

Hiking and wellness in Madeira

A short distance from the African coast, "the Flower Island" sits serenely in the ocean. Come and discover all of Madeira's secrets: walk along the levadas and the coastal paths offering panoramic views, see traditional style villages, terrace cultivation, beautiful flowers, gorges, the Laurissilva forest, waterfalls, and natural pools. This tour includes comfortable accommodation with swimming pools around the island, to relax after a day of hiking.



Highlights:

- Madeira's top hikes
- Discovering the Laurissilva forest
- 2 nights in Porto Moniz famous for the natural pools
- Lunch of typical Madeira kebabs with sea view
- 3 different types of accommodation to choose from, all with swimming pool.

DAY 1 – Your arrival in Madeira – Transfer to Santo da Serra

Meet and greet at the airport with your Maderian hiking guide and transfer to Santana, Santo de Serra or Santa Cruz. Installation for 3 nights in a 4**** hotel.

Meals included: Dinner at a restaurant.

Night: Enotel Golf in Santo da Serra.

DAY 2 – Caldeiro Verde

Transfer to the start of your walk where you will discover one of the most spectacular Levada hikes of Madeira. You will enter the famous Laurisilva - remains of the humid and subtropical laurel forest. After passing through several tunnels and cliffside passageways (safe), you will get to the famous "Green Cauldron" also known as Caldeiro Verde. It's lunchtime and your guide has prepared a delicious picnic for you. A well-deserved break before continuing the walk. Then it's back down to the remote village of Ilha, with its magnificent ocean views. Return transfer to your accommodation. Night in Santana or Santo da Serra

Walk: 04h30, +110 m / - 620 m (14 km)

Meals included: Continental breakfast, Pic-Nic, Dinner at the hotel.

Night: Enotel Golf in Santo da Serra.

Important: You will go through 4 tunnels. (Don't forget your headlamp). The second part of the walk can be slightly dizzying if you are afraid of heights. Cliff edge path with a safety wire. It is possible to turn back half-way

DAY 3 - The Picos - **CLOSED DUE TO FIRE AUGUST 2024**

Today, we're off to hike the island's highest peaks! Departing from Pico Ariero (1810 m) on a magnificent trail sometimes cut by tunnels or staircases (some of them quite steep!), this magnificent alpine route offers grandiose panoramas of peaks, valleys and the ocean, all the way to Pico Ruivo, the island's highest point at 1861m. Along the way, your guide will find the perfect spot to enjoy a picnic. Continue to Achada de Texiera, where your cab will be waiting to take you back to the hotel.

Walk: 04h00, + 500 m / - 700 m (10 km)

Meals included: Continental breakfast, Pic-Nic, Dinner

Night: Enotel Golf in Santo da Serra.

New hike: Portela to Ribeiro Frio

Ribeiro Frio hike is one of the most famous and magical walks on the Island. The path follows a levada and the trail is light by the sun's rays leading you through lush vegetation and century-old trees of the primeval forest. The Levada do Furao is spectacular because it is dug into the wall, and you must pass under arches dug into the cliff. Before returning to Santana, we'll take in a beautiful view of the Picos, "vereda dos balcoes". Transfer back to your accommodation.

Walk: Portela > Ribeiro Frio | 5h15 | 13.5 km | Elevation: +600m/-365m

DAY 4 - Boaventura and the wild coast

Departure from the Solar Boaventura hotel, down an ancient paved royal road, through dense vegetation, as if we were in the jungle, we cross a charming little river then climb to reach the village of Arco de Sao Jorge with its magnificent viewpoint. A well-deserved lunch break in a restaurant overlooking the sea, where we can enjoy a brochette, the island's specialty! Next, we follow a paved path along the coast, with a splendid panorama of the ocean and waves crashing on small rocky islets. A zig-zag descent back to the sea, and a final climb to the meeting point. Transfer to Porto Moniz, sea-resort famous for its natural pools, (Paying access about 3€). **Check in to your hotel in Ponta do Sol with sea view rooms, where you will stay for 2 nights. You could book some massages at reception (to pay on site) there is an indoor pool.**

Walk: 03h00, + 550 m / - 550 m (7 km)

Meals included: Continental breakfast, Skewer lunch, Dinner

Night: Enotel Sunset bay in Ponta do Sol

DAY 5 - Prazeres to Paul do Mar

This morning, transfer to Prazeres and before starting our walk, we visit the Quinta Pedagogica de Prazeres, where there is a tiny farm and a charming garden, as well as a small grocery shop where we can enjoy a coffee or lemon tea before setting off. We follow the Nova levada through the eucalyptus trees to the village of Faja de Ovelha before beginning a spectacular descent to Paul do Mar. We follow a winding paved path lined with poios (terraced crops), houseleeks and prickly pears. This path is part of the vast network of 'royal' paths that once allowed the fishermen of Paul do Mar to reach other villages to sell their fish. Return transfer to Ponta do Sol.

Walk: 3 hours | Elevation: -650 m

Meals: Breakfast, picnic and dinner

Night: Enotel Sunset Bay, Ponta do Sol

DAY 6 - Levada Alecrim / 25 fontes / Garagem

Transfer to Paul da Serra's plateau to the start of the charming walk in the middle of an enchanted forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take in the stunning scenery of streams and waterfalls and discover the endemic flora that Madeira is so famous for. As usual you will enjoy a delightful pic-nic. Transfer to Funchal the capital of the Island where you will stay 2 nights. Installation for 2 nights in a 4**** hotel.

Walk: 04h30, + 205 m / - 485 m (14 km)

Meals included: Continental breakfast, Pic-Nic, Dinner

DAY 7 – Peninsula of São Lourenço

The Peninsula of São Lourenço is located to the east of the Island. The landscape is very different from the rest of the island because of the semi-arid climate and its basalt cliffs carved by wind and waves. This nature reserve allows you to observe a unique flora and fauna on the Island. Transfer to Funchal, the city's name originates from the word fennel (Foncho in Portuguese) that grew in the bay when the Portuguese first landed here. Short visit of the city with your guide and free time to enjoy the city. For your last night in Funchal dinner in a restaurant of the city. **End of guide services.**

Walk: 03h00, + / - 400m (8 km)

Meals included: Continental breakfast, Pic-Nic, Dinner

Night: Enotel Magnolia, in Funchal.

DAY 8 – Departure

02h30 before your flight, transfer to Madeira airport by taxi.

NEW 2026 RATES PER PERSON

RATES	FROM	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	SUP SGL
GROSS RATE	11/05/2026	2 640 €	2 613 €	2 600 €	2 587 €	2 573 €	2 560 €	2 547 €	2 533 €	947 €

Please note that we didn't block the rooms – this will be subject to availability at the time of booking. Supplements may apply if the quoted hotels are not available or if there is a price change.

All singles supplements will be invoiced.

*****Fees do not include standard 4.5% booking fee*****

*****Payable in currency of preference*****

Accommodation

- **3 NIGHTS** Enotel Santo da Serra in Santo da Serra
- **2 NIGHTS** Enotel Sunset in Ponta do Sol in Ponta do Sol
- **2 NIGHTS** Enotel Magnolia, garden view in Funchal

INCLUDED

- 6 days of walks
- 7 nights double / twin occupancy in 4**** hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 7 dinners
- 5 picnics
- 1 skewer lunch at the restaurant on day 4
- All transfers listed in the program
- English speaker Guide included from day 1 to day 7
- 24/7 phone assistance

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to Madeira
- Drinks
- Insurance
- Items of personal nature
- Tips to the driver, in restaurants
- Single supplement (all the single supplements will be billed)

GENERAL SALES CONDITIONS

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