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Gastronomic Walking Tour of Funchal, discovering the best food & wine





Half Day (Duration: 3hrs approx.)



Price from: 85.00 euros

Welcome to Funchal! where we believe that gastronomy and wines are an integral part of the Madeiran culture. Our Food & Wine Walking Tour offers you the opportunity to taste the flavours of Funchal from a local perspective, immersing you in the spirit of Madeira!

Highlights

- Experience Funchal like a local with your food and wine
- Indulge in the rich and diverse flavours and savour 11 Delectable Food Tastings.
- Taste the local wines and Poncha, Madeira's Traditional Drink
- Gastronomic adventure of 9 Unique Stops!

General Overview

Country: Portugal

Region: Madeira Islands

City: Funchal

Duration: Half Day (Duration: 3hrs approx.)

Type: Small Group Half Day Tours

Theme: Food & Wine Tours **Group Size**: 1 - 10 People

Price from: 85 €

Introduction

Funchal's Flavours: A Walking Food and Wine Adventure

Begin your food and wine experience through the heart of Funchal and discover authentic flavours on a tour with 9 memorable stops. In total, you will indulge in 11 food tastings and try 6 different drinks. At each stop, you will experience a different aspect of Funchal´s rich culinary heritage.

Get to Know the Food and Wine Scene in Funchal

Taste the island's well-known Madeira wine at the first stop, where the tradition of fortified wine comes to life, proving that in Madeira, it's always a good time for a sip! The second stop, a charming restaurant, invites you to enjoy Madeira table wine paired with crostinis and locally sourced products. Discover the irresistible chocolate combined with traditional flavours at the third stop, a Madeiran chocolate factory. The fourth stop takes you to a popular Madeira cookies and sweets factory that all locals enjoy especially during Christmas time! At the Farmer's Market, on the fifth stop, immerse yourself in a vibrant world of exotic fruits and experience the lively fish market, offering a glimpse into the island's abundant produce.

As your journey continues the sixth stop invites you to savour home-cooked dishes with the

flavours of traditional Madeiran cuisine, offering an overview of the culinary traditions of the island. The seventh stop introduces you to a typical old Madeiran grocery store, where you can find a wide variety of spices, beans, and potatoes. Here is where you will taste the famous Poncha, renowned as the "medicine" of Madeira, believed to cure anything from a cold to a broken heart. The eighth stop is a common local bar where you will eat black scabbard fillet sandwiches or fresh tuna, a treat available anytime during the day. After a morning filled with delicious tastings, you will then finish the food and wine experience at the ninth stop, a charming tea house in the Old Town, providing the perfect ending to your day of food and wine exploration.

Join us for a true Madeiran experience, where each bite and sip reveals the story of this unique island. This tour promises an authentic immersion into the culinary treasures of Madeira, where the city itself becomes a living museum, and the flavors are the art to be savoured.

If you are looking for a **small group multi-day food & nature tour** of Madeira join our <u>True Flavours & Natural Beauty of Madeira Islands</u>

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1: FUNCHAL

- **10:00AM:** Meet your English Speaking Guide at the entrance of the H&M Store in Infante's Roundabout. (**NOTE:** Attendance 15 minutes earlier is required.)
- 1st stop will be a Madeira Wine Producer. Madeira Island is best known for its fortified wine for over 500 years, so we had to taste some Madeira wine on this tour!
- After tasting some wine head to the 2nd stop. A charming restaurant where everyone can try
 a beloved Madeira dish, Carne de vinha d´alhos. This traditional Christmas specialty features
 tender pork marinated with garlic and wine, bringing a taste of home to every bite. To
 accompany this savory treat, we´ll enjoy "Coral," a locally brewed, pale golden lager adored
 by locals.
- Make your way to the 3rd stop. Visit a Madeiran chocolate factory that combines irresistible chocolate with typical flavours.
- 4th stop will be a well-known Madeira cookies and sweets factory.
- After indulging in a variety of mouth-watering sweets, we'll head to our 5th stop: a cozy restaurant where we'll sample Madeira table wine paired with crostinis topped with local ingredients and flavors.
- The 6th stop takes us to a traditional Madeiran grocery store, where we'll browse local staples like spices, beans, and potatoes. Here, we'll also get to try Poncha, a beloved local drink with many flavor variations. The classic recipe combines sugar cane rum, lemon, and sugar, creating a potent mix that Madeirans swear by for curing everything from colds and fevers to broken hearts. As they say, "In Madeira, Poncha is the medicine!"
- Our 7th stop is the renowned Farmer's Market, a landmark inaugurated in 1940. Here, you'll
 find an impressive array of flowers and an abundance of exotic seasonal fruits unique to
 Madeira, some of which you may have never encountered before. Take a moment to enjoy
 the vibrant colors and captivating scents. The market also houses a lively fish section, where
 you'll have the chance to see up close the fresh catches that you'll soon taste, or may have
 already savored.
- Our 8th stop is a delightful surprise nestled right within the market. Here, you can smell, touch, and taste an array of fresh, seasonal fruits that showcase the local flavors each one a delicious challenge for your taste buds to discover!

• **01:00PM:** Our final stop takes us to Funchal´s charming old town, where you´ll savor a beloved local favorite: garlic-marinated tuna, served with crispy fried cornmeal and Madeira´s famous flatbread topped with garlic and parsley butter. To complete this tasting, you´ll also enjoy a refreshing local soda, a perfect pairing that won´t disappoint!

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END OF FOOD AND WINE TOUR

Included

- English-speaking Food and Wine Expert Guide.
- Visit of Funchal & Interpretation of the Local Farmer's Market.
- (L): Lunch consisting of 11 Tapas (Petiscos) with 6 Drinks at 9 stops.
- · Local taxes.

Excluded

- Transportation not specified in the itinerary.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Guided Tours not specified in the itinerary.
- Any other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Gratuities to Drivers & Guides (Not mandatory but given if you have enjoyed the service).

Pick up

• Infante Roundabout (right next to H&M Store entrance) - The tour starts at 10.00. Attendance 15 minutes earlier is required.

Drop off

On the 9th stop, at a tea house in the Old Town.

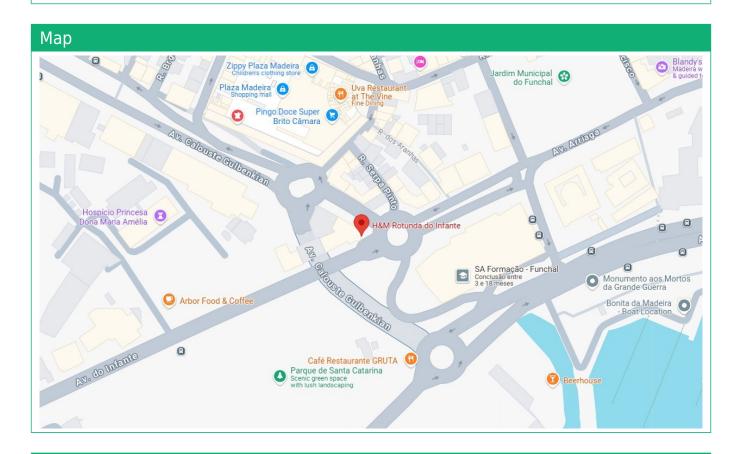
Cancellation policy

Up to 72 hrs before: Fully Refundable
Under 72 hrs: 100% Non-Refundable

Add-ons

Tours

Join the Gourmet Table: A 7-Day Culinary Journey on Madeira Island



Reviews

★ ★ ★ ★ Sean & Angie (10 April 2024)

Early this year we took the Food & Wine Walking Tour in Funchal. It was excellent! Roberto our guide was full of local knowledge and of course the food & wine! As a foodie, this tour was the perfect introduction to the gastronomy of Madeira. I highly recommend you do this tour when you arrive. Obrigado and we will be back very soon for more!