

February 2025 - 5 days from *£699pp

The lush, volcanic Portuguese island of Madeira lies 400 miles off the coast of Africa and is 36 miles by 14 miles of outstanding natural beauty. Its warm, temperate climate makes it a verdant, sub-tropical paradise that is a delight to visit at any time of year.

Much of Madeira has been designated a conservation area and it displays a wealth of superb flowers blooming effortlessly throughout the year. There is plenty of cultural sights too, particularly in the capital, Funchal which has good museums, an impressive cathedral, famers' market and lots of excellent restaurants. A range of excursions will show you some of the highlights of the island, leaving some time for personal exploration or simply to relax at the hotel. Don't miss the beautiful Monte Palace Gardens reached by cable car from Funchal with a descent on one of the famous toboggans (an optional extra that is well worth the additional cost).

Our four-night trip is pheonomenal value with scheduled flights with British Airways, four-star accommodation, transfers and excursions around the island.







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Itinerary

Day 1

Fly from Heathrow to Funchal and transfer by coach to the Four Views Monumental Hotel (or similar). Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2: West Madeira Island tour.

Today we embark on a tour, which will show you some of the highlights of this picturesque island in the Atlantic. You'll visit the picturesque village of Camara de Lobos, which was made famous by Sir Winston Churchill in 1950 when he painted the sea cliffs at Cabo Girao, the highest in Europe at 590 m. You then follow the coastline until we reach Ribeira Brava, to visit the village's famous church. Then, along the Encumeada pass to Madeira's most northerly point at Porto Moniz, long famous for its natural bathing pools and wonderful scenery, with free time for lunch. In the afternoon continue via Santana, a pretty village characterized by its thatched houses; the forests and high plateau of Paul da Serra and finally Ponta do Sol, which is as sunny as its name implies. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3: North to South and East Island tour. Areeiro, Ribeiro Frio.

Today we change direction and head from south to north ending at Santana via Pico de Areeiro and Ribeiro Frio, taking in stunning views as we go. Free time for lunch before heading along the east coast to Porto da Cruz, famed for its rum factory (tasting included), Ponta da SaoLourenco and the village of Machico.

Overnight at the hotel.



Day 4: Funchal, Monte and Reid's Palace Hotel.

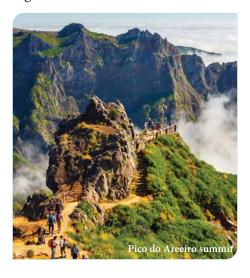
This morning we head into pretty
Funchal to visit the famous market hall
"Mercado dos Lavradores", where
market vendors offer flowers, fruits
and fish for sale, visit an embroidery
workshop, for which the island is
famous and taste the famous
Madeira wine.

Then to Monte with the opportunity to take the 10-minute cable car ride up from Funchal to Monte, which offers splendid views over the harbour and the bay and glorious gardens which surround the chateaulike Palace.

Descend by one of the famous wicker sledges, an incredible experience and unique in the world. (extra cost for cable car £12pp and toboggan ride £15pp). In the afternoon we'll head to the famous Reid's Palace Hotel to explore its lush gardens and enjoy its renowned (and delicious) afternoon tea.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 Transfer to the airport for the return flight to Heathrow.



Where you stay

Four Views Monumental Hotel, Funchal Lido (or similar).

This modern, four-star hotel offers a high standard of comfort and services in the Lido area of Funchal about 3km from the city centre, overlooking the Atlantic. Facilities here include "Award's" bar, Atlantic Dream restaurant, pool bar, indoor and outdoor heated pool, gym, beauty centre, games room and spa. All rooms are comfortable with all modern amenities and have a balcony with a view over the mountains or the sea.



Included in the price

- Return scheduled flights with British Airways from Heathrow to Funchal
- Four nights' accommodation on bed and buffet breakfast basis at the four-star Four Views Monumental Hotel (or similar), based on shared occupancy of a twin/double room
- Return transfers from Funchal airport to the hotel
- Full range of excursions as detailed.
- Services of a local representative

Single rooms available at a supplement





