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Act Like a Local

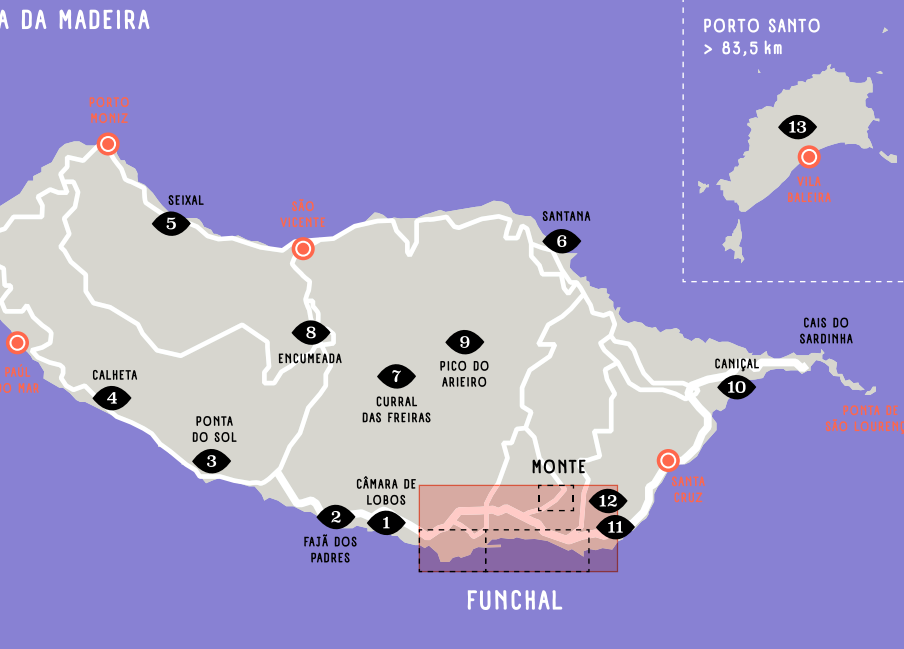
HAVE SOME FENNEL The name of the Madeiran capital literally means "the place where fennel grows". Nowadays, this indigenous plant is found especially in the rocky mountains of the south and serves the production of chunky candies good for a cough and essential oils with rejuvenating properties. In some varieties it can be eaten or used for making tea and liquors.

BE WELL-MANNERED No matter how old, the Madeiran will speak to you using the polite 3rd person, as a simple courtesy and without any affectation. We take pleasure in helping with directions and will even escort you to the places you want to see. Any native grasps the English language – as would be expected from the accumulated experience of more than a hundred years as a tourist destination.

TALK PURE MADEIRAN The Madeiran uses the local dialect out of respect for tradition and also when he doesn't want to be understood. "Estepilhas d'um raro!" (You bastards!) "Isto é um trapiche!" (That's crazy!), "Tou ficando semenos..." (I'm feeling sick), "Tudo bem, ilhá?" (I'm good, and you?) and other peculiar expressions, will need translation even for continental Portuguese speakers.

LINGER ON We locals like to linger in cafés, chit-chatting, gossiping or just watching the world go by. "Vai-se andando" (We keep on going) is, in fact, one of the most practised expressions. We also like to see the ships that dock in the harbour every day, a reflection of our islander spirit and curiosity about what comes from abroad.

TAKE A BITE The people of Madeira are always ready for a "dentinho" (literally "toothie", slang for snack), which is a must-have! Usually different snacks are served in a saucer (meat marinated in wine and garlic, stewed fava beans, gizzards, seasoned lupins, etc.) to accompany the famous Poncha. Visit the taverns and delight yourself with the very regional Coral Beer or Brisa Maracujá (passion fruit soda without alcohol).



Around the Island

- 1 XAVELHOPOLIS** *Câmara de Lobos* is the territory of the "Pesquitos" or "Xavelhas", which are nicknames for its passionate inhabitants, capable of defending their land tooth and nail. It is a fishing town to the west of Funchal. You can walk there from the **49** Lido, along the promenade by the sea (2.2 km). The traditional poncha originated here and is still consumed daily by the natives, whose accent is rougher and almost begs for an interpreter. Winston Churchill used to leave **28** Reid's Hotel to paint, amidst the whiff of cigar, this beautiful bay where skipjack tuna dried in the sun. (How to get there: bus Rodoste N4; by car through Estrada Monumental)
- 2 GREED, LUST & SLOTH** **LOCAL TIP** Passing through Madeira without going to **Fajã dos Padres** is heresy. This small paradise of crystalline waters and pebble beaches, organic mango and banana trees, reachable only by boat or cable car, is ideal to spend the day or get lost for some time in one of the new available houses. From the water, the view of the cliff is crushing. And please do not leave without eating a salted tuna or a grilled wrasse, just fished, followed by a mango ice cream! (How to get there: bus Rodoste N7)
- 3 SOLSTICE** Celebrated with sun all year round, **Ponta do Sol** is the alternative spot par excellence, with a bold cultural program. Located on a cliff, L-Concerts are held every week at Estalagem, where indie artists from all over the world have played. These include Dirty Beaches, Thurston Moore, Nástio Mosquito and the Portuguese Lula Pena and Faus, to name just a few. From Azorean, if you please! Do not insist on complaining that we don't have beaches; enjoy the free foot massage provided by our "sandy beaches" and then let a dive in the splendid sea take your breath away.

ANNNOY THE LOCALS Talk about Alberto João Jardim (elected president of our Autonomous Region for a long 37 years!) or try to imitate our accent, but don't confuse Madeiran with Azorean. If you please! Do not insist on complaining that we don't have beaches; enjoy the free foot massage provided by our "sandy beaches" and then let a dive in the splendid sea take your breath away.

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LOVE/HATE HIM Whether we admire him for his undeniable football talent, his eye for business or his physical appearance, we will always refer to Cristiano Ronaldo as "our little boy". Well, when he starts to miss goal after goal, it's ok to like him a little less... Maybe our bananas "the second best export of Madeira" according to Mother Dolores) are a safer bet: they simply never disappoint.

RIDE THE ROLLER COASTER The modernization of the island's road network has fallen into a controversial multi-million construction project. But if transportation was difficult until the end of the 19th century, we now have an impressive number of viaducts, bridges and tunnels, which allow us to cross the island in a few hours. Although most of the beautiful roads above the sea are off limits now, we still take advantage of the oldest "furdados" (tunnels) where it sometimes rains. Perfect for a little car wash action!

Practical Info

TRANSPORT

In the center: the center of Funchal is small and you can visit it on foot. For the most remote areas read "how to get there".
Horários do Funchal: is the bus network of the city. Ticket purchased on board: €1.95. Rechargeable ticket (personal, transferable and reusable, minimum 2 trips): unit price €1.25 / 35. Selling points: Pay shops, post offices, points of service for Horários do Funchal, vending machines spread throughout the city, Tourist Kit stations. Free bicycle transport on the back of buses.
Cable car*: Roundtrip Funchal-Monte / Roundtrip Monte-Botanical Garden: €10/15. Round trip + entrance in the Tropical Garden: €23.75. Return trip + entrance to the Botanical Garden: €29.90.
Tuksy*: 100% electric tuk-tuks, with tailor-made tours by those who know the city (and surroundings) like the back of their hand: €20-100.
Bicycles and scooters*: rental of electric, mountain and scooter bikes at www.happybikes.pt, www.bikeimadaira.com, www.rentascotermadeira.com. Prices start at €20/day.
Aerobus*: transfer to the airport, duration approx. 35-50 minutes. Tickets purchased on board: one way €5, round trip €8. Stops: Funchal West (hotel zone), Funchal Center, Airport.
Lobo Marinho to Porto Santo: round trip ferry boats: €57.40 (high season April-September, it is advisable to book), €46.94 (low season, October-March). There are packs with car and/or lodging.

Impress the Locals

6,000,000 BC Tectonic movements of the African Plate give rise to the geological formation of Madeira island and the three Desertas. The mountainous amphitheater that surrounds Funchal is a remnant of an old natural caldera, but the volcanic activity has been dormant for 6,500 years.

1419 João Gonçalves Zarco and Tristão Vaz Teixeira dock on the island at **41**. They call it Madeira (literally wood). We're just glad it wasn't "Timbeeeeerrr!", since so many trees had to be taken down to be able to build a nice place to live in.

1425 Around this date, Prince Henry orders the first stakes of sugar cane to be imported from Sicily. The great success of the sugar trade earns the sweet stuff the nickname "white gold".

1566 French corsairs, commanded by the terrible Montluc, vandalize houses and plantations and kill more than 300 people. The jewels of the **40** Cathedral only escape ransacking thanks to the bright idea of a sexton, who hides them inside a tomb, under the deceased himself!

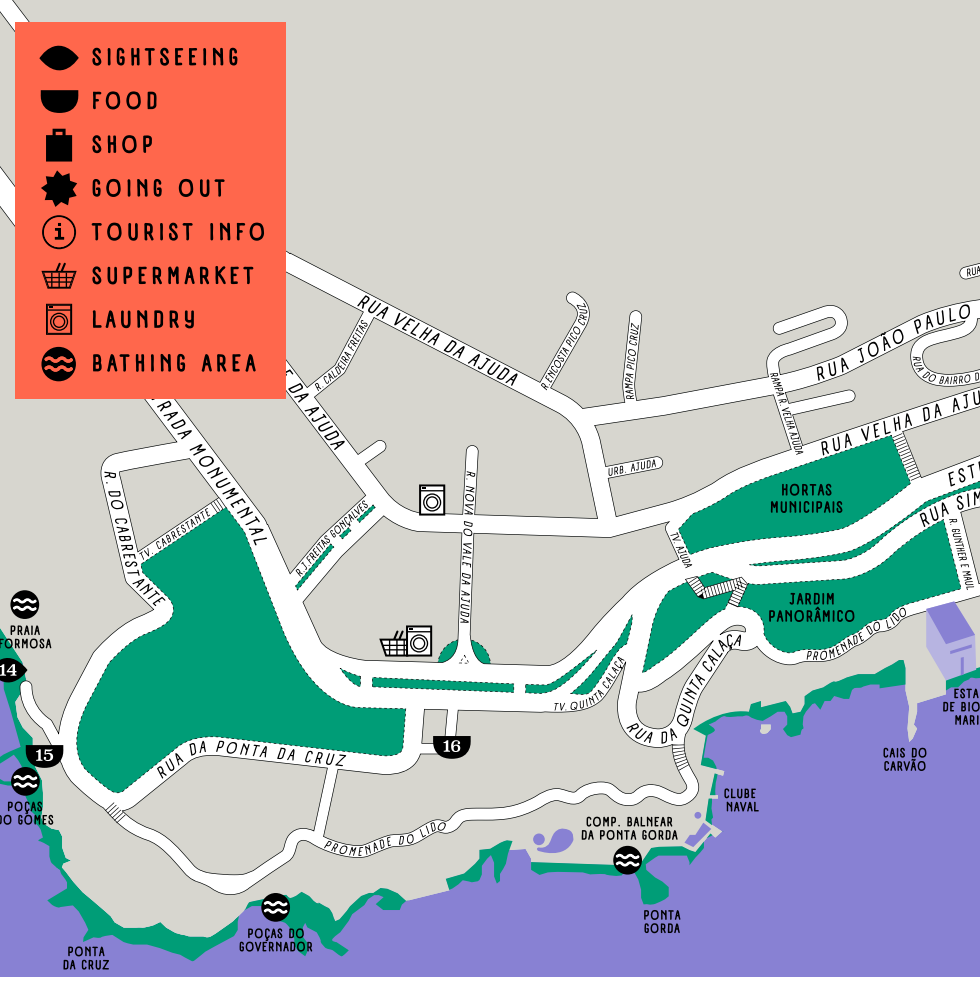
1803 The great flood happens: rains and strong winds cause serious landslides, provoking the overflow of the streams of Funchal, destroying and killing everything in its path.

1819 Joseph Phelps founds the Lancasterian School for boys in Funchal. Their avant-garde pedagogy excludes the use of caning. Three years later, Phelps' sister Elisabeth opens a school for women, waiving tuition fees. This is where the first stitches of Madeira Embroidery will be made.

1860 Sissi, the beautiful Austrian Empress celebrates her 23rd birthday in Funchal and is greeted at **41** Pontinha with a 21-gun salute. She stays at **26** Quinta das Angústias and rides in a chariot pulled by white ponies! She will return to the island, already wrinkled by the grief of her son's loss, on her 56th birthday.

Almanac

- FEBRUARY** **Carnaval** This is the most famous carnival in Portugal, with a Brazilian-style parade at the centre of the tourist program. Locals prefer the eccentricity of the "Night of the Transvestites" (Friday), the "Hippie Party" (Monday) or the "Cortejo trapalhão" ("Bumbling parade", Tuesday afternoon), with DIY masks. The week of revelry ends the following Saturday with the "Batalha of the Bones".
- MARCH** **Festa da Flor** Intricately designed flower carpets cover the ground in the main arteries of the historical center. The climax of the party is the parade, in which children and adults adorn themselves with the most varied floral species.
- APRIL** **Festival Literário** involves books, talks with writers from around the world and three nights of shows. **Madreia Film Festival** Despite the fact that the festival shows important cinema from the international scene, there is no competition and all the participants are awarded with the title of Laurissilva Ambassadors. The festival also promotes morning excursions to the forest.
- MAY** **The Carnival Clubbing** in places as unlikely as a chapel, an old warehouse or a bus station.
- JUNE** **Fica na Cidade** A week of constant live gigs in which both garage bands and more established ones perform on stages scattered throughout the city streets. **Festival do Atlântico** 20 minute long pyro-musical shows, during the 4 Saturdays with the Bay of Funchal as a backdrop. **Feiras do Atlântico** Considered the oldest European Festival of World Music, this takes place during three days in the gardens of Quinta Magnólia. **Seashore** Open-air electronic music parties on the beaches of Gavinas (June) and **40** Lido (August), in a relaxed summer atmosphere.
- JULY** **Funchal Jazz** For three days, the great national and international names of jazz are the reason why both dedicated musicians and occasional jazz fans make sure they don't go on vacation. **Regata de Canoas** There are about 100 traditional fishing boats which come from all the seas of the island to see who arrives first between the Bay of Funchal and **42** Barreirinha Beach, at a distance of 2.5 km.
- AUGUST** **Rally Vinho Madeira** With a rich history, this is the most important sporting event for the region. The start – with the Super Special race – happens in the streets and avenues of Funchal. Watch from a safe place **Arraial do Monte** This quintessential city festivity happens at **46** on the 15th and has not yet been overtaken by the frenetic rhythms of reggae. Traditions in evening: **Escorral** grill your own skewer (with the meat you have chosen and seen being cut in front of you), adorn yourself with necklaces made of sweets, and marvel at the colourful wreaths that radiate from the Monte Church.
- SEPTEMBER** **Festa do Vinho Madeira** Grape trading is recreated in traditional wineries, while on the streets there are live depictions with baskets of grapes, casks and barrels as the main actors.
- OCTOBER** **Downtown Funchal** Bicycles roam around Funchal, between alleys, curves and countercurves, jumps and ramps, in this international race. **Escorral Funchal** Run along the mountainous tracks of Funchal, where ecological interventions (reforestation and cleaning of green spaces) also leave traces.
- DECEMBER** **Missas de Parto** "Delivery Masses" celebrated during the 9 days before Christmas, always at 6am. Everyone sings, plays bells and claps their hands. Community lunches happen right outside the many churches of the island, lots of liquor is involved and then it's time to go to work. **Noite do Mercado** On the 23rd, the whole island gathers in the capital in what we regard as Christmas par excellence, only outside the family. Around the **40** Market, people buy flowers and fruit to prepare "The Party" (we don't say Christmas) and eat sandwiches with meat marinated in wine and garlic. There are folk songs and a lot of poncha, and it lasts until dawn. **New Year's Eve** The bay is filled with ships that bring people from all over the world on cruises, especially to see one of the biggest fireworks displays in the world (Guinness record). Instead, many locals celebrate the night before as a great farewell to the year that has passed. P.S.: Wear your finest gown!

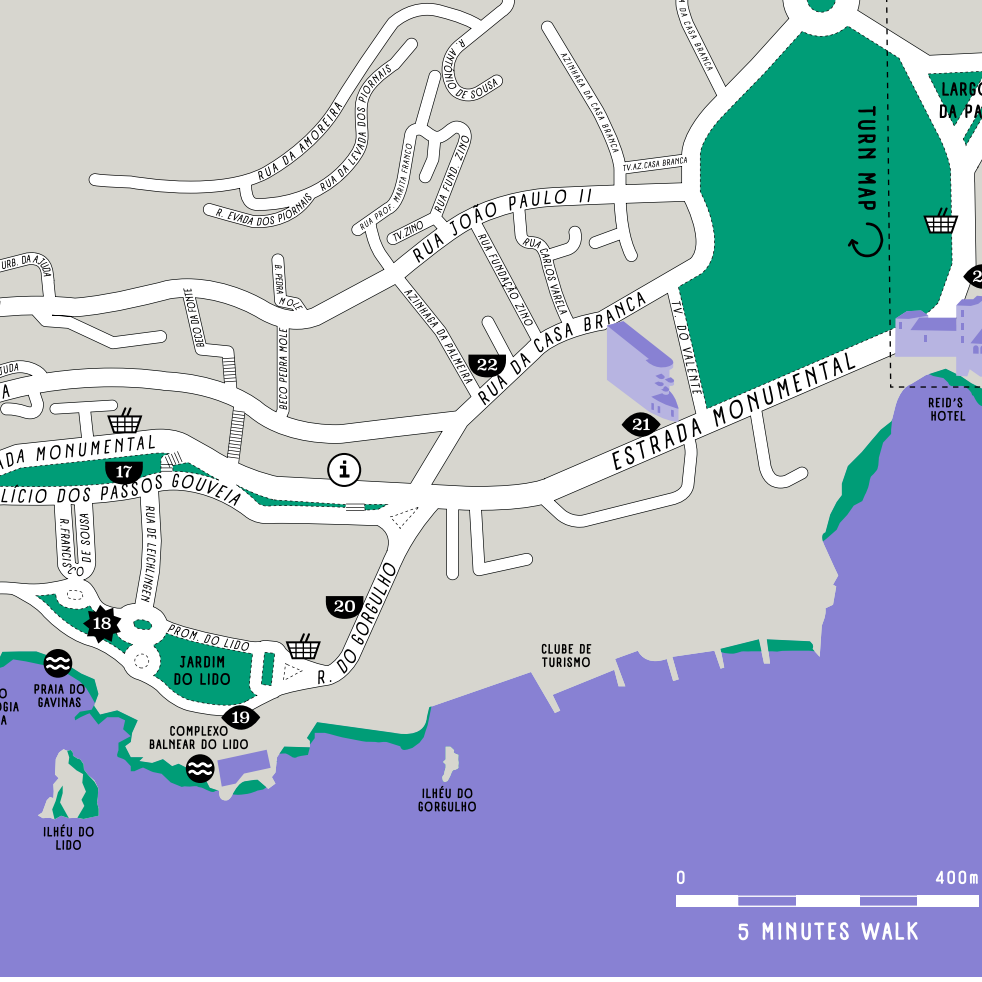


Madeira Wine

Madeira wine has been a delicacy for over 500 years. It became so famous that Shakespeare's "Henry IV" Falstaff is accused of exchanging his soul for a chicken leg and a glass of Madeira wine. George Washington signed the Declaration of Independence of the United States in 1776 with a chalice in one hand and a feather in the other, and not even Winston Churchill refused a bottle of this nectar. Fearing poisoning, Napoleon did decline the offer while passing through on his way to exile in St. Helena. **The cultivation of vineyards** in Madeira goes back almost to the discovery of the island. The climate and the volcanic soil add unique characteristics to the grapes from the very beginning. From there to the production of Madeira was a small step in order to prevent the wine from being spoiled during the long trips destined for the Indies and the Americas, locals began to add brandy to it. The secret would also be in the

Eat Like a Local

- BOLO DO CACO** We call it cake, but there is nothing sweet about it. This flattened wheat bread, traditionally cooked in a wood oven over a basalt stone, is opened in the middle and covered with garlic butter.
- SOPA DE TRIGO (WHEAT SOUP)** Heavy soup with vegetables, pork and buckwheat. Ideal for winter days and typical of the holiday season.
- ATUM (TUNA)** The Madeirans have as many ways to cook tuna as the continentals have of cooking cod. Tuna soup with noodles, raw in sashimi, tuna in onion stew, marinated tuna cooked with potatoes and chickpeas, etc. Our favourite is the grilled tuna steak, which should not pass its cooking point (medium-rare).
- BOLO DE MEL (HONEY CAKE)** Similar to the English Christmas pudding, but denser and richer due to the addition of spices (cinnamon, fennel, cloves, pepper), sugarcane honey, dried and crystallized fruits (cider, nuts and almonds) and lard. Divide it by hand and remember that Madeira Wine helps with the digestion. When stored, it will last until the next batch is baked, that is to say for one whole year.
- LAPAS (LIMPETS)** Grilled with butter and garlic and then sprinkled with lemon juice – a feast!
- ESPETADA (SKEWER)** Pieces of the most succulent beef, skewered onto a bay branch to absorb its aroma. The skewers are cooked on the grill with just a pinch of salt, garlic and bay leaf.
- SWEET POTATO VS SEMILHA** Here we call the potato "semilha" (which is the Castilian name, usually written on the bags carrying the imported seeds). The semilha is fried and sprinkled with oregano and garlic cloves. Potato (batata), refers to the sweet potato (usually called "batata doce"), which is roasted in its skin, sometimes with sugarcane honey.



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taste of the sea that the casks acquired during the travels, and the high temperatures to which they were subjected when crossing the tropics. Since the production was modernized in the 18th century, the effect has been recreated artificially: the wine is heated through the circulation of hot air in stainless steel greenhouses. **Madeira is a fortified wine**, with a high alcohol content. With colours ranging from amber to gold and complex aromas, the ladies of the Portuguese court even used it as perfume on their handkerchiefs! The moment when the fermentation stops (through the addition of wine alcohol) defines the degree of sweetness: dry, medium-dry, medium-sweet or sweet. The drier ones can be sipped as an appetizer, while the sweetest ones are recommended to accompany desserts. Tastings are free in the cellars of **D. Oliveira** and **H.M. Borges**. At **Blandy's**, you can take a full guided tour (Mon-Sat 10:30-15:30, €5.90).

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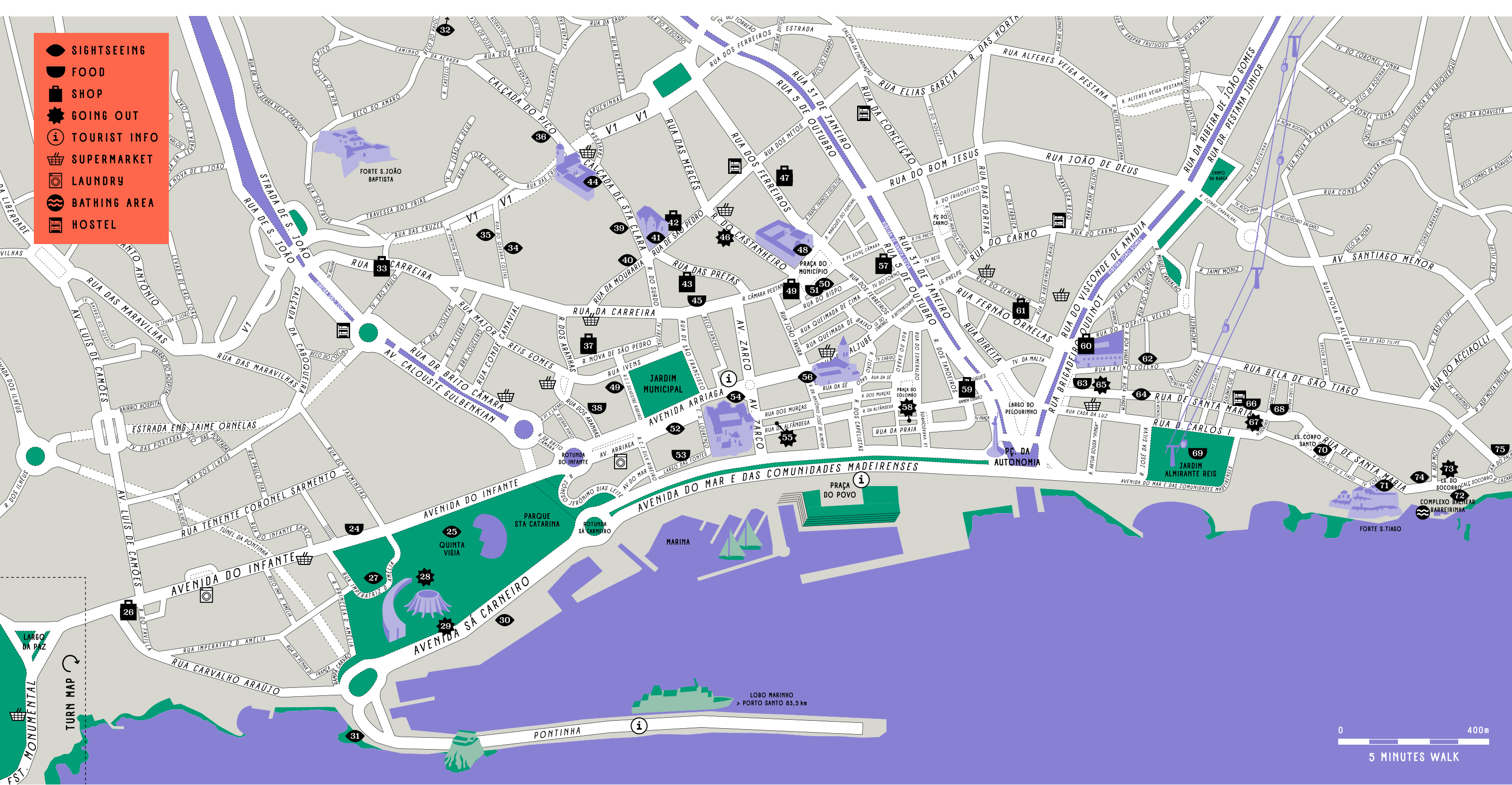
- FROM DOCK TO PLATE** **LOCAL TIP** The **Doca do Cavacas** fish restaurant overlooks the beach complex and offers the best fried parrotfish on the island. The fried parrotfish is also great. And, no, we did not say grilled – it is to be tasted without guilt to the last crunchy crumb, accompanied with potatoes, also fried! Ask for a table on the terrace, so that you can enjoy the view of Praia Formosa with Cabo Girão in the background. (Tue-Sun 12:00-22:00; price €15-25)
- THINGS NEVER CHANGE** The **Classico** is one of those places that have stopped in time, whether in decor or gastronomy. However, here the bass is the real deal and not that substitute that you sometimes find at other places. The oven-baked red snapper and the octopus are exceptional and the catrapans release a delicious aroma throughout the restaurant. (every day 12:00-23:00; price € 25-35)
- BREAD & WINE ON A TABLE** The most honest Portuguese food, with a wine shop to boot... can you imagine a better marriage? Be it red snapper, grouper or whiting, most of the fish from our coast appear on the menu at **PVP – Pão Vinho e Petiscos**. They're so fresh they're still jumping. If you have room for dessert, ask for the apple pie and do not let anyone dip their spoon in. (every day 11:30-01:45; price €15-30)
- 5 O'CLOCK TEA** **TOURIST CLASSIC** This is a very British ritual that the iconic **Reid's Palace Hotel** prides itself on perpetuating. With a history of more than 125 years, it was here that famous celebrities stayed, among them George Bernard Shaw, Winston Churchill, Rainer Maria Rilke, Margaret Thatcher and Charlie Chaplin! The atmosphere exuded by its most famous balcony will make you feel you are in the company of Humphrey Bogart or Lauren Bacall, biting into a scone or a petit four, drinking a cup of tea poured in Wedgewood chinaware, or perhaps a toast of champagne. However, do not arrive at 5 o'clock, as they only serve on the balcony until 4:30. (every day 15:00-17:30; Dress code: no shorts, slippers or sneakers; price €34-50)

Going Wild

There are **28 footpaths** spread throughout Madeira and 2 in Porto Santo. Most of them are along the canyoning, mountain biking, diving, surf trips. More info is available at www.visitmadeira.pt or at one of the tourist offices. You can also go on the sea by **renting a sailboat** (www.parelois2.pt is the only one that allows freight without crew, €450/8pxo), or **do dolphin and whale watching** around Funchal, in fast semi-rigid boats accompanied by marine biologists (www.rota-dos-cetaceos.pt, €50-65).

* Some of these events may change month, so it's better to check the agenda closer to the date (www.netmadeira.com/ eventos-madeira).

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24 THIS PLACE WILL RUIN YOUR DIET

In **A Confeitaria's** shop window, the cakes look like edible works of art, ready to be cut into slices. It was only necessary to wait for the arrival of a Minhoto (native of Minho, north of Portugal) – a confectioner's son with an eye for marketing – and the bar for sweets in the island was raised. If neither the pavlovas nor the Snickers mini-cakes meet your fancy, opt for the traditional: Madeiran queijada (a sort of cheese cake), ovos moles (made of raw egg yolk and sugar, typical from the Azeiro region), túbias (pastry with different kinds of fillings, typical of the Braga region) or Ovar sponge cake. The Funchalinho, a prodigy made of eggs and sugar in puff pastry, also has all the potential to become a classic. (Mon-Fri 07:00-21:30, Sat-Sun 07:30-21:30)

25 SPEAKING OF EQUALITY

This is the "official house" of the President of the Regional Government. But in the 18th century **Quinta Vigia** belonged to Dame Guiomar Vilhena, a woman ahead of her time who dominated a masculine society. As a trader and a manager, she controlled over 50% of wine exports, so it's no wonder the company fell into disastrous bankruptcy after her death. In spite of his nobility, her half-uncle was a mulatto priest and the son of a slave, who curiously had a white servant... At Quinta das Angústias, as it was called at the time, D. Guiomar built a viewpoint tower to watch the arrival and departure of her own ships and a very baroque chapel amongst the gardens. (Mon-Fri 9:00-17:30; entry €1)

26 FAIRY TALES

At **São Rosas** you can buy those little things that will make you remember days spent on the island or serve as a consolation prize for those who couldn't come with you. Wicker mirrors, illustrations of local artists and fashion accessories made by Madeiran artisans stand out in the global panorama of imported crafts from the other side of the world. (Mon-Fri 09:30-12:30/14:00-18:00, Sat 10:00-13:00)

27 A UFO OF REINFORCED CONCRETE

Casino Park Hotel remains as modern today as it was when it opened in 1976. Designed by the Brazilian star architect Oscar Niemeyer, the curved-floor hotel rises on pillars, perfectly integrated into the landscape: a hill over the sea. The Casino, connected to it by a curved bridge, recalls the futuristic Cathedral of Brasília. Although the original interior furniture conceived by the Portuguese Daciano da Costa barely exists anymore, it's worth seeing in the lobby Niemeyer's five hand-sketched drawings of the project.

28 AT THE COPA

If you want to risk a night out in the jungle, you can do so in the gardens of the Niemeyer hotel, where DJs play electronic music in fresh air. If you prefer to pull out the oxygen mask, submerge yourself in the **Copacabana** by going down the stairs that connect the **Garden** directly to this disco in the casino basement, where live visuals are projected all around the circle of the dance floor. (Fri-Sat 23:00-04:00)

29 THE TRIO

These are three classics of the Funchalense night: There are no locals who haven't set foot here at least once to dance until sunrise. The three spaces communicate with each other, alternating ambiances of electronic, revivalist and dance music. **Marginal** is a small bar for the latest dance beats. **Jam** is famous for the 80's rhythms, aimed at a slightly older audience, ready to cross genres. The motherhouse, **Vespa's**, is the largest, best-known and oldest nightclub in Madeira and it will blow your ears out. (Wed-Sun 00:00-06:00)

30 THE WORLD'S BEST

On the shiny floor of the **Cristiano Ronaldo Museum** plinths hold the Portuguese star's four magnificent Golden Balls. Occupying the walls are endless trophies. Boots of Gold, pictures of Ronaldo as a boy playing in the Nacional and – well, no hard feelings – two or three in the company of his ex, the Russian Irina Shayk. Make conversation with the dedicated staff to find out first hand about his latest "conquests" and do not refrain from commenting on the rivalry with Messi. Here everyone will debate the issue. And why shouldn't Ronaldo order a bronze statue of himself wearing some controversial shorts (perhaps too tight) to place outside the entrance to the Museum? Right next door is the new luxury hotel Pestana CR7: climb the outside stairs and sneak up to the faux-grass-carpeted corridors. (Mon-Sat 10:00-18:00; entry €5)

31 BEWARE, YOU ARE ENTERING FOREIGN SOIL

The **Principality of Pontaíria** is not only the smallest country in the world but also the first nation to adopt Bitcoin as its official currency. Its history dates back to 1419, when sailors took refuge there before leaving to discover the island. In the year 2000 schoolteacher Sir Renato Barros bought this islet for the price of a car, took advantage of the legal misconception, and proclaimed independence based on a royal charter secured in London. However, the light of the Pacific (one of several titles he has accumulated) is ongoing, since the government refuses to supply him with electricity... In addition to the archaeological remains, each corner of the São José Fort displays portraits of the prince and his eccentric political theses. At Pontaíria the biggest honor lies in being the first to make hands with a prime minister, or discuss issues of global concern with a chancellor – if he is not busy watering the garden. (Free entry, donations accepted for feeding the royal cats)

32 GUNPOWDER BARREL

Patol is not a cafe. It's not even a viewpoint. It is a former explosives depot still run by the military where you will likely drink the coldest beer you've ever drunk with the most spectacular view and prices from the last century – that is if Mr. Colonel hasn't already left, since it's only he who has the "power" to connect the coffee and beer machines. (Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00)

33 GOING TO THE WIRE

The island's only string instrument master has been making chordingophones for more than 30 years, yet does not know how to play or read a musical score. Immersed in the orderly chaos of his workshop, **Carlos Jorge** has orders for braquinhas, machetes, rajões and violas de arame (typical instruments created in the region) from all corners of the world. His joy is contagious. If you want to know the secrets of this craft, his master will be happy to share them with you. In the meantime, bring him a flower for the "Henry and Lena garden" and place it on the pedestal at the door so that these beloved people are always among us. (Mon-Fri around 08:30 until around 18:30)



34 A CHURCH FOR THE ENGLISH

Although Catholics have persecuted the Anglicans, both parties have lived in peace in Madeira. Until the Anglicans had a temple of their own, the Catholics let them celebrate their services in the **Colégio** of the Jesuits. When the resident English community was finally authorized to build the **Church of the Holy Trinity**, they made it square, in neoclassical style, with four large columns as part of the façade. It looks more like a library, in order not to shock the strongly Catholic population. It is said that the gold coins offered by Napoleon (as a thank-you for the gifts that the British consul had sent him on his way through Funchal) were thrown into the foundations of the building. (Mon-Sat 09:30-16:00, Sun 08:00-11:00; free entry)

35 OASIS OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Porta 33 occupies an entire building. This association, dating back a quarter of a century, features exclusive exhibitions from renowned Portuguese artists such as Lourdes Castro, Ana Vieira, Rui Chafes, Pedro Cabrita Reis, Rigo 23, José Loureiro or Julião Sarmento. There are also conferences, talks and artistic residencies. Besides the shows, the house Cecilia and Maurício can guide you on a tour of "their house" along the collection's finest items. The rooftop garden is a further source of inspiration. (Tue-Sat 16:00-20:00; free entry)

36 COLONIAL GREATNESS

Quinta das Cruzes Museum occupies nearly a hectare of land where the home of navigator Gonçalves Zarco once stood, and it was from this elevated site he could control the city's port. The museum's estate is dedicated essentially to the decorative arts. Strolling through the garden you will find water fountains, two Manueline windows, several arches and a majestic dragon tree! One must see is the Casinhas de Prazer (little houses of pleasure) – small constructions of Madeiran invention overlooking the road where one can imagine the playful afternoons of the ladies who spent their leisure hours reading, doing embroidery and perhaps enjoying secret flirtations. (Tue-Sun 10:00-12:30, 14:00-17:30; entry €3, free on Sunday)

37 CUTTING AND SEWING

At the **Atelier of Tininha and Patricia Pinto** interior design is mixed with fashion. The furniture and period objects that one of the sisters finds and restores serves as a perfect backdrop for the handmade garments created by the other sister. Patmoondress is a brand that combines the mastery of both knitwork and patterns to produce unique and unusual pieces. (Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00)

38 THE CITY PATIO

Mercenária D. Mécia is a terrace where you can order light and healthy meals (vegetarian hamburger and various of toasted sandwiches €2.50-6) and have mint tea, accompanied by one or two lemon queijadins, which are always the first items to run out. (Mon-Fri 08:00-20:00, Fri 08:00-22:00, Sat 10:00-18:00)

39 RED HOUSE

At the **Frederico de Freitas House Museum** antique enthusiasts can admire the legacy of this prestigious lawyer, who spent 40 years of his life gathering a rich collection of furniture, painting, sculpture, ceramics and crystals, mostly of European and Luso-Oriental provenance. The Chamber of Prints and the mug collection (almost 2000, and some quite bizarre!) are standouts. The tilework was granted a separate building, the **House of Tiles**, the works of which range from the 13th century to contemporary times (English, Italian, Dutch, Oriental and Islamic). (Tue-Sat 10:00-17:00; entry €3)

40 SHOCK TREATMENT

The **Museum of Natural History of Funchal** (1933), the oldest functioning museum in Madeira, is legendary for its unchanging appearance, but the last-century look is part of its charm! Be prepared to be faced with stuffed sharks, eyes still too vivid; a giant sea lion inside a showcase where a car might fit; as well as insects and birds – 513 creatures in total, all captured in the archipelago. There's also an aquarium and a garden of aromatic and medicinal plants. (Tue-Fri 10:00-18:00, Sat-Sun 12:00-18:00; entry €3.8€)

41 NO FIRE CAN CONSUME IT

The **Church of São Pedro** was in the Portuguese national news for the worst reasons last summer. In front of its façade the television stations reported the fire that endangered this historical centre. Now safe and sound, it remains a jewel inside, lined with blue and white tiles and an altar in gold carving. You should climb the steep stairs to the choir, where the lifting chair seats complete the **Cathedral's** bestiary with even more exotic metamorphoses of rhinos, elephants, griffins and horses. There are those who see a willow (Madeiran dandelion of folklore) in a naive figure, with his typical cap. (everyday 09:00-12:00/15:00-19:00)

42 YOUR OWN STYLE

Cuca Vintage Shop is the only second hand shop on the entire island. But there is no clutter of clothes smelling of mold; this girl chooses the pieces by hand and has them shipped in containers directly from London. You can also count on Cuca to help you choose the right matches, between Adidas track jackets, rocker t-shirts from the 90's and delicate women's blouses from the 70's and 80's, arranged in chromatic gradients on clothing racks. (Tue-Fri 11:00-18:00, Sat 11:00-15:00)

43 UNIQUE COPY

In **WalkingFrame** the t-shirts are author's editions, limited to 15 copies. They all come from the head and hands of Jorge Rosa, who also creates the most well-behaved dogs in the city. The "Cão-deiro" (Doglamp) is a kind and well-trained specimen that gets along beautifully with cats, spreading light everywhere it goes. (Mon-Fri 10:00-14:00/15:00-19:00, Sat 10:00-14:00)

44 BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Ring the bell and the doors will open to a fascinating place of legends and heritage, in the midst of which lay a mill chuir with a ceiling of mudjar woodwork, as well as a Sevillian tile floor. The **Convent of Santa Clara** was destined to shelter girls and women whose nobility justified the breaking of clerical poverty rules, as they had slaves at their service and even received regular visits from men. The beauty of a number of them was known among nobles, such as in the case of soror Maria Clementina do Menino Jesus, considered the prettiest girl in Madeira and not lacking for suitors. When the corsairs attacked, the nuns fled on foot to the **Curral das Freiras**, where they had land, taking with them only an ostentatious and chalice. Succumbing to the long journey, the abbess died, and with her a great secret never revealed until this day: the location of the treasure she had hidden! (Mon-Sat 10:00-12:00/15:00-17:00)

45 LONDON CALLING

Londres is an institution. It is the lunch canteen for legions of Funchalenses who go there for the "comerinho" (food, in Madeiran), not for the ambience. Thursday is **Cozido à Portuguesa** day (typical Portuguese stew), so if you do not arrive before 12:30 you will have to look elsewhere. Every day there is a succulent skewer made from black pig's neck, and even if it's on the dinner menu, you can order it for lunch and no one will frown at you. Horse mackerel with tomato rice also has its fan club. (Mon-Sat 11:45-15:45/18:00-22:30; price €10-20)

46 ROOF COCKTAILS

The **Terrace Bar of Hotel do Castanheiro** adds delicious cocktails to a thundering view of the historic center's rooftops, and the theory that one should never go home right after work. It's here that the white-collar workers go towards the end of the afternoon, trying hard to establish the "Fridays-after-office". (every day 10:00-18:00)

47 LIBRARY RAT

You enter the **Livraria Esperança** with a mixture of wonder and disbelief. With more than 96,000 publications exhibited by their covers, the largest bookstore in Portugal and the only one of its kind seems to be made of books. Once inside, you're likely to forget everything else, and only get out of there when they gently tell you that they're going to have to turn off the lights. (Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00)

48 BE GUIDED

Madeiran Heritage guided tours are a university project which employs Erasmus student volunteers of all nationalities (and languages), with the profits going to students in need. True storytellers, they walk side by side with you as you discover Zona Velha, Paços do Concelho and the Legislative Assembly. The visit is organized to the **Colégio and Church of the Jesuits** is the best way to discover this former school of the Society of Jesus and quarters of the British troops during the Napoleonic wars. (Mon-Fri 10:00-17:00, Sat 11:00/12:30; guided tour €5)

49 RETRO JEWEL

At the age of **Caetano** could not be more hipster! Jewelry, haberdashery, knitwear, socks, ties, shirts, perfume and novelties – announces the facade so that there is no confusion with gadgets that are useless. No facebook page, no wifi, no fake profiles or false pretenses: what's genuine is good. (Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00, Sat 09:00-13:00)

50 ART, FOR GOD'S SAKE!

The **Museum of Sacred Art** is housed in the former Episcopal Palace, home to a succession of bishops between 1594 and 1910, who in turn were ordering works to remodel and enlarge the building. Now, and without any interactive paraphernalia, one can find the core of Portuguese religious art and an impressive collection of Flemish paintings, thanks to the noble and wealthy merchants who, during the golden age of the sugar trade between Madeira and Flanders, commissioned the best masters of the time. Anyone impressed by the details of the fabulous drapery of the apostles' garments can take them home, reproduced in life-size postcards. (Mon-Fri 10:00-17:00, Sat 10:00-13:00; entry €5)

51 CREATIVE HEALTHY FOOD

Under the stone arches of Museu de Arte Sacra you will come across **Museu Café**, where chef Pedro creates daily three vibrant and colourful dishes for lunch (full menu €9) and a vegetarian and a seasonal produce creative dinner experience. Also a great spot for a healthy breakfast or a lazy afternoon drink. The carob brownie with fresh fruit and ice cream is to die for! (Mon-Thu 08:30-23:00, Fri-Sat 09:00-00:00; price €8-25)

52 ALLA SCALA

The **Municipal Theater Baltasar Dias** has been, since opening in 1888, the main house for shows in the city. The name honors the blind Madeiran playwright, author of popular medieval plays, in the satirical and humorous style of Gil Vicente. The building, in a typical neoclassical manner, looks a bit like Teatro São Carlos in Lisbon or the Alla Scala in Milan. However, it is inside that the spectacle is revealed: the red horseshoe-shaped stalls are surrounded by boxes decorated with gold masks of the classical theater and, on the ceiling, a sky of painted clouds. If there's no event on the programme, we recommend the guided tour, upper rooms and backstage included! (Tue 10:00, visit €3.50). Just at the front, the **Municipal Garden** with all its botanical profusion can't go unnoticed.



53 DELICIOUS-AKA

Japanese restaurant with sushi menus for lunch (Tue-Sat 12:30-15:00, from €7.50) and a tasting including wines for dinner (Wed, Fri, Sat 20:00-24:00, €35). It has a floor for smokers, and the latest thing are their detox juices. We could tell you that **Shi-Aka** means "delicious Japanese fusion food", but although that's the honest truth, the two words do not mean anything at all.

54 STORIES OF KINGS AND PIRATES

Built at the request of the population to protect the city's seafront, the **Fortress-Palace of São Lourenço** was not yet finished when the French corsairs ransacked it in 1566. The Palace served as residence to the kings D. Carlos and D. Amélia, meaning its ballroom and official reception rooms saw a lot of European royalty waltz by. It is also the place where Américo Tomás and Marcelo Caetano, the last leaders of Portuguese fascism, were exiled after the 1974 Revolution. Prison wasn't all bad, though: they only stayed for a month and their imprisonment was dubbed "golden", because they were surrounded by luxuries. Next to the outdoor garden are the **Public Fountains of João Dinis**, possibly the oldest in Funchal. (free visits Mon 12:30, Tue-Wed 10:00, Thu 10:00/12:30, Fri 15:00)

55 UNDER THE LED LIGHT

The **Mini Eco** is exactly what you need: really small, and you go in solely to get an all-ecological drink. The décor and electrical system are based on re-use concepts. Outside, we occupy the alive DJ sets, which range from chillout to bossa nova. (Fri-Sat 23:00-04:00)

56 A CATHEDRAL FOR THE NEW WORLD

It may seem modest now, especially from the outside, but in the 16th century the **Cathedral of Funchal** was the headquarters of the first global Catholic diocese. It was to this one that all others answered, from Goa to São Salvador da Bahia to the "discovered and undiscovered lands" of a growing empire. King D. Manuel, who ordered the construction, didn't spare a dime on the decoration. The stonework, as well as chapel features 12 paintings and is the only one of its kind in Portugal that has remained in its original place for more than 500 years! Look for the carved figures in the stall: dwarves, pigs who read books, naked asses, a friar represented as a donkey, a fox preaching to the chickens and a dog practicing his intimate hygiene! The colourful cedar wood ceiling above the three naves adds delicious cocktails to a thundering view of the historic center's rooftops, and the theory that one should never go home right after work. It's here that the white-collar workers go towards the end of the afternoon, trying hard to establish the "Fridays-after-office". (every day 10:00-18:00)

57 SAINTS OF THE HOUSE

Each time we enter **Fabrica Santo António** we feel like children again, back when we used to go with our mothers to buy Maria biscuits, ginger biscuits, the other square ones (no one ever called them "petit beurre"), the honey cakes around Christmas and a bag of fennel candy – only if we had been very well-behaved! Ice cream here is delicious and can be eaten without moderation, as it starts with our recommended daily dose of fruit! (Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00, 12:00/17:00-19:00; free entry)

58 RETRO AMBIANCE

The **Living Room** is a small club with style: 60's wallpaper, a bar counter imitating an antique radio, a jukebox, a jukebox where you can perfectly imagine Don Draper stretched out smoking his cigarette. The atmosphere is quiet and intimate, but at a certain hour the door closes, and then you will dance as if you had invited friends to a party at your house. The soundtrack is contemporary: usually good electronic music. (Summer: Wed-Thu 22:00-02:00, Fri-Sat 22:00-04:00; Winter: Fri-Sat 22:00-04:00)

59 MEDIC PRESCRIPTION

The label of **Pharmacia Do Bento** proudly displays "Est. 1832". That may be exaggerated, but the place has certainly been in the family for more than 70 years. On one side, in the grocery store **Cabaz Bastos**, the mother at the counter sells, among other things, the iodized salt which is scarce among the Madeiran population. On the other side, in the bar, her son Bento announces: "here only the generics are sold: lemon punch!" Come here in the afternoon for a drink. Lose track of time between rounds and spend the night talking to this man about the best when the tobacco was still snuffed. (Mon-Fri 08:00-23:00, Sat 08:00-13:00)

60 LOOK TOUCH, BUT DON'T TASTE IT

The solidity of the Estado Novo architecture of the **Mercado dos Lavradores** contrasts with the uproar that goes on inside, especially on Friday and Saturday mornings, when the locals do their shopping. Enjoy the colour of the counters, the smell of the flowers, the sound of the sellers boasting! But beware: fruit sellers are not to be trusted, especially if you feel pressured to try anything and everything you can politely refuse... but if you can't resist the strange hybrids like banana-pineapple or passion fruit-banana, you should keep your eyes wide open in the moment of buying. On the lower level there are counters of fresh fish, where, by the way, the sight of the Jurassic tuna and the pointed tails of the black scabbard fish hanging over the stalls will mesmerize you. (Mon-Thu 08:00-19:00, Fri 07:00-20:00, Sat 07:00-14:00)

61 FEMININE AFFAIRS

The tradition of Madeira Embroidery is still passed on from mother to daughter. At **Fabrica Bordal** there is always someone available to give a free guided tour through the process. From drawing to purling to washing and ironing: everything follows a strict program. The ladies here still work at the original wooden counters from 1962, lined with fabrics where hundreds or thousands of manual prints accumulate in blue. And even spending €1000 on a luxury tablecloth is not at the top of your shopping list, you can take home something you embroidered yourself in a workshop. (every day 09:00-19:00; free entry. Workshops Thu 10:00-11:00; €25)

62 LOST IN NEVERLAND

It is said that architect Borges Pereira started buying Matchbox car toys and simply did not know when to stop. Today his collection consists of about 20,000 pieces, originating mostly from England, France, Portugal and Germany. The toys are in the windows of the **Toy Museum**. From wood, clay, paper paste and tin dolls through to the advent of plastic and batteries, there are rooms with small planes, lead soldiers, dolls and their props, board games, and so on. Those born in the 80's and 90's will especially like the racks and racks of Transformers, Micro Machines, Ninja Turtles and, of course, Barbies. (Mon-Sat 10:00-18:00; entry €5)

63 FISH ONLY

Siblings José and Maria José are the heart of this business: they are likely to say you dare to speak of a club other than Sporting, but they'll treat you like family if you eat everything on your plate! Outside the tourist circuit, tiny **Jaguet** serves several traditional fish dishes. Recommended: the mackerels with villain sauce, the black scabbard fish marinated in wine and garlic, and the swordfish steak. (Mon-Fri 12:00-16:30, 19:00-23:00; Sat 12:00-16:30; price €15-25)

64 OLD TOWN

It was here that the first populated center of the city was born, inhabited by fishermen and craftsmen (mainly potters). Many of the buildings of **Rua de Santa Maria** were warehouses for Madeira Wine, as you may notice in the concave ceilings and rounded doorposts, which served to better roll the barrels. In the 80's and 90's intellectual gatherings, as well as practices of prostitution and sale of embalmed turtles, took place here. All of these activities have been lost in time. Today **Zona Velha** is the epicenter of nightlife in Funchal and at weekends until 02:00 the streets and bars are filled with people coming to grab a drink.

65 80'S GROOVE

With hits like "Purple Rain", "I Want to Know What Love is" and "Wake Me Up Before You Go-go" you will be teleported to the eighties. At **Vintage** you will also find a photographer in charge who has no shame in exposing your face on the most popular social networks. The bar is well-equipped and you will never leave here with a dry mouth. (Fri-Sat 20:00-02:00, Sun/Wed/Thu 19:00-01:00)

66 RE-EVALUATING THE HANGOVER

You're starving and it's 2, 4, 7 in the morning? Just let yourself be guided to **Marizinha Bakery** by the smell. Hot bread with chorizo, cakes of their own making, and a cloud of flour that never clears up! In taking care of Funchalenses' hangover for decades, the President of the Republic has, in all honesty, distinguished this 70-year-old lady with the Order of Merit. (open 24h, 7 days/week)

67 TUTTI FRUTTI

We know that the fisherman's poncha is the real thing, but here you can also taste the others, from piranga to tree tomato. In the afternoon, you can have fresh fruit, as it should be! If you're served peanuts to accompany the drink, don't hesitate to throw the shells on the ground. At **Venda Velha** the idea is to recreate tradition, starting with the name (the "vendas" were the old grocery stores), to the windows, oil lamps, scales, old coffee grinders and other bric-a-brac decoration. (Mon-Sun 12:00-02:00)

68 FLORA AND FAUNA

At **Tapas do Anibal** you will find the fauna of the Zona Velha, men especially, leaning against the counter drinking Coral and discussing football. But please do not let the first impression of this neighborhood cafe, with its tiled floor, take you away from what you actually came here to try: the mighty black scabbardfish roe, skipjack tuna, octopus, and salted codfish sandwiches. Ask for your own beer and listen to the conversations around you instead of the buzz of the freezers. (Mon-Thu 10:00-01:00, Fri-Sat 10:00-02:00)

69 LICK YOUR LIPS

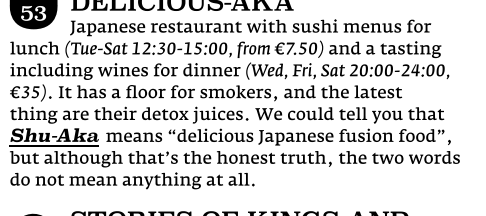
The best homemade ice cream in Funchal is at **Quisnoque Almirante Reis**, right next to the skate park and cable car. It is made daily in small quantities with fresh raw ingredients. You can choose with closed eyes, and we bet it is with closed eyes that you will taste them. If you get the caramel & fleur de sel variety, you've hit the jackpot! (Mon-Sat 10:00-19:00)

70 PATCHWORK OF SAINTS

Built by local fishermen in devotion to their patron saint, São Pedro Gonçalves Telmo, there is little left of the original construction of the **Chapel of Corpo Santo** (15th century) apart from its Gothic porch. It is inside that the primary and secondary which supported the families of those who lost their lives at sea. The "ark of the three keys" in the sacristy was only opened when the chaplain, president and treasurer of the association got together. In the main chapel you will be surrounded by thirty painted canvases representing the life and miracles of this saint. (Mon-Thu 09:30-12:30/14:00-18:00)

71 BIG AND YELLOW

There is not much happening inside the ochre walls of the **Fortress of São Tiago**, but a walk through its courtyards, safety cabins, towers and bastions has all the makings of a good photo op. We know this well because it was built around 1610 by the king's original garrison, and adding to its military uses, it served as housing to the population after the floods of 1803. On the floor in the middle area you can still see the rings that held the tent set up for the luncheon of our second to last king, in 1901. (Mon-Fri 09:00-12:30/14:00-17:30; free entry)



72 DESERVED QUIETNESS

The great advantage of the beach area of **Barreirinha** is in not having a pool. That means you will not find small children screaming and running all over the place, jumping into the water attempting "bombs" that spray salt water all over your Mojito. (entry €2)

73 THE COOLEST YARD

The **Barreirinha Bar Café** is where the alternative crowd in Funchal go. On the first floor there are weekly film screenings, exhibitions and themed dinners. Every Friday and Saturday night there are DJs or bands invited to perform outside to the small wall that separates you from the immensity of the sea. (Sun-Thu 09:00-00:00, Fri-Sat 09:00-02:00)

74 SHALL WE VOTE?

There is still no agreement regarding the designation of the **Church of Santa Maria Maior**, also known as the Church of Socorro. This is where the pilgrimages dedicated to S. Tiago Menor, protector of the city, starts. It was actually for this saint that the primitive church was named, as the population had promised to do during the plague epidemic that ravaged Funchal in 1521. The new temple is baroque, as you can tell by the shell-shaped figures on the façade. (Mon-Sat 09:30-12:00/15:00-18:00, Sun 09:00-12:00)

75 KIDS, FOOD IS ON THE TABLE!