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# Madeira

## Hike & chill on the evergreen isle

Some consider the flowery island of Madeira to be the winter escape of choice for retirees – but for us, the rugged isle is a true outdoor paradise! Dramatic volcanic landscapes, bold rock formations, and dense forests await us. Grab your trekking shoes and daypack, and off you go. You'll climb the highest mountain on the island, hike along the jagged cliffs, and follow the famous levadas that irrigate the island's lush vegetation.

- Discover the island on easy to moderate hiking trails
- Wine tasting and visit to a rum distillery
- Optional sailing or kayak excursion

8 days

7 Aug. – 14 Aug. 2024

from € **1939**



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## Day 1, Wed, 07.08.2024: Welcome to Madeira!

Individual flight to Funchal (flights not included in this Marco Polo Reisen tour). At the airport, you'll be greeted and taken to your hotel. Meet and greet with the other participants followed by a group dinner. D

## Day 2, Thu, 08.08.2024: Olá, Madeira!

After breakfast, Pedro will take you on a city tour of Funchal, the capital of the island. You'll discover the old town with its idyllic city gardens, the spacious Avenida Arriaga, and the Gothic cathedral. Follow your nose to the indoor market where flowers, herbs, and exotic fruits are stacked high – this is an excellent opportunity to stock up on food for tomorrow's hike. Afterwards, you'll soar over Funchal in a cable car to Monte, a quarter situated high above the city. Once you reach the top, it's time for a selfie with the panoramic view and toboggan riders in the background. Toboggan riders? Sim, claro! If you're up for a thrilling ride, take a seat in one of the wicker sleds and whiz down the lanes to Funchal. The afternoon is yours to "see and be seen" on the Avenida do Mar or maybe even to go kayaking! For the more energetic among you, Pedro will show you where you can rent a kayak at the pier (additional fee). B

## Day 3, Fri, 09.08.2024: Along the ancient aqueducts

Follow Pedro to Marcos in the east of the island where you'll lace up your hiking boots. You'll be on the trail for about two and a half hours, following a levada (a typical Madeiran aqueduct) through lively towns and deep valleys. Those of you who stocked up on spicy chouriço sausage, aromatic cheese and exotic fruits yesterday have a clear advantage today, because this tour practically calls for a picnic! Back in Funchal, spend the afternoon relaxing either at the hotel pool or on a sailing excursion (additional fee). A ride on a replica of Columbus' flagship the Santa Maria is an experience in itself – and with a bit of luck, dolphins will leap out of the waves as you sail past. B

## Day 4, Sat, 10.08.2024: Breathless in the ocean

Madeira's west coast is calling! First stop Cabo Girão. Those brave enough to walk on the glass floor of the viewing platform (totally Instagram worthy!) are rewarded with a breathtaking view down the jagged rocky slopes. Afterwards, back on solid ground, you'll discover all there is to know about Madeiran culture at the Ethnographic Museum of Ribeira Brava. On to Madalena do Mar. You'll take a leisurely two-kilometre stroll along a levada through banana plantations – how important are bananas for the island's economy? Pedro will tell you. And this is where Madeira comes to an end: Ponta do Pargo is the island's westernmost point, with a lighthouse perched 290 metres above the Atlantic. A quick detour to the Garganta Funda waterfall – yet another vertical drop. To round off the day, you'll have a glass of vinho at an organic winery before heading back to Funchal feeling thoroughly satisfied. B

## Day 5, Sun, 11.08.2024: Tracing the footsteps of a volcanic island

A rocky contrast on Madeira: the São Lourenço peninsula. Following close behind your Marco Polo guide Pedro, you'll hike for about three hours along the rugged eastern tip. Stunning rock formations hint at the force with which the island was catapulted out of the sea 20 million years ago. "You can see how many subsequent volcanic eruptions took place by examining the different layers of rock that streak the cliffs in all shades of red and ochre," Pedro explains. On the way back, you'll stop at Porto da Cruz: What other liquid delight does Madeira have to offer besides wine and poncha (you'll learn more about that later)? Rum! You'll taste your way through a distillery before taking the bus back to Funchal. B

## Day 6, Mon, 12.08.2024: Climbing onto the rooftop of Madeira

Make sure to have a good breakfast because today you'll be embarking on the majestic Pico do Arieiro tour (approx. 5 hours, steady footing required). Up and down the narrow paths you'll go, sometimes rather steep, around sharp rocky ridges to Pico Ruivo, Madeira's highest peak. What a magnificent sight – the island lies at our feet! After a well-deserved break, you'll hike down to Achada do Teixeira. From here the bus will take you to the village of Santana with its colourful thatched farmhouses. At a quinta, you'll first learn how to make and then sample the island's No. 1 beverage – poncha! So get ready to use your hands

and then your taste buds. B

## Day 7, Tue, 13.08.2024: Free day

Today is yours to explore the island again or simply to chill out at the beach. In the evening you'll meet up with the rest of the group one last time and celebrate together before it's time to say "goodbye". B/D

## Day 8, Wed, 14.08.2024: Farewell to the Garden of Eden

Individual flight back home.

B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner, AI = all inclusive

### Flights

Arrival and departure flights are not included in the tour price.

### Hotels

Place	Nights	Hotel	Local rating
Funchal	7	The Views Baía	****

Subject to change

### Travel documents and vaccinations

German nationals require a valid identity card or passport. Vaccinations are not mandatory – all participants will receive detailed information on preventive health care along with their travel confirmation documents.

### Included in the tour price/basic tour

- Individual transfer from/to the airport
- Excursions and round-trip transportation by customary, air-conditioned coach
- 7 nights in a single room
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide
- Wine tasting on day 4
- Rum tasting on day 5
- Poncha making session on day 6
- Farewell dinner on day 7
- Entrance fees according to the itinerary

### Climate-friendly travel with Marco Polo

This tour is carbon-neutral thanks to CO2e offsetting ([www.agb-mp.com/co2](http://www.agb-mp.com/co2)).

### Price per person from

Date	07.08.-14.08.2024
8 days (basic tour)	Single Double room discount €1939 €299

**Bookable extras**      **Sea view Room**  
€110

**Kayak tour**      **Sailing tour**  
€49                      €59

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