

2018

Events - February

“Compadres” Festivities | Santana February, 1st,3rd,4th to 8th

The “Compadres” festivities set the beginning of Carnival season in Madeira, a tradition which goes back over 50 years ago, and which is still celebrated with great enthusiasm in the municipality of Santana.

This event is well known for its originality and is characterised by a lively parade with gigantic dolls that drives through the main streets of this cosy village located on the northern part of the island.

For more detailed information:<http://www.cm-santana.com>

Carnival Festivities | Funchal February 7th to 18th

During one week the spirit of revelry and the carnival rhythms return to Funchal’s city centre to the sound of marches and philharmonic bands, in a festival that, every year, guarantees lots of joy and entertainment. The contagious festival atmosphere awakens the carnival spirit among residents and visitors.

These festivities integrate a set of official and popular activities, which are genuinely associated with the islands traditions, an event inspired under the theme “Madeira – 6 centuries of joy”.

Madeira Carnival festivities is one of Madeira Islands main tourist events, an occasion which is highlighted on the evening of Saturday, February, 10th, with a magnificent parade of floats an event that involving hundreds of participants in a unique and colourful parade which brings colour and joy to the city centre main streets. Several groups take part of this allegorical parade which involves thousands of participants, filling the city centre with music and joy.

On the following Tuesday, February, 13th, the Slapstick Parade takes place. This is a traditional popular parade, open to all, where humour and social satire are the main ingredients.

All this carnival merriment finds its way into the Praça da Autonomia, an event that culminates with a ceremony in which prizes are given to the most creative participants.

Follow up all of this festive occasion merriment at: www.visitmadeira.pt

Regional Custard Apple Exhibition | Faial, Santana February, 24th and 25th

The Faial Community Centre and the Farmers Association promote the annual Regional Custard Apple Exhibition (Exposição Regional da Anona), in partnership with the Regional Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources and the Municipal Council of Santana.

Being held in the parish of Faial, the event aims to support the production of this fruit and its derivatives, such like liqueurs, puddings, ice cream and milkshakes, in an environment with a lot of entertainment, music and contests.