



Portugal Island of Madeira Private Hiking

Verdant Mountains, Scenic Valleys & Coastal Villages

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Unrivalled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

MT Sobek is a legendary pioneering outfitter who has been operating adventures throughout Europe since 1970.

REASON 2

Our trips are designed for hikers and travelers who are looking for an authentic adventure, not a tourist experience - and this trip is no exception.

REASON 3

Hike with expert local MT Sobek guides who know the most beautiful, hidden spots to catch a once in a lifetime view.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Moderate hikes, culture tours, and tastings of local delicacies, all the while taking in the island's majestic landscapes.



LODGING

Ideally situated 4-star hotels boasting breathtaking views, and offering indoor and outdoor pools with spa services.



CLIMATE

Madeira is known as the island of eternal spring. Coastal temperatures hover around 68/70°F through April, and reach 77/79°F from July to October.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.



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Experience the dramatic landscapes of enchanting Madeira, the Pearl of the Atlantic, on this 8-day island adventure. Follow breathtaking trails high above the sea on a network of terraces and distinctive irrigation channels called levadas, which help make the island's mountainous topography accessible to hikers. Wander windswept plateaus above plunging cliffs on the Picos de Madeira, and explore the flower-filled towns of Santana and Jardim do Mar. Savor the flavors of Madeira in Funchal's marketplace and taste traditional Madeiran sweets — and rum. Madeira is often voted one of the world's top island destinations! Now you can explore it on foot with MT Sobek.

8 Days

Start: Madeira, Portugal

End: Madeira, Portugal

Departing: April, May, June, July, August, September

Activities: Hiking & Trekking

Lodging: Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 6-16 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check mtsobek.com for date-specific pricing.

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“Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see.”

- Bob J.

The Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrive in Madeira, Portugal

Touch down at Madeira Airport and transfer inland to Santo Antonio da Serra. Check into your boutique hotel and spa, surrounded by gardens with lush vegetation. Meet your group for a briefing at 6pm, then enjoy a festive welcome dinner.

MEALS: Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute private van transfer

DAY 02

Hike the Boca do Risco Coastal Path to Porta da Cruz

Wake for a panoramic coastal hike on the Boca do Risco Coastal Path at 1,000 feet above sea level. Following a rocky volcanic trail, you'll enjoy sweeping views of the ocean surf below — and simply stunning island vistas from the top of the pass. After a while, the path becomes forested with pine and eucalyptus trees before descending, past small hamlets and terraced crops, towards the village of Porto da Cruz. Toast your hike on a visit to Porta da Cruz's rum factory!

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 45-minute private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4.5 hours/8 miles hiking with 820' elevation gain and 1,150' elevation loss

DAY 03

Follow Trails to Caldeirao Verde

Embark on a fun hike following a levada (irrigation channel) through crop terraces and tunnels carved into the rocks. Your destination is Caldeirao Verde, a misty, fairy-tale jungle with waterfalls and lush vegetation. The scenic return journey takes you above the terraces and affords more panoramic ocean views.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 30-minute private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4.5 hours/8.5 miles hiking with 360' elevation gain and 1,960' elevation loss

DAY 04

Hike the Picos de Madeira

Today you'll hike the spectacular Picos de Madeira, an unmissable spot on the island's central ridge. The trail has alternating ascents and descents (often steep) in a tangle of volcanic rocks that make you feel truly at the heart of the island. The views will give you goosebumps — guaranteed! Next, transfer to Porto Moniz and your second 4-star hotel of the trip.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3.75 hours/6 miles hiking with 2,750' elevation gain and 2,050' elevation loss



Levada Rabacal & 25 Fontes

After breakfast, set off on a drive up to Paul da Serra Plateau, one of the island's most popular walking destinations. At 3,940 feet, the plateau affords incredible panoramic views over mountains and lush valleys. Enjoy a scenic hike along levadas and through fields of heather, stopping off to view several pretty waterfalls including the Cascada do Risco.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 4 hours/6.75 miles hiking with 650' elevation gain and loss



The Royal Path of Paul do Mar

Starting in the village of Rasposeira, follow a levada to the village of Prazeres. Enjoy incredible ocean and village views (as well as a cha de limao, a local tea flavored with lemon peel) before beginning the descent to Paul do Mar on a spectacular path marked by poios (terraced farmland), succulents and prickly pear trees. This path is part of the vast network of "royal" paths, which once allowed the fishermen of Paul do Mar to access other villages to sell their fish. Transfer to your hotel in Funchal, the capital of the island.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: 3 hours/7 miles hiking with 1,950' elevation gain and loss



Gourmet Tour of Funchal

This morning, savor Madeira's local delicacies on a guided gourmet tour. Starting from the hotel, you'll head through historic streets to Mercado dos Lavradores — the city's vibrant market, brimming with flowers, vegetables and exotic fruits. Stroll the stalls before tasting a traditional hot sandwich made with fresh garlic bread. In the afternoon, board a cable car to Monte for a breathtaking view over Funchal Bay and stroll among 18th- and 19th-century quintas (agricultural estates) and botanical gardens. Take the traditional route downhill riding in a wicker basket. A farewell dinner awaits tonight!

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 hours easy touring



Depart from Madeira

Your trip ends after breakfast with a transfer from the hotel to Madeira Airport.

MEALS: Breakfast

TRANSPORTATION: 40-minute private van transfer



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Hotel PortoBay Serra Golf

Guestrooms offer free Wi-Fi, satellite TV and minibars, as well as safes, and tea and coffeemaking equipment. A spa offers massages, an indoor pool, a sauna and an exercise room. Other amenities include a game room, a restaurant and a garden. A casual lounge with a fireplace serves afternoon tea.

Aqua Natura Bay

Aqua Natura Bay is known for its ideal location and sweeping views over the Atlantic Ocean mountainside. Guestrooms offer private bathrooms, eco-friendly amenities, cable TV, safe, minibar, coffee and tea facilities, Wi-Fi internet, and air conditioning.

Castanheiro Boutique Hotel

The unique 4-star Castanheiro Boutique Hotel comprises five historically classified buildings that lead guests on a journey through three centuries of Funchal, from the 18th century to today! Its 81 rooms are beautifully appointed and come with modern amenities. Step outside into the historic part of Funchal or take a dip in the lap pool with panoramic views!

Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: April, May, June, July, August, September

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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