

Marvels of Madeira

Hotel-to-hotel   independent walking

- Stunning mix of independent coastal and levada walks; magnificent mountain scenery
- The Atlantic's floating garden; proteas, dragon trees, jacaranda
- High quality hotels; 2 out of 3 with heated swimming pools
- Excellent Madeira wine; plenty of tasting opportunities
- Fantastic wild flowers: frangipani, camellia, jacaranda and Bird of Paradise



Surging from the Atlantic Ocean, Madeira offers a temperate sub-tropical paradise perfect for year round walking. On this independent hotel-to-hotel holiday, the island's unique network of water channels, known as levadas, guide you from the sleepy wine village of Santana on the north coast to bustling Funchal in the south. Fringed with a rainbow of colorful flora, the levadas lead you inland to breezy Santo da Serra, a transfer then takes you to Camacha, renowned for its traditional wicker production, before heading towards the coast and Funchal.

One of Madeira's many charms is its infinite variety; each day's walking and every levada are different. Landscapes vary from cultivated vine terraces and verdant slopes dotted with white hamlets to coastal cliffs with balcony views over the azure seas. A nature lover's paradise, there are over 120 endemic species of flora and fauna including the Pride of Madeira, Bird of Paradise, jacaranda as well as tiny bisbis birds, chaffinches and hawks – the list is endless.

The places we stay in offer as many contrasts as the walks: in Santana our hotel is surrounded by vineyards (join in with the harvest if you're there in September!) and has its own wine cellar; in Santo da Serra, the hotel has belonged to the same family since the 1920s and has been used as a family home and tea house over the years and, in Funchal, the ★★★★★ Quinta da Bela Vista is one of the most exclusive hotels on the island.



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MARVELS OF MADEIRA | DAY BY DAY

Day 1 Arrive in Madeira

We meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel near Santana (30mins) where our rep will brief you on the week's walking.

Day 2 Circular Walk to São Jorge 10km/7mi/3.5hr or 13km/8mi/4hr

A panoramic coastal path leads you to the ancient cobbled route linking Santana to São Jorge. Agapanthus and cacti line the descent to the seaside 'resort' of Calhau. Then along the base of the cliffs, where big Atlantic rollers come sweeping in before climbing and enjoying balcony views. Balcony views along the coastline as you ascend to São Jorge, with the village's lighthouse glimmering above the azure waters. Mighty Pico Ruivo frames the horizon as you return to Santana.

Day 3 The Caldeirão Verde Levada 13km/9mi/5hr

A transfer takes you on the 10-minute ride up to the Parque das Queimadas – all the hard climbing is done for you! The walk follows the beautiful (and shady) Levada Caldeirão Verde (the Green Cauldron Levada) into the Vale da Lapa. The scenery is magnificent: the views of the sea, of hilltop villages, and of the lofty central peaks can be quite stunning. You head up the valley through a series of impressive levada tunnels to the magnificent waterfall at Caldeirão Verde. Then it's back down the Lapa Valley to Ilha for a drink in the local bar before taking the local bus back to Santana.

Day 4 Ribeiro Frio to Santo da Serra 13km/8mi/4hr

A scenic 30 min ride takes you to Ribeiro Frio. You join the Levada do Furado, a verdant paradise of laurel, heather and pine with waterfalls tumbling into the gushing river. Tiny firecrest and tame finches flit between the trees, which occasionally part to reveal stunning views of white hilltop hamlets. You descend to Santo da Serra's vibrant square with its lively market; wood smoke fills the air as meats grill al fresco - try the traditional espetada (delicious meat skewered on laurel twigs)!

Day 5 At Santo da Serra

A free day to explore nearby Machico, with its pleasant seafront promenade, 18C fort and bustling market, ablaze with local color. Dating back to the 14C it is the oldest town on the island, named after its founder Robert Machin. If you're feeling energetic, there's a lovely 10km/6mi walk (notes provided) along the Levada Nova with its sparkling waterfalls and rock pools.

Day 6 Camacha to Funchal 13km/8mi/4hr

It's a 15 min transfer to Camacha where you will have time to visit the wickerwork factory and shop before heading off on the broad, eucalyptus-fringed paths of the Levada da Serra. Lilies, rhododendrons and amaryllis burst with color whilst glimmering sea views open out as you approach Funchal. There's time to explore historic Monte with its botanical gardens and extravagant 18C church before descending by cable car (included) to bustling Funchal where you'll spend your final two nights. Here our ★★★★★ hotel offers fine dining, beautiful gardens, panoramic pool and tennis.

Day 7 In Funchal

Spend your last day exploring at leisure in Funchal, perhaps starting in the bustling market near the harbour. It's full of atmosphere and ablaze with color. Lunch on the harbour - saving room for afternoon cream tea at Reids! - then time to relax by the pool or in the beautiful exotic gardens of your hotel.

Day 8 Return home



Dates and Prices

Departs selected Thursdays	Tour Only
2012 departures	
May 31, Jun 7, 14, 21, 28	\$2,490
Apr 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24	\$2,511
Jul 5, 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16, 23	\$2,617
Feb 9, 16, 23, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	\$2,511
Apr 12, 19	\$2,511
Aug 30, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2,617
Oct 4, 11, 18	\$2,617
Oct 25, Nov 1	\$2,629
Apr 5	\$2,620

2013 departures	
May 30, Jun 6, 13, 20, 27	\$2,617
Apr 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23	\$2,651
Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21	\$2,651
Apr 4, 11, 18	\$2,651
Mar 28	\$2,659

Singles: Add \$64 per night for all departures, except Apr 5 2012 when \$83 per night and Mar 28 2013 when \$87 per night. Solo traveler supplement is an additional \$277.

Child: This holiday is unsuitable for children under 12.

Room upgrade: Prices from \$13 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

Holiday type: Independent walking, hotel-to-hotel, no minimum group size, however airport and luggage transfers are subject to at least 2 people (in total) booked on each departure.

Departs: Selected Thursdays from Feb 9 2012 to Jun 27 2013.

Duration: 8 days (7 nights).

Meals: Continental breakfast, 2 picnics and all evening meals.

Other details: For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

Tailor-made travel choices

Nearest Arrival Airport: Funchal Airport. Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request. **The above prices include our standard transfers:** Funchal Airport at 17:45 (Jul-Oct 2012 & Jun 2013), 10:10 (Apr-May 2013), 10:25 (Nov 2012-Mar 2013), (transfer to hotel, 30 mins, provided). **Return:** Funchal Airport by 09:45 (Jul-Oct 2012 & Jun 2013), 15:55 (Apr-May 2013), 16:20 (Nov 2012-Mar 2013).

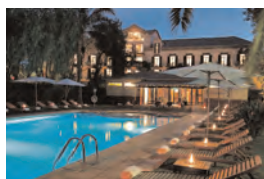
MARVELS OF MADEIRA | WHERE YOU STAY



Quinta do Furão
★★★★★
Santana
Days 1+2+3



Serra Golf
★★★★★
Santo da Serra
Days 4+5



Quinta da Bela Vista
★★★★★
Funchal
Days 6+7

For extra nights we recommend Santana, Santo da Serra and Funchal.

MARVELS OF MADEIRA | WALKING DETAILS



This holiday uses paths by the levadas which are, at times, narrow with drops to the side, so you need to be a confident, sure-footed walker. It is not a suitable choice for vertigo sufferers. There are ascents and descents every day which make this a slightly more demanding holiday than the distances suggest. A torch is required for the Caldeirão Verde walk (day 3).



Average daytime temperature (°C):

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FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV



Average monthly rainfall (mm):

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