

## Trekking tour "Madeira individual"

15 days discovering Madeira's beauty on your own



You get an unforgettable impression of the diversity of the landscape, the different character and also the everyday life on the island. Let yourself be enchanted by the beauty of the mountain range and discover the lush tropical vegetation - a unique experience for all the senses!

You climb the highest peaks and hike along spectacular levadas and get to know the subtropical island at your own pace and at your own pace: from the bizarre volcanic landscape in the east, through terraced fields and original places on the north side to the waterfalls in the green basin. Mysterious, evergreen laurel forests covered with moss and lichen. The turquoise blue ocean and barren rocky landscape offer new impressions every day.

Experience the highlights of Madeira. This hiking holiday takes you individually from place to place without luggage. You only need your daypack. We take you to the starting point of the hike in the morning and pick you up at the end of your hike to take you to your hotel, where your luggage is already waiting.



## Your trekking journey:

#### **1**<sup>st</sup> day Bem vindo auf Madeira

We pick you up at the airport, bring you to your booked hotel in Machico. Enjoy the Mediterranean ambience of the former capital of Madeira by simply sitting in one of the bars or in a sidewalk café and watching the hustle and bustle. Or how about a swim in the sea (on one of the few sandy beaches of Madeira)

**Hotel in Machico** 

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> day Ponta de São Lourenço

The easternmost part of the island of Madeira is a nature park with a fantastic panoramic view. Tuff and basalt shimmer in the sunlight and transform the bizarre rock formations. The reflections and lighting moods created by the sun's rays are a great photo opportunity. Rare plants accompany us on this unique hike.

 $\odot$  ca. 3 h  $\longleftrightarrow$  ca. 8 km  $\uparrow$  ca. 450 hm  $\downarrow$  ca. 450 hm

Afterwards you can walk from Canical over Pico do Facho to the hotel.

 $\odot$  ca. 2 h  $\leftrightarrow$  ca. 5 km  $\uparrow$  ca. 300 hm  $\downarrow$  ca. 290 hm

**Hotel in Machico** 

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#### 3<sup>rd</sup> day From Machico to Porto da Cruz

From Machico, walk along the levada to the Boca do Risco Pass. With spectacular views of the northeast coast, continue on the old wine transport route to Porto da Cruz. Mimosa and eucalyptus trees line the path.

 $\odot$  ca. 5 h  $\longleftrightarrow$  ca. 12 km  $\uparrow$  ca. 215 hm  $\downarrow$  ca. 425 hm

Hotel in Santo da Serra

B/D

## 4<sup>th</sup> day Portela Pass to Ribeiro Frio

You walk along the trout levada through lush vegetation and dense 'laurissilva' forest. Blueberry and Erika trees line your way. Make a worthwhile detour to the Viewpoint Balcões, from where you have a wonderful view of the mountains of Madeira.

 $\odot$  ca. 4 h  $\leftrightarrow$  ca. 10 km  $\uparrow$  ca. 260 hm  $\downarrow$  ca. 15 hm

Hotel in Santo da Serra

B/D



## 5<sup>th</sup> day Into the green cauldron Caldeirão Verde and Caldeirão do Inferno

Today you walk along one of the most beautiful Levadas in Madeira. Numerous canyons provide variety. Untouched nature and a spectacular waterfall await you.

② ca. 6 h

 $\leftrightarrow$  ca. 17 km

↑ ca. 500 hm

**↓ ca. 120 hm** 

**Hotel in Santana** 

B/D

## 6th day The King's tour from Ilha to Pico Ruivo (1862m)

The ridge path is one of Madeira's great mountain tours and offers great views of the north and south sides. It always goes steadily uphill to the Pico Ruivo. Then it goes down to Achada do Teixeira.

 $\leftrightarrow$  ca. 12 km

↑ ca. 1450 hm

↓ ca. 380 hm

**Hotel in Santana** 

B/D

## 7<sup>th</sup> day The Royal Tour from Pico Ruivo to Encumeada Pass

You start at Achada do Teixeira and walk over the peak of Pico Ruivo to the Torrinhas Pass. The ridge trail to the Encumeada pass is one of Madeira's large, almost alpine mountaineering tours, offering views of the north and south sides of the islands.

**Hotel Encumeada** 

B/D

## 8<sup>th</sup> day From the Boca da Encumeada to Fajã Escura

The pass hike on the old pilgrimage route at the foot of the Pico Grande leads from the Encumeada Pass into the Nuns valley. There you either pick up the bus or you climb up to Eira do Serrado directly to the hotel.

Hotel Eira do Serrado

B/D

## 9<sup>th</sup> day The chestnut path over the pass of lovers

Today you walk on the old chestnut way. This route used to be the main route to the Nonnen valley and leads from Curral das Freiras to Corticeiras. You stay on the south coast in Ponta do Sol.

Hotel in Ponta do Sol

B/D

## 10<sup>th</sup> day From Ribeira Brava to cabo Girão

The hike starts on the path of 1,700 steps to the Levada do Norte, which leads leisurely through an agricultural area to Cabo Girão, the highest cliff coast in Europe.

Hotel in Caniço de baixo

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# **11**<sup>th</sup> day Free Hotel in Caniço de baixo

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## 12<sup>th</sup> day Vereda do Fanal (Tour with Guide) or free

We drive to the plateau Paul da Serra. Our route takes us over the Pico da Fajã da Lenha with a changing view of the area of Rabaçal or the east side to Chão da Ribeira. In Fanal, over 500 year old stinkberry trees add to a magical fairytale forest. Continue to Porto Moniz. Treat yourself to a dip in the natural swimming pool.

#### Hotel in Caniço de baixo

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## 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> day Free

Here you could visit the capital Funchal with the market hall, downtown, drive to Monte, stroll through the city or make the hike Pico do Arieiro to Pico Ruivo.

#### Hotel in Caniço de baixo

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## 15<sup>th</sup> day Adeus – See you soon

Departure or extension. We take you to the airport and say thank you again that you were our guest. **B** 





#### Our services:

- 14 nights with breakfast
  - 2 times Hotel in Machico
  - 2 times Hotel in Santo da Serra
  - 2 times Hotel in Santana
  - 1 time Hotel Encumeada
  - 1 time Hotel Eira do Serrado
  - 1 time Hotel in Ponta do Sol
  - 5 times Hotel in Canico de Baixo
- 8 times dinner on the trekking tour
- 9 medium to challenging hiking days according to program
- Airport transfers on Madeira,
- luggage transfer between the accommodations
- transfer to the starting point of the hikes and back to the hotel
- Compass, hiking map
- flashligh

#### Our hotels

#### **Hotel Residencial Amparo** \*\*\*

Just 50 meters from one of Madeira's most beautiful sandy beaches yet centrally located in the historic center, Residencial Amparo offers a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy a refreshing drink on the terrace and watch the bustle of Machico. The hotel has a restaurant with highly recommended Madeiran cuisine, a terrace and a bar. Machico has many cafés, bars, restaurants and supermarkets.

#### Quinta Cova do Milho \*\*\*

This country house invites you to relax on a deckchair on the terrace after your hike. Surrounded by the mountains of Santo da Serra and a garden with exotic flowers, it is an oasis of well-being. From the terrace you can enjoy the breathtaking view of the mountains as well as the magnificent landscape with centuries-old trees, gardens and exotic plants.

#### Hotel O' Colmo \*\*\*\*

in Santana is the ideal starting point for mountain hikes to the highest peaks. It is named after the thatched Madeira cottage in the area (Casas de Colmo). In the nearby village center there are some shops and bars. A small gym, a heated indoor pool, a steam room and a whirlpool invite you to relax. O'Colmo's restaurant offers a wide variety of traditional dishes.



#### Estalagem Encumeada \*\*\*

Its location makes it an ideal place to stay. It is an excellent starting point for hikes in the area. Enjoy the buffet in the evening and the end of a beautiful hiking day with a glass of wine. The hotel is located in the heart of the island on the Encumeada Pass at 950m. The rustic rooms of the Estalagem Encumeada are equipped with telephone, TV, heating and balcony w view.

#### Estalagem Eira do Serrado \*\*\*\*

offers a magnificent view of the lush valleys. It is located in the center of the island overlooking Curral das Freiras. The hotel offers a sauna, a jacuzzi, a lounge with sofas, billiards and a fireplace. The à la carte restaurant offers regional and international dishes. The specialties are meat skewers from the grill.

#### Enotel Baia \*\*\*\*

in Ponta do Sol still retains the rhythm and charm of ancient times. For nature lovers, the mountains behind the village are the starting point for some of the most beautiful walks that Madeira can offer its visitors. Inside, you will welcome comfort and elegance as well as a heated indoor pool, exercise room and direct access to the beach.

#### Hotel Vila Ventura \*\*\*

is a nice, cozy German-speaking hotel and is located opposite our office and about 12 minutes from the bike station. The rooms have a kitchenette and each has a balcony or terrace. Access to the sea is at the Hotel Roca Mar opposite (for a fee) or at Reis Magos (about 10 minutes walk). A nice restaurant with very good kitchen is attached to the hotel.

#### Hotel Cais da Oliveira \*\*\*

is located on the seafront with private access to the sea, close to the restaurants and next to our office and about 12 minutes from the bike station. Guests can use the various pools, sauna, hot tub and fitness center at Hotel Royal Orchid.



#### **Packliste**

- ✓ Daily backpack (about 25 liters) for hiking, if possible with integrated rain cover
- ✓ possibly seat pad for hiking breaks
- ✓ Ankle-high hiking boots with a good tread sole
- ✓ Telescopic hiking poles as a walking aid
- ✓ Practical hiking clothing (T-shirts, trekking pants hiking socks)
- ✓ Rain jacket or water and windproof jacket
- ✓ Fleece jacket or warmer jacket for the summit tour
- ✓ additional functional clothing (sweater, hat, gloves for the summit tour)
- ✓ 2-3 pairs of trekking socks
- ✓ Sunscreen: headgear, which also protects the neck and sunscreen (high SPF)
- ✓ Swimwear
- ✓ Pocket knife
- ✓ sunglasses with good UV A / B protection (cheap, good glasses are available in our office)
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Flashlight for the tunnels(you get it from us)
- ✓ Personal hygiene items (wet wipes)
- ✓ Comfortable shoes or sandals
- ✓ E-ticket and necessary documents
- ✓ Copies of all important documents (or deposit as e-mail)
- ✓ Valid identity card or passport and vaccination certificate