

*Optional Tours
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Monday, 20th September



1 - CALHETA & PONTA DE PARGO (Full day Tour)

Departure at 09h30 a.m.

Departure to MADALENA DO MAR, a fishing village along south coast we arrive to the village of 'CALHETA', a small village by the sea where we have a short stop to visit the sugar cane refinery that nowadays still produces the sugar cane molasses and rum, and to taste "poncha", a special local drink.

Driving up the mountain we reach the culture centre 'Casa das Mudas', from where a stunning view over the Atlantic Ocean and CALHETA beach can be seen. Driving down we will pass PAUL DO MAR and JARDIM DO MAR by the sea border. Stop for lunch.

Continue to PONTA DE PARGO, on the south eastern of the island and visit to the Farol (light house) a view point on the extreme south of the island. Return to Funchal driving up to Paul da Serra and passing through BICA DA CANA to ENCUMEADA.

Price per person € 40,00



2 - EIRA DO SERRADO AND MONTE (Half day Tour)

Departure at 14h30 p.m.

First stop is at local market and lace factory, where one of the most famous handicraft is made. A twisted road, bordered with eucalyptus reaches EIRA DO SERRADO (lookout point) overlooking "CURRAL DAS FREIRAS", peculiar village built in a deep valley, taken for centuries as the crater of an ancient volcano.

Last stop is at MONTE, village well known for its church where lies the Emperor Charles I of Austria. From here the most adventurous can take the famous toboggan ride (optional). At the end the all group will be taken back to the hotel.

Price per person € 18,00

Tuesday, 21st September



1- PORTO MONIZ (Full day Tour)

Departure at 09h30 a.m.

Leaving FUNCHAL along the “Estrada Monumental” we reach CÂMARA DE LOBOS (where Sir Winston Churchill spent some time painting during his stay in Madeira) and CABO GIRÃO, which is the highest sea cliff from the Europe (1 900 ft). Descent to RIBEIRA BRAVA, a pleasant village by the sea, where people can take advantage on coffee, drinks and other facilities. Through the plateau of PAUL DA SERRA (situated at 4 600 ft above the sea level) we reach PORTO MONIZ, well known for its natural volcanic swimming pools. Continue to SÃO VICENTE Village, at the end of a breathtaking road that links the two villages. After lunch we cross the island and pass CHÃO DOS LOUROS surrounded by part of the LAURISILVA FOREST, which is unique in the world, and since 1999 a Natural World Wide Trust. We reach ENCUMEADA, where both sides of the island (North and South) can be seen. Return to FUNCHAL by SERRA D’ÁGUA village.

Price per person € 40,00



2- RABAÇAL / 25 FONTES (Levada walk)

Departure at 09h00 a.m.

“Levadas” are water courses running round the mountains and were built by the first settlers to carry water to inaccessible farmland. Today they are one of the Madeira’s greatest attractions. Leaving the hotel towards the west coast of the Island a short stop will be made in ENCUMEADA before starting the walk at RABAÇAL (protected natural area). After this pleasant three-hour walk along two short “levadas” with a remarkable evergreen landscape and waterfalls, a visit will be paid to the village of CALHETA (on the sunny southwest cost).

Price per person € 33,00

Suppl. Picnic € 9,00

Wednesday, 22nd September



1 - CAMACHA / SANTANA (Full day Tour)

Departure at 09h00 a.m.

This full day excursion takes us to the village of CAMACHA, the wicker work centre on the island, also proud to be the place where football was played for the first time in Portugal in 1875.

Driving up the mountain we reach PICO DO ARIEIRO, the second highest mountain from the island (1810m) .

'RIBEIRO FRIO' will be the next stop. In the heart of 'LAURISSILVA' forest a gorgeous garden surrounds the trout hatchery.

Finally we arrive at Santana probably the most typical village on the island.

On the way back to Funchal stop at MACHICO, town built between the mountain and the sea, place where for the first time arrived the Portuguese sailors in 1419.

Price er person € 40,00



2 - CATAMARAN (Half Day)

Departure at 09h30 a.m. or 14h30 p.m.

Leaving Funchal bay towards CABO GIRÃO, passing by the wonderful cliffs of the famous Reid's Hotel, Lido area, Praia Formosa and Câmara de Lobos bay, a typical fishing village surrounded by the sea and mountains. At Fajã dos Padres or Cabo Girão we will stop for a swim or a simple relaxing and comfortable rest on our net situated at the boats deck.

Sailing back to Funchal you will probably see the dolphins that may follow us on our journey.

On board: Bar, WC and covered area.

Per person €31,00 (Incl. transfer)