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



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3 User Reviews
7 Days / 6 Nights
Funchal
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Price from:
3875.00 euros

Why are the Madeira Islands Europe's best destination? Join our small-group multi-day gourmet food & wine tour and savour the island's gourmet flavours!

Highlights

- Our experts have hand-picked **Sustainable slow food experiences**
- Spend **time with Local Chefs** to learn about Madeiran Cuisine
- Jeep 4x4 Nature & Madeiran Wine Country
- **Madeira Rum tasting**, the king of spirits for centuries on the island
- Levada Aqueducts along the **magical woodland trails**

General Overview

Country: Portugal

Region: Madeira Islands

City: Funchal

Duration: 7 Days / 6 Nights

Type: Private Group Tour

Theme: Culinary Tours and Cooking Holidays

Group Size: 10-18 People max.

Price from: 3875 €

Introduction

Madeira Gourmet Food & Wine Tour: Why Europe's Best Island Awaits You!

Madeira Islands is a truly **magical destination** that captivates every visitor. From the moment you arrive on these subtropical Atlantic islands, you will be mesmerised by their stunning landscapes, vibrant culture, and **rich culinary traditions**.

No matter how many days you stay, Madeira always leaves you wanting more. On our **small-group, multi-day gourmet food and wine tour**, you will savour local flavours, taste **world-renowned Madeira wines**, and discover authentic Portuguese cuisine while exploring the island's hidden gems.

Madeira has captured our hearts and palates. Join us and experience why this Portuguese paradise is considered one of **Europe's finest island destinations**!



During our 7-day journey, our experts have **hand-picked experiences** to best represent Madeira. Starting in [**Funchal**](#), the capital of the Island, a small cosmopolitan city that faces the Atlantic and is in close contact with nature, having levada trails, tropical gardens, etc., all within reach from the city centre. It is named after a sweet-smelling wild herb, traditionally known as **fennel** (*Foeniculum Vulgare*), which was abundant here when the settlement was created. Later, several excellent regional products, such as **sugar or wine**, became the main source of income, turning Funchal into an important trading port in the middle of the Atlantic.



Our welcome to the island will be on a **rooftop terrace bar overlooking the city** of Funchal, just before sunset. How does that sound? Of course, we will toast the start of our gastronomic journey with a glass of Madeira wine, which this island is famed for in the wine world. Since we are staying in the town centre, everything is within walking distance to explore the charm of the old town streets and get acquainted with many cafes, bars, restaurants, etc. The seaside promenade for a late evening or early morning walk is always so relaxing. Get the best views of the city by taking the **cable car** to the top of Monte, then slide down the streets in a **handmade Sledge** from wicker and wood by specialised craftsmen and carpenters. They are pushed by two drivers, called 'carreiros', who are dressed in typical white garments and wear straw hats. With recognised skill, they use their boots with thick rubber soles as brakes to control the sledge during the journey.

The best way to describe our journey is through all the different experiences. Keep reading to find out why this is among the best small group tours in Portugal...



Gastronomy, wines & spirits of Madeira

The gastronomy, spirits and wines of Madeira are deeply rooted in the culture; for a small archipelago, it has a bit of everything! The fruits and vegetables are abundant, largely due to the extraordinary fertility of the island's soil, combined with the subtropical climate. The fish caught off the coasts, like the deep-sea fish the **Espada (Black scabbardfish)** or the **Atum (Tuna)**, are two very popular fish used in many Madeiran recipes, a favourite being **black scabbardfish filet with banana**. A locally sourced seafood delicacy to mention is the **Lapas (Limpets)**, sauteed in garlic and butter, then with drips of lemon juice on top, are to die for! You can't taste them without the **Bolo do Caco (flat bread)**, also with butter and garlic, a pair made in heaven. The **Espetada**, meat over the barbecue on laurel branch stick-skewers to get that flavour of laurel (bay leaf) in the **perfectly grilled meat**.



Spend time with local Chefs, the best way to learn about Madeiran Cuisine

There is no better way to learn about local gastronomy than **spending time with a local chef**, so on our journey, Chef Filipe will take us on a visit to the **Farmers' Market (Mercado dos Lavradores)** in Funchal. Then Chef Filipe and his family open the doors to their Madeiran estate, inviting us for an **exclusive gastronomic experience**.



Sustainable slow food experiences will be a big focus on this trip, as we want you to learn all about the **slow-cooked Madeiran cuisine** made by the locals. The best person to tell us about the traditional recipes is **Sandra**, a passionate hostess who keeps alive home-cooked recipes from all over the island. Sandra will show us a few of these **traditional Madeiran home recipes**.



Unique beverages from the Madeira Islands

There is a long list of **unique beverages from the Madeira islands**, and Madeira winery tours are the best way to discover them: that's why **on this trip, we will try to taste them all!** The **fortified Madeira wines** attract wine connoisseurs from all over the world. Madeira's finest wines have been aged using the traditional Canteiro method, stored in over 650 barrels and vats in the cellar at **Blandy's Wine Lodge**, a very successful family wine business, making Madeira wine for 211 years and 7 generations. We will have a Premium visit & wine tasting in Madeira with our local expert guide. Not only are fortified wines made on Madeira, but for generations, families have been making table wines for family consumption, as they play an important role on the table of **Madeiran cuisine**. As of 2008, the wine region of **Madeirense DOP** started commercialising small-batch table wines of Madeira. A wide range of grape varieties are permitted in the region, the most popular being the **white grape Verdelho**, making an excellent 100% mono-varietal wine. We will taste these young wines in various settings, at Quinta das Vinhas, a 17th-century property surrounded by organic vineyards looking towards the Atlantic Ocean, on the north coast of Madeira, in **Seixa**, where we admire the views of the **vines hanging on the mountain cliff terraces** from the garden of **Terras do Avo**, with a glass of sparkling wine in our hand. It sounds like a dream, but it will come true on our small group tour to Madeira!



Grapes are not the only fruit beverages made from on Madeira Island; apple cider is very popular on the island. The cider region **Sidra da Madeira PGI** was established quite recently, but the history of cider-making on the island goes back 600 years. Among the first fruit trees introduced on the island by Portuguese settlers were some varieties of **apples and pears**, which found good conditions on the island. It's believed that cider production on Madeira Island began as soon as the orchards began to produce enough amounts of fruit, and other historical records mentioned that it was possible to find cider, then called "**Vinho de Peros**" (**apple wine**), among the supplies that, since the **mid-15th century**, Portuguese navigators came to get from Madeira Island. In the village of Camacha, where they have the cider festival every year, we will get a chance to **visit a cider cellar with tasting** followed by a light traditional lunch. This will be our last meal together, so we want it to be special and **full of local, true flavours!**



The sugar cane juice has been **the king of spirits** for centuries on the island. **Madeira Rum** or "Madeira brandy", as it is commonly called, is one of the most appreciated traditional products of this **Atlantic archipelago**. Its award-winning quality is the result of a centuries-long process of refinement. During the 20th century, the shutdown of some very important industrial units led to a decline in production. However, with the turn of the century, there was a substantial increase in demand for this unique product. As a result, Madeira's historic rum has become increasingly renowned and sought after all over the world. There is an important beverage made with the spirit of "Aguardente de Cana" rum called **Poncha**, created by the fishermen of Camara de Lobos who looked for something to keep them warm on cold nights. The main ingredients are sugar cane brandy, lemon juice and sugar. We will have a few opportunities to try this special beverage at various locations. In fact, we will make it during our hands-on cooking class, and we will see how the Madeiran rum is made at a distillery with a **special rum tasting!** Other typical beverages on our Madeira wine tasting tour are the famous **Nikita**, Banana Liqueur and even a **Banana Coral Beer!**



Views of the Gods & incomparable nature to immerse yourself in!

Venture up the mountainous roads to the third-highest peak of the island, **Pico do Areeiro**, standing at 1,818 metres / 5,965 feet above the clouds, offering spectacular views. The island boasts numerous viewpoints such as **Miradouro da Eira da Achada**, cliffs of the northern coast, **Cabo Girao Skywalk Viewpoint**, the highest promontory in Europe and the **Balcões Viewpoint** over the Ribeira da Metade valley.



Ancient Forest to get lost in & levadas to guide your way!

Up in the mountains, we stop to explore the natural **Fanal Forest**, with trees that date back to a time before the discovery of the archipelago. They are part of the indigenous Laurissilva forest, which expresses itself here in an impressive state of conservation, given its vitality. The Levada Aqueducts that follow along the **woodland trails** guide us through the magical forests with **breathtaking views at every corner**.



A founder-led journey created with care

Our **True Flavour Journeys** are a collection of special small-group food and wine tours in Portugal and Spain that [**the Eat & Walkabout team**](#) personally lead. After 25+ years of designing boutique food, wine, and walking tours in **Spain & Portugal**, we have decided to create a collection of tours visiting destinations that have stolen our **hearts and palates**. The Madeira Islands will be the first of many food and wine tours in Portugal!

At the end of our [**E&W True Flavour Journey**](#), you will see how Madeira Islands will call you back for more, proving it is **Europe's Best Island Destination!**

Day by day itinerary

DAY 1:

FUNCHAL AIRPORT - FUNCHAL

- Upon arrival at Funchal airport, you will be greeted by a private driver.
- Private transfer to our city centre hotel in Funchal.
- Independent *check-in when you arrive at the hotel (***NOTE:** Check-in can be any time after 03:00PM, if you arrive earlier, you can leave luggage with the hotel reception and check in later on).
- Time on your own until our evening meeting...
- **Welcome to Madeira Drink with views of Funchal.**
- **05:30PM:** Group meeting on the rooftop terrace bar of the hotel.
- We will have a welcome toast of **Madeira Wine** and chat about our **E&W True Flavour Journey of Madeira**.
- Now it's time for our first of many meals together...
- **Special Welcome to Madeira Gourmet Dinner**
- We will enjoy a special gourmet Madeiran cuisine tasting menu, a great way to get our taste buds acquainted with the gastronomy of Madeira.
- Overnight in Funchal.

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DAY 2:

FUNCHAL - CAMARA DE LOBOS - FUNCHAL

- Breakfast
- **Funchal Farmers' Market (Mercado dos Lavradores) visit by Chef Filipe and**

Madeiran Gastro Masterclass

- **In the morning, we all meet in the hotel lobby.**
- Transfer to the Farmers` Market (Mercado dos Lavradores) of Funchal.
- Introduction to **Chef Filipe**, who will take us on **a chef's tour of the market** to show the local meats, fish, seafood, fruits, veggies, and more.
- Then Chef Filipe and his family open the doors to their Madeiran estate, inviting us for an **exclusive gastronomic experience**.
- We will enjoy a masterclass cooking class of Madeiran Cuisine with some parts hands-on and demo. Learn to make poncha on the fabulous garden terrace, bake the bolo do caco (flat bread), make the Atum em Filete de Escabeche (Marinated Tuna Fillet), Espetada (meat on a skewer) on the barbecue, dessert with fruits from his garden, and more!
- Lunch will be based on what we have prepared with Chef Filipe, accompanied by wines of Madeira.
- Transfer back to the hotel.
- You will have the afternoon to relax in the rooftop pool, the spa, or take a walk around the streets of Funchal and the promenade of the beautiful seaside city.
- **Camara de Lobos Fishing Village Evening Sunset Stroll and Dinner**
- In the evening, meet up in the lobby for a transfer to Camara de Lobos.
- We will walk along one of the most iconic fishing ports of Madeira with loads of history, in fact, here is where **Winston Churchill**, in January 1950, sitting at the **Espírito Santo Viewpoint**, facing the sea, set up his easel and painted a picture that he would never forget.
- From the lookout point, we will get some spectacular views of the cliffs along the coast and the Atlantic Ocean, quite a place to catch a sunset.
- In this village, a unique drink was invented in 1985 by a man named Marcelino, who immigrated to Brazil, where he found inspiration to create this **wonderful tropical drink**. According to the story, the origin of the name of this drink, "**Nikita**", comes from a song created by Elton John in 1985, a song that Marcelino loved, and this inspired the name of this drink, as the song. Another popular drink comes from Camara de Lobos, the **famous "Poncha**", created by the fishermen who looked for something to keep them warm on cold nights. The only ingredients are sugar cane brandy, lemon juice and sugar.
- Dinner at a local restaurant offering fresh fish and seafood on the grill, for which this village is famous.
- Transfer back to our hotel in Funchal.
- Overnight in Funchal.

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DAY 3:

FUNCHAL - PICO AREEIRO - RIBEIRO FRIO - SANTANA - PORTO DA CRUZ - FUNCHAL

- Breakfast
- **Pico do Areeiro Viewpoint Over the Clouds and Ribeiro Frio Levada Nature Walk**
- We meet our local guide in the hotel lobby this morning.
- By minibus we will make our way up the picturesque mountainous roads to Pico do Areeiro.
- The viewpoint of Pico do Areeiro at 1,818 metres / 5,965 feet is the **third highest peak in Madeira**, offering amazing views over the clouds and in the distance, you can see (on a clear day) the highest peak, Pico Ruivo at 1,862 metres /6,109 feet.
- Now we will take a short drive along yet another picturesque road until reaching **Ribeiro Frio**.

- In Ribeiro Frio, we will take a 3km / 1.86mi walk, the **Vereda dos Balcões Levada trail**, which is a beautiful woodland path ending at a **panoramic vantage point** over the mountain ranges.
- We continue through the local roads to Santana.
- **Traditional Madeiran Recipe Show Cooking Demo by Sandra in Santana**
- Introduction to **Sandra**, known as **A Biqueira**, a passionate hostess who keeps alive home-cooked recipes from all over the island. Sandra will show us a few of these **traditional Madeiran home recipes**, all made in a setting that is like going back in time! In the Village theme park, they have **historic** triangular **Santana homes** and one which has a **Madeiran kitchen** with an open **wood-burning fire to slow cook with love!** Sandra will explain the recipes to us while cooking, and then we sit and enjoy a true traditional home-cooked Madeiran lunch!
- Transfer along the coastal roads to Porto da Cruz.
- Porto da Cruz Rum Distillery Visit & Tasting
- In Porto da Cruz, we make a stop to visit the sugar cane mill and learn how the rum is made, and of course, a tasting of rum and poncha.
- Return by highway back to Funchal.
- Arrival back at our hotel.
- Evening and dinner on your own. There are many options for dining near our hotel.
- Overnight in Funchal.

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DAY 4:

FUNCHAL

- Breakfast
- **Premium Funchal Experience: Cable Car & Toboggan Ride + Gardens Visit + City Food Walking Tour & Madeira Wine Tasting**
- We met our local guide in the hotel lobby this morning.
- Transfer to the cable car in Funchal.
- **Cable car ride** up to Monte, where we will visit the gardens and church.
- Then down the streets on the **traditional toboggans**, quite a unique experience and **must-do in Funchal!**
- Our guide will then take us on a **food tour of Funchal for lunch**, starting with a tropical fruit-tasting in the local market, walking through the streets of the old town, stopping at Fábrica Santo António (a biscuit and honey cake factory), Mercearia Bento, and **Blandy Madeira wine lodge cellars**. During our food tour, we will taste traditional snacks from Madeira, a regional coral beer, juice or water, a wine and garlic marinated pork sandwich, a scabbard fish sandwich, or an omelette sandwich with bolo do caco (flatbread). Fruit-tasting, tropical fruit of the season, Honey cake and traditional biscuits, Poncha tasting. Madeira wine tasting (2 glasses of different varieties of Madeira wine) at Blandy's Wine Lodge.
- Ending our **tasty tour** back at our hotel.
- Afternoon on your own to explore the city.
- In the evening, enjoy a special gastronomic and religious local festival... (**NOTE:** November departure includes Festa do Sao Martinho (Saint Martin's Festival) to try the young wines and Grilled Cod. February/March departure includes the Carnival festival a colourful time of year in Funchal. April departure includes the Rum Festival in Funchal to taste the excellent Madeiran Rums.)
- **A Special Night of Tasting New Young Wines & Grilled Cod Fish: Festa do Sao**

Martinho (Festival of Saint Martin)

- We meet in the lobby of the hotel.
- Transfer by minibus to the **Church of San Martinho**, where the festival is held.
- There are stands all around the church with different food, drinks, etc.
- As well, there is a special side door of the church where they have their **Adega (Cellar)**, where you can try the new young wines of the year.
- Depending on the time of the procession of the statue of Saint Martin, we will either watch it before or after our dinner.
- For dinner, the fun part of a festival like this is to taste at the stalls, so we have left open dinner for you to order directly and choose what you would like to eat. On this special day of San Martinho, they pair the cod with the young wines of the new year, and roasted chestnuts too!
- Transfer back to the hotel.
- Overnight in Funchal.

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DAY 5:

FUNCHAL - PONTA DO SOL - MADALENA DO MAR - FANAL - RIBEIRA DA JANELA - PORTO MONIZ

- Breakfast
- Check-out of the hotel-
- Walk the Banana Route & Visit the BAM Museum with Banana Tasting
- Departure from the hotel in our minibus
- Journey along the coast to Ponta do Sol, stop to visit the BAM Museum with a **tasting of banana**, banana liqueur and banana Coral Beer!
- Then we stop in Madalena do Mar to walk the Banana route and see the views of the banana plantations.
- Lunch at Quinta das Vinhas: An Organic Vineyard in a 17th-century property with Amazing Coastal Views
- Nearby, we will have lunch at Quinta das Vinhas, surrounded by vines and facing the sea.
- The vineyard was planted as an experimental vineyard by the Madeira Wine Institute in the 70's. It has over 70 different grape varieties and is a true living library. In May 2023, in partnership with Justino's Winehouse, they launched the **first organic table wine from Madeira**, Fanal, taking the name of the forest we will visit in the afternoon. A very small production (Less than 2000 bottles) made of **100 % Verdelho grapes**, which will be served at our lunch, what a treat!
- In the afternoon, we travel up into the mountains...
- The Magical Fanal Forest Visit & Dramatic Coastal Viewpoint in Ribeira de Janela
- With our guide, we will walk around the magical ancient Laurisilva forest, you will have some great photo opportunities.
- A spot that is popular on a foggy day, but really, beautiful in any weather conditions!
- Continue to Ribeira de Janel, a lookout for a dramatic coastal view from the Miradouro da Eira da Achada.
- Arriving in **Porto Moniz**, we check into our hotel for the next couple of days to explore the **North of Madeira Island**.
- Free time to relax.
- Our dinner tonight will be at the restaurant of the hotel (**NOTE**: We will have a menu to select from)

- Overnight in Porto Moniz.

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DAY 6:

PORTO MONIZ - SAO VICENTE - SEIXAL - PORTO MONIZ

- Breakfast
- Jeep 4x4 Nature & Madeirense DOP Wine Country Tour, including a Special Garden Terrace lunch with a Family Winemaker in Seixal
- We will be picked up at our hotel by our local Jeep 4X4 guides.
- Starting off with a Jeep 4x4 tour in nature to see the north coast: São Vicente, Boaventura, Arco de São Jorge, off-road to Boca das Voltas viewpoint, and back to São Vicente.
- Stop for a **vineyard walk and wine tasting** of the 6 wines at **Quinta do Barbusano** with views of the vineyard valley.
- The next stop will be in Seixal at **Terras do Avo** to meet Sofia, coming from a family of winemakers making very selective wines, even some sparkling.
- Here we will taste two of her table wines, and one sparkling wine, with our lunch on the garden terrace with a **jaw-dropping view of the sea & cliffs!**
- After our lunch, we will go down to Seixal's black volcanic sand beach, and see how the vines are grown on the terraces of the cliffs hanging over the sea, **a unique wine country destination!** You will even have a chance to dip your toes in the water and take a walk along the black sand beach.
- Return to Porto Moniz and drop off at our hotel.
- Free time until dinner. It is time for the natural swimming pools, etc.
- Our dinner tonight will be at the restaurant of the hotel (**NOTE:** We will have a menu to select from)
- Overnight in Porto Moniz.

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DAY 7:

PORTO MONIZ - CABO GIRAO - CAMACHA - FUNCHAL AIRPORT - FUNCHAL

- Breakfast
- Check out of the hotel.
- Goodbye Madeira Islands, Views from Cabo Girao Skywalk Viewpoint, the Highest Promontory in Europe
- We will be picked up at our hotel
- Transfer by highway through the mountainous tunnels, stopping at Cabo Girão Viewpoint.
- The Cabo Girão viewpoint, with its famous suspended glass platform, called skywalk, is currently one of the most visited (and certainly most photographed) tourist attractions of the archipelago. The viewpoint offers a unique perspective over the cities of Câmara de Lobos and Funchal: an urban scenery framed by a natural amphitheatre facing south.
- This will be the last viewpoint of our journey on Madeira so you could call it a goodbye (or see you soon) view!

- **Camacha a Land of Apples: Cider Cellar Visit & Tasting with a Goodbye to Madeira Lunch**
- Visit a local Cider Cellar in Camacha to learn about the Madeira cider history and cider tasting, followed by a light traditional lunch. This will be our last meal together, so we want it to be special and **full of local true flavours!**
- After lunch, transfer to Funchal airport for drop off at around **03:00PM approx.**, then the second drop off in the city centre of Funchal at **03:30PM approx.** (*NOTE: If you would like to book accommodation before or after the tour, [please contact us for a quote](#). We can also offer [a tailor-made trip](#) if you plan to **extend your stay on the Madeira Islands**, for example, even visiting the **neighbouring island of Porto Santo**. If you would like to continue your holiday on the mainland of Portugal, let us know!)
- **Final Goodbye** from your E&W Group Leaders (Sean & Angie).

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END OF E&W TRUE FLAVOUR JOURNEY ON MADEIRA ISLAND

Included

- **6 Nights accommodations** in Deluxe Double or Single Occupancy based on **4* Boutique Hotels** as specified in the **Lodging** section.
- 6 (B): **Breakfasts** daily except on the day of arrival.
- **6 (L): Lunches** and **4 (D): Dinners** were specified per itinerary with set menus **(3 courses or more! with beverages)** based on a mix of traditional cuisine, relaxed casual light petiscos, and innovative cuisine by expert chefs. Many of our meals will be in special locations we have selected like wineries/vineyards, terraced gardens, traditional historic buildings, restaurants with panoramic sea views, stylish hotel dining rooms, etc. We even spend time with chefs during our cooking class, and demos, savoring what has been prepared, up close and personal with our local chefs! You will come away tasting a variety of local Madeiran cuisine! Wine and other beverages will be included at all meals, selected to be paired with each meal.
- **1** Welcome Drink of Madeira Wine on the Rooftop Terrace at our hotel on the evening of your arrival to Madeira.
- All Transportation and transfers as specified per itinerary in fully equipped vehicles as specified in the **Transportation** section.
- 2 English-speaking ***E&W Founder Group Leaders** with over **25+ years of expertise** in the **Food & Wine touring of Northern Spain & Portugal** (*NOTE: Our founder Sean O'Rourke & wife Angie O'Rourke will lead this special journey.)
- English-speaking ***Expert Local Guides** in Madeira with vast knowledge of local gastronomy, nature, culture, history, and more! (*NOTE: On days 3, 4, 5, and 6.)
- All entrances when with local guides are included in the cost.
- **1** Farmer's Market visit with an Expert Local Chef in Funchal to see all the fresh fish, seafood, fruits, veggies, etc...
- **2 Cooking Classes/Demos:** In Funchal, a **hands-on Masterclass** with 3 courses of traditional Madeiran cuisine, you will even learn how to make Poncha! In Santana, you will have a **cooking demo of traditional home-made recipes slow-cooked** over an open wood fire in a historic Madeiran Kitchen of a stone house.
- **1 E&W Gift Arpon** with a PDF of recipes prepared.
- **3 Nature Trails & Forest Walks**, we have selected 1 Levada mountain trail walk (Vereda

dos Balcões) with an amazing viewpoint at the end, it is about 3km/1.86mi. The other route (Rota da Banana) is through the banana plantations, a short but fun walk of about 1.2km/0.75mi. In the Fanal forest, we will walk amongst the ancient trees. This will be a very relaxed walk with stops for photos, not a trail walk. All walks are considered easy and flat. During our visits to vineyards, farms, viewpoints, old towns, etc., we will have some walking involved to burn off some calories after all the food touring!

- **1 E&W Gift Bag** for carrying your things on our walks, etc...
- **1 Jeep 4x4 Tour in Nature** to see the north coast of Madeira Island.
- **1 Food Walking Tour** in Funchal, tasting fruits at the market and other delicious treats with an expert local food guide.
- **Various viewpoints** to admire the spectacular views of Madeira Island. We will go up (by bus) to the 3rd highest peak in Madeira, Pico do Areeiro, standing at 1818 metres/ 5,965 feet, and other popular vantage points like the Cabo Girao Skywalk Viewpoint.
- **1 Cable Car & Toboggan** ride in Funchal.
- **4 Wine Tasting & Visits in unique settings**, we will visit 3 wine producers making the table wines in the **Madeirense DOP**, walking through an **Organic Vineyard**, and tasting various red and white wine grape varieties, with the most popular being the Verdelho white grapes. In Funchal, a Premium Madeira Wine Tasting at Blandy's Wine Lodge.
- 1 Nikkita or Poncha Tasting in Camara de Lobo, where these **Madeiran drinks** were born!
- **1 Sugar Cane Rum Distillery Visit & Tasting** in Porto da Cruz.
- **1 Cider Cellar Visit & Tasting** in Camacha.
- **1 Banana Museum/Farm Visit with Tasting** of Banana fruit, Banana Beer, and Banana Liqueur in Ponta do Sol.
- **1 Local Festival**, November departure includes Festa do Sao Martinho (Saint Martin's Festival) to try the young wines and Grilled Cod. February/March departure includes the Carnival festival, a colourful time of year in Funchal. April departure includes the Rum Festival in Funchal to taste the excellent Madeiran Rums.
- **1 Tropical Garden** visit in Funchal.
- Local Taxes

Excluded

- Flights are not included.
- Transportation not specified.
- Meals not specified.
- Porterage.
- Any entrance fees when not with a guide or tour leader.
- Tips & Gratuities to the Tour Leader, driver, and local guides (Not mandatory, but given if you enjoy the services)
- Trip Cancellation and Medical *Insurance (***NOTE:** It is mandatory to send your insurance policy at the time of final payment. We can not accept anyone on the tour who does not have a valid cancellation and medical insurance policy for the duration of the trip.)
- Any other items not specified in what's included.
- *Pre-tour and post-tour accommodations and expenses. (***NOTE:** If you would like to book accommodation before or after the tour, **please contact us for a quote**. We can also offer **a tailor-made trip** if you plan to extend your stay on the Madeira Islands, for example, even visiting the neighbouring island of Porto Santo. If you would like to continue your holiday on the mainland of Portugal, let us know!)

Pick up

- Funchal Airport (Madeira Cristiano Ronaldo Airport)

Drop off

- Funchal Airport (Madeira Cristiano Ronaldo Airport)
- Funchal city centre

Cancellation policy

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION CONDITIONS.

Payment Schedule:

- At the time of booking, a **30% Deposit** is required.
- **90 days** before departure, the **Final Balance** is due.
- If you book within 90 days of your tour date, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

Tour Type: Multi-Day Small Group Tour

- All cancellations must be made in writing, hand-signed by the person who made the payment, and sent by email.
- The date of Cancellation will be based on the day E&W receives in writing from you.
- The following % of the total cost penalty will be applied from the date the cancellation notice is received:
 - **+90 days** before departure date: **30% of the total cost per person is non-refundable.**
 - **90 to 61 days** before departure date: **50% of the total cost per person is non-refundable.**
 - **60 to 31 days** before departure date: **75% of the total cost per person is non-refundable.**
 - **30 days or less** before departure: **100% of the total cost per person is non-refundable.**
- Refunds will be made in the same way as payment was made. In the case of a bank transfer, any transaction fees must be covered by the receiver.
- Refer to our **General Terms and Conditions** for further information about **change fees, insurance requirements**, etc..

Travel Insurance Requirements:

Travel Protection is not included on the tour. To participate in an **E&W True Flavour Journey**, it is mandatory to have a minimum level of medical and emergency travel insurance. You must send a copy of your travel insurance policy to us by email at the time of final payment. If we do not receive it, you will not be able to join the group. Travel insurance is to help safeguard your travel

investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you, from those unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your journey.

General Terms & Conditions & Waiver Notice:

- When you book a holiday with us, you are accepting all the terms as well as everything specified in our [Waiver Notice](#)
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Lodging

***NOTE: Or similar style of 4* Hotel accommodations.**

Transport

- **Mercedes Benz E-Class Sedan or V-Class Minivan** for all transfers from the airport to the hotel upon your arrival depending on how many people are arriving at the different times.
- **Fully-Equipped Minibus** for all transportation and tours as per itinerary.
- **4x4 Jeeps (8 seats per jeep)** on day 6 in the North of Madeira Island.

Map



Reviews

★★★★★ Kevin B. (19 November 2024)

Best Food and Wine Tour in Madeira Island

We spent an amazing week in Madeira with Sean and Angie as our guides, enjoying unique food and wine experiences in beautiful settings around the island.

A highlight was the cooking class with a local Chef in his home!

Each day was thoughtfully planned by Sean to provide the best of Madeira's gastronomic and

cultural experiences!

★★★★★ Mary Rotunno (19 November 2024)

Madeira tour with Sean and Angie is exceptional!

We enjoyed unique gastronomic experiences, wine tastings in intimate settings, a cooking class with a local chef in his home, an off road jeep tour and swimming in natural rock pools. Our first trip to Madeira and we look forward to returning!

★★★★★ Sean & Angie (28 March 2024)

Madeira is a magical place. This is the 2nd time we have visited and love the gastronomy and nature.