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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

8 days

16. Nov. – 23. Nov 2027

Share a room

€1869,-

Have a room all to yourself

€2259,-

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Day 1, Tue, 16.11.2027: 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, Wed, 17.11.2027: Olá, Funchal!

After breakfast, you will be taken 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, your Guide will show you where you can rent a kayak at the pier (additional fee, payable on spot). B

Day 3, Thu, 18.11.2027: Tracing the footsteps of a volcanic island

A rocky contrast on Madeira: the São Lourenço peninsula. Following close behind your Marco Polo guide, 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," our guide 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 4, Fri, 19.11.2027: Hiking and climbing

Make sure to have a good breakfast. After breakfast we hit the ground running, because today we have the King's Tour Pico do Arieiro on the programme (approx. 5 hrs, surefootedness required): We climb up and down narrow paths, some of them quite steep, around sharp rocky peaks to Pico Ruivo, Madeira's highest peak. What a majestic sight - the island lies at our feet! After a well-deserved break, we hike down to Achada do Teixeira. Here the bus takes over and brings us to the village of Santana with its colourful thatched farmhouses. At a quinta we dare to try the island's number one delicious drink - Poncha! We try it ourselves, first by hand, then by mouth. B

Day 5, Sat, 20.11.2027: 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. From the coast, the road climbs dramatically into the island's interior, carrying you up to the mystic plateau of Fanal. Here, you will take a stroll through the ancient, UNESCO-protected laurel forest (approx. 3 hrs), where century-old, gnarled trees emerge from the swirling mountain mist to create an otherworldly atmosphere straight out of a fantasy novel. 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. To round off the day, you'll have a glass of vinho at an organic winery before heading back to Funchal feeling thoroughly satisfied.

Day 6, Sun, 21.11.2027: Along the ancient aqueducts

Follow your guide 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 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, payable on spot). 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 7, Mon, 22.11.2027: 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, Tue, 23.11.2027: Farewell to the Garden of Eden

Individual flight back home (flights not included in this Marco Polo Reisen tour).

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

Hiking on Madeira

Please note that the hikes described are examples and may change depending on weather conditions, for example.

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 shared or single room
- Breakfast
- Welcome dinner on day 1
- Farewell dinner on day 7
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide
- Rum tasting on day 3
- Poncha making session on day 4
- Wine tasting on day 5
- 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).

Price per person from

Date	16.11.-23.11.2027
8 days	Double room €1869 Single room €2259



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