

Portugal Island of Madeira Private Hiking

8 Days



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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.

Details

Arrive:	Madeira Airport, Portugal
Depart:	Madeira Airport, Portugal
Duration:	8 Days
Group Size:	6-16 Guests
Minimum Age:	16 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

“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.

“A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides.”

Carol & Burt D.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

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

REASON #02

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 #03

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

What to Expect



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.


Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

We work with only the most experienced and knowledgeable local guides on our trips. You will be in excellent hands with a fully licensed and accredited local guide who will share their expertise in everything from history and architecture, to culture and traditions, the best local cuisine, activities and crafts, or even shopping. Local guides live, breathe, and love their trips because as locals they are an integral part of their communities. Their connections run deep and pride in their piece of the world is contagious.

Local Tour Guide

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Itinerary

DAY 1

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: D

DAY 2

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!

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

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

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.

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

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

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 Funchal and your second 4-star hotel of the trip.

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

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

GOURMET TOUR OF FUNCHAL

This morning is at your leisure to explore the narrow cobblestone streets, take the cable car up to Monte, or visit the botanical garden. This afternoon, 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. You will also discover and taste Madeiran sweets, including sampling honey cakes and ginger biscuits in a traditional 19th-century factory, and enjoying special Madeiran chocolate in a chocolate bar. Meet back with the group for dinner tonight.

Activity: 4 hours easy touring

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

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.

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

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

THE ROYAL WAY OF PAUL DO MAR

Starting in the charming village of Jardim do Mar, with its narrow cobblestone streets and blossoming bougainvillea, follow an ancient path up to Prazeres. Enjoy incredible ocean and village views from the top before descending via a zigzag path to the fishing village of Paul do Mar. A farewell dinner awaits tonight!

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

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

DEPART FROM MADEIRA

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

Meals: B

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Dates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

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 portorage

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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