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## Events - October

### **Nature Festival** **October, 3rd to 8th**

During a week, Madeira Islands will be hosting the eight edition of the Madeira Nature Festival, an event aiming to highlight the unique charms of this archipelago in an atmosphere filled with energy, inspiring a sense of adventure. Whether on land, on air or on sea, the choices are plenty and everyone can experience a multiplicity range of activities, such as trekking, canyoning, diving or parasailing.

This event also aims to promote all the potential of Active Tourism in the islands in a sustainable approach and promote interaction and discovery of Madeira values based on an appealing and dynamic programme.

All necessary ingredients are thus gathered in order to turn this festival into a pleasant surprise and exceed all expectations.

Follow up all the information on this event at: <http://www.visitmadeira.pt>

### **Biosphere Roller Skater | Santana** **October, 6th to 7th**

The "Biosphere Roller Skate" is an International Speed Skating Tournament held in Faial, in Santana (Madeira), more specifically between the track of 200 metres situated at the mouth of Ribeira do Faial and the karts racing track circuit, with a total perimeter of 1060 metres.

This is an end of season event, in which athletes of the modality can associate the adrenaline of the competition with the discovery of the destination during the 3 days of the competition.

The event will have nearly 300 enrolled athletes of the most varied nationalities, from infant age groups to seniors.

For further information: <http://biosfera-rollerskate.com>

### **Madeira Ocean Race | Funchal** **October, 7th to 8th**

The Madeira Ocean Race is a sea canoeing sports event organised by the Funchal Naval Club in collaboration with the Portuguese Canoeing Federation, the Madeira Canoeing Regional Association and Madeira Tourism.

The 4th edition of the Madeira Ocean Race will cover the southern coast of the island in a competition comprised by multiple surf ski vessels, a sports competition that gathers some of the world's best kayakers.

### **Madeira International Rollerstake Marathon | Funchal** **October, 8th**

Funchal hosts the Madeira International Rollerstake Marathon a competition integrated in the Biosphere Roller Skate tournament, promoted by the CDR Santanense club in collaboration with the municipality of Funchal.

This competition starts and finishes at Praça do Povo square, in a race with a total extension of 42 km, in a closed circuit which covers the perimeter between the roundabouts of the Madeira Electricity Company and Av. Sá Carneiro.

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### **Our Lord of Miracles | Machico** **October, 8th and 9th**

Machico celebrates this religious festivity on October 9th in the chapel of Our Lord of Miracles, one of the oldest in Madeira. It was destroyed by a landslide in 1803 and was later rebuilt. The image of Our Lord of Miracles was swept out to the sea by the landslide, but it was found three days later and presented to Funchal's Cathedral. In 1813, the image was restored to this chapel.

Thousands of people from all over the island gather in Machico to pay homage in a candle-lit night-time procession in an atmosphere of deep religious devotion, for it is considered one of the most important religious celebrations in the whole of the Madeira Archipelago.

On this day it is also commemorated the day of the Municipality of Machico.

### **6th Madeira Organ Festival | Funchal** **October, 20th to 29th**

Organised by the Madeira Cultural Bureau (DRC), this festival aims to publicise and consolidate one of its recent projects concerning the restoration of an almost unknown part of cultural heritage as well as to enrich and promote the decentralisation of the organ-related culture on display in Madeira with a series of concerts taking place in several worship temples within the municipality of Funchal, such as the Cathedral, the Colégio Church and the Church of São Pedro (Saint Peter). The event sets still the difference on the islands cultural scenery heritage through an array of recitals performed by master organists of national and international reputation.

More information at <http://www.festivaisculturaisdamadeira.com>

### **Madeira Island International Swim Marathon (MIISM)** **October, 27th to 29th**

From October 28th to November 1st, Madeira Island annually hosts the Madeira Island International Swim Marathon (MIISM), a sports initiative organized by the Funchal Naval Club, in partnership with the Madeira Swimming Association, aiming to attract an increasing number of "open water swimmers".

A wide range of leisure and sporting events will be held over the course of one week between the 9th to 15th of November, such as crossings between cities (Ribeira Brava- Funchal and Câmara de Lobos - Funchal); stand-up-paddle fun races, kids' races, mountain bike rides and Jeep safaris, in addition to the official races to be held at Quinta Calaça bay. These races are destined both for amateurs and professionals.

Follow up more details on this event at: <http://www.clubenavaldofunchal.com>

### **Funchal Eco trail** **October, 28th**

Funchal host the 3rd Funchal Eco Trail Race, a competition very similar to other trail running events with the difference that this type of race takes place in the cities.

The race in particular stands out for being integrated in a European urban circuit, along with the following European cities: Paris, Oslo, Stockholm, Reykjavik, Brussels and Madrid, contributing therefore towards the promotion of

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Madeira Islands within this sports practice.

This competition integrates various classes and is comprised of four races in the distances of 80, 40, 25 and 15 km.

For more information go to: <http://ecotrilmadeira.com>

### **Chestnut Festival | Curral das Freiras** **October, 31st to November, 1st**

Organized by Casa do Povo do Curral das Freiras to promote this important agricultural product, the Chestnut Festival is an opportunity for visitors to taste the gastronomic specialities made with this dry fruit: roasted chestnuts, liqueurs and delicious cakes.

There is also a culinary competition running in the local restaurants where traditional local food is served.

Come to the Nun's Valley and taste these special chestnut treats!