

2017

Events - April

Sugar Cane Presentation | Ponta do Sol **April, 8th and 9th**

The Municipality of Ponta do Sol promotes its annual presentation on the sugar cane production, an event taking place between 8th to 9th April in the parish of Canhas.

This fair takes place at the Farmers Market in Canhas (Mercado dos Agricultores) on the West Coast of the island. This year's programme includes the traditional food and drink stands, a lot of music and entertainment as well as exhibitions on sugar cane and the process of producing honey from sugar cane. More active people can also take part in the cutting of the cane on Saturday morning.

Madeira Film Festival | Funchal **April, 17th to 23rd**

The Madeira Film Festival is based on an international project developed by Scottish Aitken Pearson, aiming to promote the islands natural heritage and the Laurel Forest in particular - a UNESCO World Heritage Site -, through the cinematic arts.

This project is comprised by several cultural activities connected to the world of arts, education, ecotourism and fundraising. Every year, the festival welcomes celebrities from the film and music industry, contributing to boost the local artistic panorama and also to promote Madeira Islands abroad.

The event's programme includes the presentation of films and short films based on environmental causes, divided into several categories, which are then be submitted for evaluation by an international jury.

More information: www.madeirafilmfestival.com

MIUT - Madeira Islands Ultra Trail | Santana **April, 22nd**

The Clube de Montanha do Funchal promotes the 9th edition of MIUT (Madeira Island Ultra Trail) a Trail Running competition comprised by four main races: the MIUT115, Ultra85, Marathon42 and Mini16, challenging its participants with a unique experience crossing the island highest peaks/mountains.

The 2017 edition covers the areas of Porto Moniz and Machico, crossing the island's best tracks, starting in the municipality of Porto Moniz and ending in the council of Machico, passaging through the central massif - Encumeada - Ruivo Peak (1861 m) - Areeiro Peak -, in a very challenging circuit of about 115 km.

During this competition participants face several challenges which include unexpected temperature and visibility variations, and also the crossing of mountainous terrains circumstances that implicate experience and physical skills. For further information go to <http://madeiraultratrail.com/en/>

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Madeira Fashion Weekend | Funchal **April, 22nd to 23rd**

Held for the first time in Madeira, this is a fashion event that aims to highlight not only the scenic features of the island, but also promote it as a potential fashion centre.

The Madeira Fashion Weekend will take place on 22 and 23 of April at the Pestana Casino Park Hotel in Funchal.

It is a daring project that will bring together fashion, music and dance. Regional, national and international designers will have the opportunity to present their work on the catwalk to the sound of musicians and dancers complementing the show with a wide range of rhythms.

Lemon Festival | Ilha, Santana **April, 29th to 30th**

The northern parish of Ilha, located in the municipality of Santana, organizes the Lemon festival in tribute to one of its most significant agricultural products.

Within a very popular lively ambience, this annual event gathers the local producers who display their local gastronomic delicacies made with this citrus.

Regional Philharmonic Bands Meeting | Ribeira Brava **April, 30th**

This cultural initiative was created to preserve Madeira's musical heritage and to pay tribute to the important role played by the regional Philharmonic bands in favour of the public entertainment initiatives and the indisputable joyfulness that they instil into Madeira's traditional feasts.

This event takes place on Sunday with a procession of all the regional bands throughout the main streets of this village. Then all bands get together at the coastal avenue and each band presents its individual repertoire, usually for 10 minutes. This meeting ends with a combined anthem composed specifically for the occasion.

Trophies are then handed out, followed by a celebration.