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EUROPEAN
SAFEST
CHRISTMAS
DESTINATION
2020
 MADEIRA

MADEIRA. IT'S TIME FOR A DIFFERENT *Christmas*



MADEIRA SAFE TO DISCOVER



THIS SYMBOL
SHOWS HOW SAFE
OUR ISLANDS ARE

With regards to all initiatives within the scope of the Christmas and End of Year Festivities programme, we inform that the use of community masks is mandatory as a protection measure against the COVID-19 disease. Additionally, disinfectant gel will be made available to the public. These measures do not exempt the compliance of social distancing rules.



01 to 10

December

January

General illumination of Funchal's downtown area and amphitheatre

Schedule

18:00 – 02:00

Daily, except on:

31 December

18:00 – 06:00

Light and Sound Shows

At Christmas, Funchal is brighter and more colourful, from December 1 onwards. In several city streets, dazzling spectacles of light and colour under the Christmas spirit take over, shifting between tunnels and ballets, bringing more joy and emotion to this season.

Schedule

Every day

Rua Câmara Pestana | Rua Fernão de Ornelas | Avenida Sá Carneiro

18:00, 19:00, 20:00 and 21:00

Funchal's Pier

Every 30 minute past 18:00

Porto Santo Island illumination

City of Vila Baleira

Schedule

18:00 – 01:00

Daily, except on:

31 December

18:00 – 04:00

Christmas activities held on several municipalities of the Region

04

December

Friday

Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre

18:00

Music concert with "Friends of Madeira Music Conservatory Association"



04 to 06

December

January

**Exhibition "Christmas dinning table with Madeira Embroidery"
Bordal Embroidery Factory | Rua Fernão Ornelas 77**

For 5 years, this exhibition has been inspiring locals and visitors, in order to present the best "festivity" dinning table. Along 3 floors, you'll be able to see the work of 3 designers, who were invited to decorate the 2020 edition. This visit is done with total safety.

Schedule

10:00 – 19:00

Opened every day except on Sundays, December 25, 26 and January 1, 2021

10 to 10

December

January

Avenida Arriaga central walkways

Season's background music

Christmas Market

Concerts' Pavillion

Ethnographic exhibitions and nativity scenes

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market features several decorated stalls offering tourists a wide range of regional products, handicrafts and foods that are typical of the Christmas season, including plants, fruits, sugar cane honey and its by-products, for take away only. The Market can be visited with total safety, through circulation corridors; besides social distancing and mandatory use of the mask, it will not be allowed eating and drinking at the premises.

Schedule

10:00 – 20:00

Madeira Embroidery and Regional Handicraft Pavilion

Exhibition organised by the Madeira Wine, Embroidery and Handicraft Institute (IVBAM)

Schedule

10 to 22 December | Madeira Embroidery

10:00 – 19:00

23 December to January 10, 2021 | Local handicraft

10:00 – 20:00

Ethnographic Village

Largo da Restauração

This Ethnographic Village presents live examples of local traditions, crafts, food, folklore and two traditional nativity scenes, promoting the tangible and intangible culture of Madeira. There are two types of traditional nativity scenes: the traditional Madeiran one located outside, which represents the human and natural landscape with vegetation, terraces, valleys, ravines, little houses and haystacks; and the tiered one, with its characteristic elements such as the Child Jesus, bows, fruit, grains and bread, amongst others.

You can also order the typical wheat soup and bolo do caco bread, sold only for take away.

Schedule

10:00 – 20:00



Nativity scene 2020

Twelve wooden life-size figures make up this regionally themed nativity scene, depicting the birth of Baby Jesus, mainly in white and gold. An open-air Christmassy garden decorated with plants and flowers showcasing the variety of Madeiran flora, serving as scenery for a house built with wood and mats. This is an upgraded scale of the traditional nativity scene built in local homes.

Children's Christmas Municipal Garden

The Municipal Garden is decorated exclusively with imaginative Christmas-themed elements ideal for Children.

10

December

Thursday

Diversified performances

Concerts' Pavillion

From December 10 until January 10, 2021, Funchal's downtown is filled with light, colour and music. In between, at the concerts' pavillion located at the central walkways of Avenida Arriaga, there will be daily performances with folklore groups, music band and Christmas workshops, between, 11:00 and 20:00.

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Cristina Barbosa & the Xmas Crew

11

December

Friday

Concerts' Pavillion

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Xarabanda

12

December

Saturday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with DonaZica and Tiago Silva





13 December
Sunday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Mariachi México
Madeira

14 December
Monday

Concerts' Pavillion

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with C'azooda

15 December
Tuesday

Concerts' Pavillion

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with NuLo

Municipal garden lanes

Initiative "Let's decorate the Christmas Trees", with trees on exhibition until January 10th, 2021. The Christmas ornaments are hand made by local schools' children and, this year, the trees will be decorated by Madeira Tourism staff.



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December
Wednesday

Funchal's Cathedral
07:30
Childbirth Masses

The religious celebrations preceding the 25 of December begin with a novena called "Childbirth Masses", which are celebrated in the early hours of the morning from the 16 to the 23 of December. During the religious ceremony the faithful sing popular chants in honour of the Mother of God and the Child Jesus, whose birth is approaching.

Concerts' Pavillion
15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Music concert with The Whyte Christmas Band

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December
Thursday

Funchal's Cathedral
07:30
Childbirth Masses

Concerts' Pavillion
15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Music concert with Gold Label & friends

18

December
Friday

Funchal's Cathedral
07:30
Childbirth Masses

Concerts' Pavillion
15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense



19

December

Saturday

Funchal's Cathedral

07:30

Childbirth Masses

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Sabores do Curral | assorted pastries

In order to get to know better the traditions of the Christmas season, the Christmas and New Year's celebrations include a set of workshops regarding Madeiran delicacies and products, that depict this time of year and regional cuisine.

Taking place between 19 and 31 of December, except from 24 to 27 of December, these workshops will also be broadcasted by online streaming television channel Naminhaterra.tv

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with D'Repente

20

December

Sunday

Funchal's Cathedral

07:30

Childbirth Masses

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Madeira Theme Park | regional handicraft

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Madeira's Chamber Choir

Carmo Church

21:30

Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense



21 December
Monday

Funchal's Cathedral
07:30
Childbirth Masses

Concerts' Pavillion
11:00
Christmas Workshops
Casinha do Bolo do Caco | Bolo do caco
bread
15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Music concert with Cool Feel Band

22 December
Tuesday

Funchal's Cathedral
07:30
Childbirth Masses

Concerts' Pavillion
11:00
Christmas Workshops
UAU Cacau | handmade chocolate
15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Music concert with Spot the difference



23 December
Wednesday

Funchal's Cathedral

07:30
Childbirth Masses

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00
Christmas Workshops
Fábrica de Stº António | Madeira honey cake
15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Music concert with Pedro Garcia Live Band

24 December
Thursday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00
Folklore group

26 December
Saturday

Concerts' Pavillion

15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Music concert with Black & White
Dixieland Jazz Band and Diana Duarte

27 December
Sunday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00
Folklore group
18:00
Music concert of "Fado de Salão"

Funchal's Cathedral

21:30
Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in
Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense

28 December
Monday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Gilda Nóbrega | traditional wheat soup

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with João Borsch

29 December
Tuesday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Fábrica Bortal | Madeira embroidery and regional tapestry

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Men on the Couch

30 December
Wednesday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Escola Profissional de Hotelaria e

Turismo da Madeira | culinary experience

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Live Brisk

Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre

18:00

Music concert with "Friends of Madeira

Music Conservatory Association"

Colégio Church

21:30

Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense



31 December

Thursday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Madeira Theme Park | regional handicraft

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Colchetes d'Alfaiate

Funchal's Cathedral

17:00

Performance at the Te Deum mass by the Madeira Chamber Choir

Countdown to the New Year's Eve fireworks display

23:55

5 minutes prior to the great midnight show, there will be entertainment with fireworks and audiovisuals display, projected from the ground and swapping with dancing drones to the rhythm of the soundtrack, that will lead locals and visitors into the New Year.

New Year's Eve fireworks display Funchal | Porto Santo

00:00

The New Year's Fireworks display will last around eight minutes and is distributed over 52 firework stations in Funchal, plus 5 stations on the sea, as well as 2 stations in Porto Santo Island.

One of the most important tourist drawcards in Madeira, in 2006 this magnificent show was internationally recognized by the Guinness Book of Records, as the "Largest Fireworks Display in the World".

The fireworks display will be broadcasted live by RTP Madeira and online streaming with **naminhaterra.tv** channel.



02 January
Saturday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Alexandra Barbosa band

03 January
Sunday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Bossa Livre



04 January
Monday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with fado singer Susana Andrade

05 January
Tuesday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Leticia & friends

06 January
Wednesday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with iLevados da Breca



07 January
Thursday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Madeira's Fado Association

09 January
Saturday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Supernova

08 January
Friday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Kontraband

10 January
Sunday

Concerts' Pavillion

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Vasco Freitas and Miguel Pires

A DIFFERENT Christmas DIGITAL

19 to 31 December

11:00

Online streaming of Christmas Workshops, with interviews to guests.

31 December

23:00

"New Year's Eve fireworks display"

In this program, it is possible to watch the New Year's Eve celebrations, which takes place in a hotel garden in the city, along which, street reports will be made, covering the history of New Year's Eve in Madeira in its tourist perspective.

The programme will culminate with the transmission of the New Year's Eve Pyrotechnic Show.

<https://www.naminhaterra.com/>

The New Year's Eve fireworks display will also be broadcasted live at RTP Madeira, by online streaming and social networks from [visitmadeira.pt](https://www.visitmadeira.pt)

The online streaming channel "NaMinhaTerra.Tv" will broadcast several programmes regarding Christmas traditions and live shows, namely Christmas Workshops and the New Year's Eve fireworks: <https://www.naminhaterra.com/>

For further information, please visit:

<https://www.visitmadeira.pt>

<https://www.facebook.com/visitmadeiraofficial>

<https://www.instagram.com/visitmadeira/>

Note: Programme subject to change

ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

CÂMARA DE LOBOS

December 7th to January 7th 2021

Christmas illuminations in the five parishes of this Municipality

December 7th to January 7th 2021

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Council Parish of Jardim da Serra

December 7th to January 8th 2021

Exhibition "A Tribute to Baby Jesus" – Civic Center of Estreito de Câmara de Lobos

December 14th to January 7th 2021

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Estreito de Câmara de Lobos Civic Center (square)
- Council Parish of Estreito Câmara de Lobos and cultural and Recreational Association of Estreito de Câmara de Lobos

December 15th to January 8th 2021

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Civic Center of Curral das Freiras - Refúgio da Freiras Association

December 15th to January 17th 2021

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Praça da Autonomia - Municipality of Câmara de Lobos

December 15th to January 17th 2021

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Praça da Autonomia – Municipality of Câmara de Lobos

December 17th to January 17th 2021

Artistic wooden Nativity scene - Culture House of Câmara de Lobos

PORTO MONIZ

December 7th to January 7th 2021

Christmas decorations and illuminations (Note: Parish of Seixal until January 31st)

December 31st (Midnight)

Pyrotechnic show - Porto Moniz Harbour

SÃO VICENTE

December 5th to January 22nd 2021

Christmas decorations and illuminations

December 19th to 20th (9 am – 6 pm)

Small Christmas Market (Sítio do Calhau – Ponte Capelinha)



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