

➤ Madeira Crossing 2026

It takes place twice a year:

From June 1st to 8th and from September 28th to October 5th.

Crossing Madeira Island from West to East in five days.

Venture out to explore some of the fantastic mountain trails that Madeira offers, discover and visit some of the most emblematic places that best identify the landscapes of the Pearl of the Atlantic.

Starting in the village of Porto Moniz, the trail crosses the idyllic scenery of the centuries-old trees of Fanal, the Paúl da Serra plateau and runs along part of the Levada do Norte and Folhadal. On the mountain designated as the Central Mountain Massif, we will have the opportunity to contemplate the magnificent landscapes of the north and south that extend across ridges and valleys, between Encumeada and the iconic peaks Ruivo and Areeiro, in what is considered one of the best PR trails in Europe. At the end, contemplate the ocean bathing the north coast at the cliffs of Boca do Risco, and finally, "flow" into this adventure in the picturesque village of Caniçal.

- Duration: 5 days
- Distance: 86.5 km
- Cumulative elevation gain: 3,870 m
- Cumulative elevation loss: 4,170 m

IMPORTANT: The route takes place on trails whose state of conservation varies greatly. Some of them are rugged and have steep inclines, so it will be very important to be in good physical shape and prepared to progress in these conditions.

PROGRAM

Day 1: Reception of participants, Check-in at the Hotel EuroMoniz*** and dinner at 8:00 PM.

Day 2: Breakfast at 7:30 AM. Departure from the hotel at 8:00 AM.

Departure from the village of Porto Moniz towards Ribeira da Janela. Here begins a continuous climb to Fanal, passing through Eira da Achada, Curral Falso and Cabeço da Esmoitada. Continue along the Fanal plateau and follow the PR 13 towards Paul da Serra.

Distance: 18.5 km.

Accumulated positive elevation gain: 1,450 m.

Accumulated negative elevation gain: 100 m.

Duration: 7 to 8 hours.



Transfer to the Enotel Sunset Bay**** - Check In. Dinner at 8:00 PM.

Day 3: Breakfast at 7:30 am. Departure from the hotel at 8:00 am by car to Paul da Serra.

The hike begins in Paul da Serra, continuing to Lameirinhas and ascending Pico Ruivo do Paul. It then proceeds to Estanquinhos and descends to Casa do Caramujo, from where we will follow the Levada Velha da Ribeira do Inferno to the impressive Paredão. Continuing the descent, we head towards Encumeada (S. Vicente) via the Levada do Norte (Folhadal).

- Distance: 17.0 km.
- Accumulated positive elevation gain: 340 m.
- Accumulated negative elevation gain: 810 m.
- Duration: 7 to 8 hours.



Transfer to the Hotel Encumeada*** - Check In. Dinner at 8:00 PM.

Day 4: Breakfast at 7:30 am. Departure from the hotel at 8:00 am by car to Encumeada.

We started the day with a long climb to Pico do Jorge, offering magnificent views of the Serra Água valleys to the south and São Vicente to the north. After a short descent, we reached Boca das Torrinhas, where the path intersects with the Caminho Real 27, from where we resumed another long climb to the highest point of this route: Pico Ruivo. The journey continues along what is already considered one of the best PR trails in Europe, towards Pico do Areeiro. Behind us are superb views over the Ribeiras Seca and Nogueira to the north, passing by Pico do Gato and the streams that flow into the deep valley of Curral das Freiras, the Escadas do Céu (Stairs to Heaven), and a visit to the Ninho da Manta viewpoint. Areeiro.

- Distance: 18.70 km.
- Accumulated positive elevation gain: 1,650 m.
- Accumulated negative elevation gain: 1,150 m.
- Duration: 7 to 8 hours.



Transfer to the Eira do Serrado Hotel & SPA**** - Check In. Dinner at 8:00 PM.

Day 5: Breakfast at 7:30 am. Departure from the hotel at 8:00 am by car to Areeiro.

We started from Areeiro, descending the slope towards Poiso. Behind us were Achada Grande and Levada do Blandy. Continuing down the Estrada Real 24, we followed Chão das Feiteiras and then the Vereda da Ribeira do Poço do Bezerro to Levada do Furado. The Levada route offers beautiful views over the Faial and Porto da Cruz mountains, and an opportunity to admire many of the native forest species of Madeira – Laurisilva. In Lamaceiros we continued towards Portela along the Levada of the same name.

- Distance: 16.8 km.
- Accumulated positive elevation gain: 30 m.
- Accumulated negative elevation gain: 1,220 m.
- Duration: 6 to 7 hours.



Transfer to the Enotel Santo da Serra**** - Check In. Dinner at 8:00 PM.

Day 6: Breakfast at 7:30 am. Departure from the hotel at 8:00 am, by car to Portela.

We begin at Portela, where we can admire the beautiful landscapes of Porto da Cruz, and follow the dirt road and path to Funduras. At Degolada, we descend to Larano to follow the peculiar path carved into the cliff face to Boca do Risco. From here, we climb to Rocha da Pena Branca, and make a final descent to the village of Caniçal, where our adventure ends.

- Distance: 15.5 km.
- Accumulated positive elevation gain: 330 m.
- Accumulated negative elevation gain: 750 m.
- Duration: 5 to 6 hours.



Transfer to the Hotel Dom Pedro**** - Check In. Dinner at 8:00 PM.

Day 7: Breakfast and free day for sightseeing and shopping. Dinner at 8:00 PM at the Hotel Dom Pedro.

Day 8: Check Out e transfer to Airport

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- Seven nights in 3 and 4-star hotels on a Half Board basis, with dinner and breakfast included..
- Snack / Picnic for the hike.
- Transportation:
 - Airport/hotel and hotel/airport transfers
 - Transfers to and from the hotel on the days of the hiking program and your luggage.
- Accompanied by 1 mountain guide.
- Personal Accident Insurance.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Drinks ordered with meals at hotels or any other establishments.
- Laundry expenses in hotels.
- Other expenses not mentioned as included.

PRICE: 1.525,00 € / pp*

* Per Person. (Shared accommodation in a twin room for 2 people.)

Note. - Supplement for single room accommodation: + 75.00 € per night

GROUP FORMATION: up to 7 people with a minimum requirement of 5 people.