

2018

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, 3rd to 5th

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 religious festivity is held between the 3rd and 5th of August.

This is a typical religious festivity ("arraial") that has evolved over the years becoming one of the largest summer festivals in Madeira Island.

The religious ritual involving this festivity includes the typical "novenas" [9 masses] and a religious service held inside the church. Outdoors there are food and drink stalls and a lots of entertainment, with performances by local DJ's and folk dancing groups in addition to other music bands.

33rd Machico's Gastronomic Fair Until August, 5th

Machico's city centre will be the centre stage of another edition of the "Gastronomic Fair" an event organized in order to promote the islands regional gastronomy but in particular the culinary delicacies typical of this municipality.

In addition several entertainment and live music concerts by regional and national bands will be taking place in this city during the course of a week full of flavours, snacks and typical food by the seaside.

Camacha Art Festival | Camacha August, 9h to 14th

During one week the village of Camacha located in the borough of Santa Cruz hosts the "Camacha Art Festival, an event dedicated to the promotion of the islands ethnographic and popular traditions.

The official programme includes various handcraft and art exhibitions, workshops, in addition to musical performances by various typical folk dancing groups.

This festival hosts an international folk dancing gala show, gathering both national and international folk dancing groups.

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

Câmara de Lobos annually hosts the “Black Scabbard Fish Festival”, an event promoted by the parish Council of Câmara de Lobos, highlighting one of the island's most typical gastronomic dishes – Black Scabbard fish.

This event combines the both local cuisine and entertainment, offering a multifaceted programme including show cooking sessions, the typical food and drink stalls and live entertainment shows. This festivity intends to raise public awareness regarding Câmara de Lobos fishing traditions, apart from the gastronomic potential of this tasty and unique type of fish.

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

August hosts one of Madeira Islands main religious festivities – the Feast of Our Lady of Monte – considered one of the most important catholic pilgrimages in the island, famous all over the world where emigrants from Madeira have settled.

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

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

Every year Porto Santo island pays tribute to - Our Lady of Grace, a religious festivity held at the Capela da Graça (Chapel of our lady of Grace), erected on a hill below the belvedere of Portela.

This religious festivity includes a religious service followed by a procession, a very lively popular get together with the typical traditional stands selling food and beverages, lots of music and entertainment.

Caniço Gastronomic week | Caniço de Baixo **August, 17th to 21st**

The village of Caniço hosts the gastronomic festival “Caniço Gastronomic” a culinary event that intends to promote the local typical gastronomy, an event that has become a popular attraction for tourists.

Organised by the parish of Caniço, in partnership with some of the local pubs and restaurants, this culinary festival also gathers various musical groups and bands will take part in this event.

Municipal Festivities | São Vicente **August, 22nd to 25th**

During one week, the charming village of São Vicente, located on the northern coast of Madeira island hosts a celebration in tribute to this municipality.

This popular event integrates an intense program entailing various cultural and social activities, in addition to the typical food and beverage stalls and lots of entertainment. As in previous years, this festivity also includes performances by local and national bands.

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National and International Folklore Festival | Ponta do Sol August, 25th

The Municipality of Ponta do Sol in collaboration with the Ponta do Sol Folklore Group annually promotes this important cultural event, a festival which appeals hundreds of locals and tourists to this village located in the western coast of the island.

The events program features the performance of various regional, national and foreign folklore groups in a cultural endeavour that intends to highlight the islands cultural traditions and ethnographic heritage.

16th European Folklore Week | Funchal August, 26th to 29th

The Auditorium of Funchal Municipal Gardens will be the setting of the European Folklore week a cultural festival that features both national and International folk dancing groups.

Organised by the Boa Nova Ethnographic and Folklore group this festival intends to encourage inter-cultural communication and to promote the local traditions and customs, through ethnography and folklore.

As in previous years, various folklore groups will take part in this event, a festival which offers a varied musical and cultural programme, depicting a wide variety of musical styles.

Madeira Wine Festival | Estreito de Câmara de Lobos and Funchal August, 26th to September, 9th

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 for For further details on the event's program go to: <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.

Taking place at Largo das Palmeiras, where a wine presser will be set up, will be held other activities such as wine tastings and various demonstrations on the wine making process, in addition to an exhibition, depicting the type of equipment's and tools used in the vine industry.

There is also musical entertainment with traditional singing groups.