

2017

Events - August

59th Madeira Wine Rally August, 3rd to 5th

Madeira will host another edition of the Madeira Wine Rally an important sport event part of the FIA European Rally Trophy Championship.

Organized by the Madeira Sports Club in collaboration with the Portuguese Federation of Automobile and Karting (FPAK), this racing competition joins together large crowds of high speed lovers who gather along the regional roads to watch the velocity of these cars and the skill of its drivers.

Several stretches of road will be closed to the traffic and therefore is advisable to consult the official website to get more detailed information: www.ralivm.com.

Nossa Senhora da Saúde Festivity | Lameiros August, 4th to 6th

The "Nossa Senhora da Saúde" festivity, is annually held in the parish of Lameiros, São Vicente. Commonly designated by locals as the "Arraial dos Lameiros", this festivity is held between 4th and 6th August.

This is a typical regional festivity ("arraial") that has evolved over the years becoming one of the largest Summer Festivals on the island of Madeira.

The religious ritual involving this festivity includes the typical "novenas" [9 masses] and a religious service held inside the church.

Outside, there are food and drink stalls and a lots of entertainment, with performances local DJ's folk dancing groups in addition to other music bands.

Emigrant and Tourist day festivities | Calheta August, 5th and 6th

During the second weekend of August is held a traditional Madeiran festival in the parish of Atouguia, in the municipality of Calheta, that attracts many locals and tourists alike.

This festival promotes local gastronomy, and presents various entertainment activities and concerts with live music, folklore and performances by local singers.

The main church has a very unique architectural feature presenting a basilica-like structure with a small round dome.

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15th Black Scabbard Fish Festival | Câmara de Lobos August, 11th to 13th

Câmara de Lobos bay of annually hosts the Black Scabbard Fish Festival, an event organised by the Parish Council of Câmara de Lobos, dedicated to one of the most typical gastronomic specialties of Madeira – Black Scabbard fish.

This event combines the local cuisine with lots of entertainment, offering a multifaceted programme which includes show cooking, dance and music concerts. This festivity intends raise public awareness regarding Câmara de Lobos fishing traditional and also to promote the gastronomic potential of this tasty and distinctive fish - black scabbard fish.

There will be plenty of food and drink stalls at this festival.

Our Lady of Monte Festivity | Funchal August, 14th to 15th

This festivity is considered to be one of Madeira Islands main religious feasts, also celebrated by the numerous immigrants from Madeira that live abroad.

During two consecutive days, the picturesque and romantic parish of Monte is transformed into one of the liveliest places on the island, filled with food and beverage stalls and lots of musical entertainment.

Our Lady of Grace Festivity | Porto Santo August, 14th to 15th

Every year, on the 14th and 15th of August, the Chapel of Our Lady of Grace, erected on the hillside below the Portela viewpoint, pays tribute to our Lady of Grace in a fun-filled festival. This festival includes religious ceremonies and a procession, followed by a festival with traditional food and drink stalls, music and lots of entertainment.

Festivities of the Municipality of S. Vicente August, 19th to 27th

During a week, the picturesque village of São Vicente, located on the north coast of Madeira, hosts the festivities in honor of the county of the same name.

This initiative, which is already a regional reference, integrates an intense program of cultural and social events, as well as a lot of gastronomy and animation. Like previous editions, this event counts with the participation of some regional and national bands.

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National and International Folklore Festival | Ponta do Sol August, 26th

Every year, the Ponta do Sol Folklore Group promotes this important cultural event, in collaboration with the municipality of Ponta do Sol, featuring several regional, national and foreign groups with the purpose to highlight the islands cultural traditions and ethnographic heritage.

14th European Folklore Week | Funchal August, 27th to 30th

The Folklore and Ethnographic group of Boa Nova promotes this cultural event with the purpose of supporting the rich cultural heritage of Madeira by presenting its ethnography and folklore traditions in an intercultural gathering filled with lots of entertainment activities.

As in previous editions the European Folklore Week will held at the Municipal Garden's Auditorium including the participation of several regional, national and international folk groups, an event which has greatly contributed for the acknowledgement of the rich local ethnographic and musical styles.

Madeira Wine Festival | Estreito de Câmara de Lobos and Funchal August, 28th to September, 11th

This ancestral Madeira wine tradition, celebrated every year in the picturesque village of Estreito de Câmara de Lobos, includes a set of ethnographic demonstrations, such as harvesting and grape-stomping, the processions of the grape harvesters and all other elements of traditional festivals in Madeira, providing moments full of excitement and entertainment for both spectators and participants. At the same time, in downtown Funchal, are varied allegorical performances depicting folklore, wine and grape harvest.

Further information at <http://www.visitmadeira.pt>

Harvest Festival | Porto Santo End of August

Porto Santo hosts this cultural festivity that intends to promote the various types of wine produced in this island. The event takes place at Largo das Palmeiras where a wine presser will be set up, as well as wine tastings and various demonstrations on the wine making process and an exhibition of the gear used in the vine industry. There is also musical entertainment with traditional singing groups.