 25, 2024   Sep 29, 2024 - Oct 26, 2024   Arrival Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	Season 3 May 26, 2024 - Sep 28, 2024   Arrival Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
Porto da Cruz			
Double room p. P.	55.00	55.00	55.00
Surcharge single room	29.00	29.00	29.00
Funchal			
Double room p. P.	89.00	89.00	109.00
Surcharge single room	79.00	79.00	79.00

Prices per person in EUR

# *Services and infos*

## Services

### Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Transfers according to program
- 1 Bus ride from Cabo Girao to Funchal
- 1 Uphill cable car journey to Monte/Funchal
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- App for Navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

### Optional extras:

- Half-board evening meal (mostly multi-course, sometimes outside the property, payable with voucher)

## Infos

### Arrival / Departure:

- Funchal airport. By bus it takes about 30 minutes to get to Porto da Cruz or you can take a short taxi ride costing about EUR 30 per journey.
- The return journey to Funchal airport from Funchal takes about 1 hour. The taxi costs about EUR 30 and takes about 30 minutes.

### Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price.



# Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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