



# MADEIRA

## Portugal

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

October 2024 . £1095.00pp



It's located in the Atlantic Ocean, just north-west of the Canary islands and a little further away from Africa, which gives it the balmy summers and warm winters it's famous for... the ideal holiday destination all the year round. Whether you want calm, peaceful relaxing holiday, or interested in flora and fauna, or a more energetic getaway, Madeira is your island with something to suit everyone. The Island of Flowers, the Pearl of the Atlantic, the Isle of Eternal Spring – these are just a few of the names that, over the years, Madeira has acquired from those captivated by its beauty.

There is so much to do on this beautiful island, a few of which are highlighted below:

We will be staying in a central hotel in Funchal, the capital of Madeira, ensuring easy access to different tourist sights.

Trip includes a 4x4 day trip exploring the island. Visit to Porto Moniz Natural pools, and northwest villages of Madeira.



**The Sightseeing bus** – several companies run an open top sightseeing bus trip, costing approx 12 Euros for 2 days and covering to separate routes – one around central Funchal and the other than incorporates Camara de Lobos – a lovely fishing village that was a favourite of Winston Churchill's (and subject of many of his paintings). The bus is hop on, hop off. Ticket included in your trip

**Cable Car** – this amazing cable car goes from the seafront right up into the hills to the area of Monte at 2,000ft offering superb views over Funchal. There are Tropical Gardens to visit, a church and the famous Monte Toboggans – a wicker basket on sleds that tourists sit in whilst two carreiros ('drivers') manoeuvre down a steep hill.

**Levada walks** – The Moors were one of the islands early settlers and they were able to combat the problem of water access by creating a series of water channels called levadas that carry water from the high points to the lower levels. These open levadas need to be walked regularly to ensure they do not become blocked and this means that tourists can take advantage of these beautiful paths and walks through more remote areas. You can chose to go on a group walk or independently.

**Flowers and birds** – with its warm climate, there is a huge variety of flora and fauna. There are estimated to be 30 species of plants and flowers that are indigenous to the island. There are many different varieties of orchids to be seen as well as Bird of Paradise and hydrangea growing at the roadsides. The island also has over 200 recorded species of birds including it's own subspecies of robin, chaffinch, and firecrest. Hoopoe, wild canaries and warblers can be seen as well as many more on the nearby Deserts Islands

**Boat trips** – these leave daily from Funchal marina and tourists can chose from half day or full day excursions taking in the beautiful coastline, beaches and hopefully see a dolphin or even whales.

Includes overnight stay on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at Gatwick airport hotel

City Centre in Funchal accommodation with Breakfast in great location.

Return Flights from Gatwick. All Transfers

Sightseeing bus ticket

Ex Portuguese Army Jeep Unique and classic to The Northwest Natural Pools and Waterfalls Full Day Tour

Awaydays Representative at all times