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Ports & Excursions

Madeira (Funchal), Portugal

The capital of Madeira is named after the fennel (funcha) that once flowered there in profusion. The largest island in the Madeira Archipelago was discovered in 1419 by Portuguese explorers venturing south into the Atlantic. The island is nearly equidistant from Lisbon and the African coast, and its unique geographical position allowed Madeira to play a pivotal role in European discovery. Seamen such as Christopher Columbus gained knowledge and experience plying the routes of the island's sugar trade. When sugar declined, the island's famed wines continued to provide a robust trade. By the late 18th century, Madeira's mild climate, rocky peaks, and lush valleys provided a winter haven to Europe's aristocrats. Visitors still flock to the island today, drawn by its scenery and its weather.

Funchal is noted for its superb hand-embroidery and wicker ware, both Madeira specialties. The island, of course, is also noted for its superb wines: they are perhaps the world's most complex and long lasting wines.

Points of Interest

1 Monte

This small village overlooks Funchal and was originally a health resort for Europe's high society. Take the flight of stairs to Nossa Senhora do Monte at the top for an impressive view.

2 Wine-tasting

No trip to Madeira would be complete without a visit to one of Funchal's wine lodges for a wine sampling. Vintages range from a dry Sercial to a rich and fruity Malmsey.

3 Cable-car & Toboggan Rides

The Funchal to Monte cable-car ride takes approximately 15 minutes to ride. It is 12,000 feet long with a vertical rise of 1,837 feet, and provides stunning views in Maderia's most remote areas. As a means of downhill transport, these sledges appeared around 1850. Today, they attract tourists who want to experience sliding at high speed on narrow, winding streets down to Funchal.

4 Mercado dos Lavradores

Built in the 1930s, this art-deco open market was designed by architect Edmundo Tavares. It's a lively place where you can buy fresh produce, meat, fish, flowers, spices and crafts.

5 Botanical Garden

At Quinta do Bom Sucesso, the climate conditions are ideal and boast more than 2,000 plant species. It also has a Science and Culture Center and is home to some rare bird species.

6 Ribeira Brava

This small town's name means "wild stream" it was one of the first parishes on the island. Mainly a tourist town now, it features a host of charming street cafés and shops.

7 Cabo Girão

Known to be the highest sea-cliff in Europe and second in the world, with panoramic views of the ocean, the village of Camara de Lobos and Funchal in the distance.

8 Island Drive

Explore the scenic wonders of Madeira with a leisurely journey that showcases the island's dramatic sea cliffs, waterfalls, central plateau, and charming villages. Plenty of photo stops complete this memorable experience.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours

		You will visit:		
Image not available	**Ribeira Brava, Cabo Girao & Porto Moniz** FNC-105 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 53	6 7 M 📷	7.5 hours	from **$79.95**
	Explore Madeira on a panoramic drive that features sweeping views of the island's dramatic sea cliffs, central plateau and fertile southwest coast. Visit a traditional village and enjoy a lunch of island specialties. Tour a rum distillery and sample poncha - a blend of rum and honey.			
Image not available	**Cable Car, Monte, Toboggan Ride & Gardens** FNC-200 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 53	1 3 5 S	4 hours	from **$99.95**
	Ride a cable car from Funchal to Monte and visit Our Lady of Monte Church. Climb into a wicker basket and experience the island's thrilling "Snowless Sled Ride," and tour the lush Botanical Gardens on this half-day tour.			
Image not available	**Cable Car, Monte, Toboggan Ride & Wine Tasting** FNC-205 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 53	1 2 3 M	3.5 hours	from **$99.00**
	Ride a cable car from Funchal to Monte and visit Our Lady of Monte Church. Climb into a wicker basket and experience the island's thrilling "Snowless Sled Ride," and sample the wines of Madeira on a visit to a traditional wine lodge on this half-day tour.			
Image not available	**Cabo Girao & Mercado dos Lavradores** FNC-210 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 53	4 7 M	4 hours	from **$59.95**
	Travel to Cabo Girao for views of the world's second-highest sea cliff, a 1,500-foot drop to the waves below, and then tour an embroidery factory, one of Madeira's major exports, on this half-day tour.			

Cabo Girao & The Blandy Wine Lodge
FNC-215 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 53

You will visit: **2 7** | **M** | **3 hours** | from **$59.95**

Explore Madeira's rugged coast on a scenic drive that travels to Cabo Girão, site of the second highest sea cliffs in the world. The cliffs plummet nearly 1,500 feet to the crashing waves below. Visit The Blandy Wine Lodge in Funchal - Blandy is one of the island's oldest and most respected producers of fine Madeira.

Island Drive
FNC-290 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 53

You will visit: **8** | You will see: **1** | **E** | **3.5 hours** | from **$59.95**

This tour is designed for passengers who prefer to see some sights from the motorcoach with little walking involved. Explore the island and view the major sights on a narrated drive for passengers who prefer little or no walking on this half-day tour.

Special Interests

Scenic Drive, The Blandy Wine Lodge & Tasting
FNC-310 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 53

You will visit: **2** | You will see: **1** | **E** | **4 hours** | from **$69.95**

On this half-day tour, drive to one of Madeira's highest peaks for dramatic views. Then, enjoy tea and cake in Santo do Serra followed by wine-tasting at The Blandy Wine Lodge in Funchal.

Activities & Adventures

Camara de Lobos & Riberia Brava by 4X4
FNC-460 | Madeira (Funchal), Portugal | Group Size: 8

You will visit: **6** | **S** | **4 hours** | from **$79.95**

Explore the island interior by 4WD safari vehicle on this half-day tour. Discover the island's unique valleys and ecosystems along the way. A drink is included on this half-day excursion.