

2017

## Events - June

### **Madeira International Open Squash | Funchal June, 1st to 4th**

The Madeira International Open Squash tournament is a sports event integrated in the squash world tour calendar and part of the Professional Squash Association (PSA).

This competition takes place in three excellent ASB Rainbown courts a tournament that will provide its participants the chance to compete in a pre-qualification and qualification tournament, allowing both Madeiran and Portuguese players to earn a place in the main Madeira Open event.

With an international dimension, the Madeira Squash tournament will keep fans of this sport on the edges of their seats between the 1st and 4th of June.

### **12th Medieval Market | Machico June, 2nd to 4th**

The municipality of Machico, located on the eastern coast of Madeira Island, hosts the 7th edition of the Medieval Market (Fifteenth century market), an event that has gained a prominent cultural status by evoking the archipelago's history. Organized by the Municipality of Machico and the local Primary and Secondary School, the market takes place in Machico's downtown (Largo da Praça at Alameda Dr. José António de Almada) and offers a series of cultural and musical activities.

In addition to these activities this year's also integrates the 9th Forum on "Naval Construction" to be held at Machico Forum Centre.

### **Ultra Skymarathon Madeira | Santana June, 2nd to 4th**

The "Clube Aventura da Madeira" in partnership with the Portuguese Camping and Mountaineering Federation, will promote the 4th edition of the Ultra Skymarathon® Madeira.

The USM 2017 integrates for the second year the Skyrunner® World Series part of ISF – International Federation Skyrunning calendar, and for the third consecutive year the Skyrunner® National Series Spain, Andorra & Portugal.

Skyrunning is a technical mountain race, presenting steep slopes of high technical degree, which appeals the interest of many participants, not only for its characteristics, but also, for the scenery and great beauty of the natural landscapes of the northern coast of the island.

With the picturesque city of Santana as a background, this noteworthy national sporting event pays an important part, by promoting the natural heritage of this municipality, combining the tourist potential of its pedestrian routes, and also its culture and traditions.

This event consists of four races, of different distances, the Ultra Skymarathon® Madeira (USM 55km 4000m D+), the Santana Vertical Kilometer® (SVK 4.8Km 1003 D+), the Santana Sky Race (SSR 20 km 1350m D+) and the Mini SkyRace (MSR 13km 400m D+).

Follow up more details regarding this race in: <http://www.madeiraskyrunning.com/>

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### **Madeira Atlantic Festival | Funchal** **June, 3rd, 10th, 11th and 24th**

In June, the Madeira Tourism Board promotes one of Madeira's Tourism entertainment calendar main touristic events.

This festival includes several cultural activities with special reference to the pyrotechnical and musical shows held over the four Saturdays of this month, in addition to the Atlantic Roots Festival and the Regional Week of Arts.

The Atlantic Festival transforms the island's main capital into a stage of culture, offering tourists and residents unforgettable cultural and entertainment performances not only for their artistic and musical quality, but also for their magical ambiance.

More information on: <http://www.visitmadeira.pt>

### **Madeira Canyoning Meeting | Seixal** **June, 6th to 11th**

The Madeira Canyoning Meeting is organized by the Clube Naval do Seixal and the Portugal Mountain Camping Federation an event that intends to promote Madeira Islands potential for the practice of this sport activity, but also to encourage the interaction and exchange of experiences between participants.

This event also includes workshops and open lectures with participants of various nationalities.

During the event, participants have the opportunity to discover various canyons, most of which are located on the north and on the inland areas of the island.

More information available on: <http://canyoningmadeirameeting.com/en/>

### **Regional Arts Week | Funchal** **June, 7th to 18th**

The Regional Arts Week was created a cultural event comprised of with various artistic presentations over the course of the week: Garden Party; Artistic Methods (drama/theatre, dance, music and visual arts); ESCOLartes, Regional Exhibition and Competition in Plastic Arts – taking place in various places in the Funchal city centre and in the Madeira Tecnopolo.

With the involvement of the vast majority of elementary and secondary schools, and of a few CAOs, the various stages will present around 4000 general education students and students from Special Education Institutions who will also share these stages with students, arts groups and formally established groups from DSEAM/DEA, promoting 30 artistic performances/interventions throughout the week.

### **Cherry Festival | Jardim da Serra** **June, 9th and 11th**

After the rare and beautiful spectacle of the cherry trees in bloom comes the fruit picking season and the Cherry Festival, which takes place in the Jardim da Serra, on 9th to 11th June.

This festivity offers a wide range of sports and leisure activities that culminate with an ethnographic parade in a tribute to the harvesting of this delicious fruit.

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### **“Sopas do Campo” fair | Boaventura June, 10th to 11th**

The Casa do Povo of Boaventura annually promotes the “Sopas do Campo” fair an event held in collaboration with the Regional Secretariat for Environment and Natural Resources, through the Regional Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the Municipality of S.Vicente. “Sopa de Agrião” (Watercress Soup), the “Sopa de Milho” (Corn Soup) and the famous “Açorda da Madeira”. This festival intends to promote the islands regional cuisine, its aromas, flavors and in particular its typical broths such as the “Caldo da Romaria”, the “Sopa de Cebola” (Onion Soup) in addition to the “Sopa de Trigo” (Barley Soup), the “Sopa de Agrião” (Watercress Soup), the “Sopa de Milho” (Corn Soup) and the famous “Açorda da Madeira”.

### **Popular Marches | Funchal June, 12th, 13th and 23rd**

During the month of June are held the festivities in honour of the popular saints. These celebrations beginning with festivities in tribute of Saint Anthony, an event celebrated with a special feeling by the parishioners of this area. On June 23rd, other municipal parishes of Funchal area, like São Pedro and São João, also organize popular marches along Rua das Pretas, Rua da Carreira and Rua de São João streets, a very lively celebration typical of the popular saint’s festive evenings.

### **Atlantic Roots Festival | Funchal June, 15th to 17th**

Promoted by the Regional Culture Bureau (DRC) this event is considered to be one of the oldest traditional music festivals of the World Music genre both in Europe and Portugal.

This year’s edition presents some novelties, new brand, image and programme, location, date, and concept, a festival that combines different genres, sounds, as well as new musical trends of artistic quality.

This three-day festival aims to reach a more demanding and diversified audience, as well as, to attain a greater international projection for this festival contributing to heighten the Regions cultural offer.

The emblematic gardens of Quinta Magnólia are the centre stage of this event, a music festival taking place between June, 15th and 17th.

The first night of the festival will be dedicated to national music, and the second to new sounds and trends such as Black Music, Soul or Funk. The final and third night of this festival features the excellence of Portuguese music.

This edition features some well-known regional, national and international starring such as Elza Soares (Brazil), Maria Toledo (Spain), Banda d’Além band (Madeira), the “Cancioneiro Açoriano” Medeiros / Lucas band (Azores) among others.

For more detailed information go to: <https://www.facebook.com/festival.raizes.atlantico>

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### **Feast of St John | Porto Santo** **June, 21st to 25th**

The St John's Traditional Feast is one of the largest and most well-known tourism events of Porto Santo. The night of the 23rd is the most important, with St John's traditional parade (Marchas de São João). Four groups of well-dressed participants parade in the main streets of the city to the sound of traditional popular music, remembering the traditions and customs of the people of Porto Santo and spreading their contagious joy to all the onlookers. The mood is festive and colourful, with the scent of sweet basil (manjericos) and the sound of crackling bonfires in the air. The whole city is celebrating, taking the opportunity to showcase its traditional cuisine. At the same time, there are numerous sporting and cultural activities ranging from golf and tennis tournaments to musical shows.

### **Tour of Madeira - Classic Car Rally** **June, 24th to 25th**

The Madeira Classic Car Club (Clube de Automóveis Clássicos da Madeira) promotes another edition of the Tour of Madeira in Classic Cars. The tour is integrated in the FPAK (Portuguese Federation for Automobiles and Karting). The event provides its participants the chance to experience the symbiosis between sport and nature in a competitive race characterized for being both a cultural and also a social event.

### **Feast of St. Peter | Ribeira Brava** **June, 28th and 29th**

The municipality of Ribeira Brava, located to the west of Madeira Island, hosts the popular saints' marches in honour of Saint Peter.

This is a popular event, characterised by nighttime crossings of highly decorated boats and the traditional marches, the marchas populares, in honour of São Pedro. There are market stalls throughout the centre of the city, where traditional kebabs of Madeira are made and served, with traditional caco bread. On the 28th around 10 pm the streets of this municipality are centre stage of the typical popular marches, culminating around midnight with a fireworks display, filling up the skies of this locality with light and colour.

### **62nd Agriculture Fair | Santa, Porto Moniz** **June, 30th to July, 2nd**

Promoted for the first time in 1955 in order to encourage development of animal breeding, this has become a rural event of particular importance to the Region. Various exhibits of animals and objects related to local farming are available for visitors to see in Santa - Porto Moniz. This takes place in a rural environment, and there are many outdoor stands providing homemade bread, espetada (beef skewered) and drinks.