

2018

## Events - July

### Day of the Autonomous Region of Madeira

July, 1st

The Autonomy of Madeira, established in the Portuguese Constitution of 1976, is celebrated on this day in all the municipalities of the archipelago, with several proceedings like the Official Ceremonial tribute held at the Regional Legislative Assembly; the placing of flowers at the Statue of Autonomy by regional official entities; and the "Te Deum" religious ceremony that takes place at Funchal's Cathedral.

July 1st is a public holiday in Madeira Islands.

### Madeira Big Game Fishing Championship

July, 4th

Madeira Islands will host this important event which takes place simultaneously in different parts of the globe, a reference in the panorama of the world sport fishing.

This is an event oriented for the enthusiasts of this sport, whose challenge is to catch the largest specimen of blue marlin.

The great marine biodiversity that characterizes the Maritime Zone of Madeira confirms its reputation as one of the best geographical spots of the world for big game fishing.

### 24th Regional Folklore Festival – 24 Hours Dancing | Santana

July, 7th to 8th

The municipality of Santana hosts this iconic ethnographic festival, an event that has become an important reference for the promotion of the regional and national, cultural heritage and the gastronomic traditional aspects of this county located in the north of the Madeira Island.

This festival gathers several regional and national folk dance groups providing good moments of entertainment and culture to locals and tourists alike during 24 consecutive hours.

### Funchal Jazz Festival

July, 12th to 14th

The Funchal Jazz Festival is organised by Funchal City Hall, an event held in the gardens of the Santa Catarina Park. Some of the most prestigious national and international artists and groups of the world of jazz take part in this event that has become a reference in Madeira's cultural calendar.

In addition, during the remaining days of this event several of the streets and pubs in Funchal downtown area will promote other shows and activities

If you are a jazz enthusiast, don't miss these summer nights full of the unmistakable sound of jazz in the unique scenario of Santa Catarina Park.

For further information: <http://www.funchaljazzfestival.org/>

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### **63rd Agriculture Fair | Santa, Porto Moniz** **July, 13th to 15th**

The Agricultural Fair of Santa, an event which dates back to 1955, seeks to foster the development of the local livestock sector with the presence of many exhibitors of products and materials related to agricultural activity. Alongside this exhibition, there are stalls selling food and drinks in a true and typical festival environment.

### **Limpet Festival | Paul do Mar** **July, 13th to 15th**

The Casa do Povo of Paul do Mar annually promotes this important popular event, that intends to promote the cultural heritage of this parish located in the municipality of Calheta.

This festivity promotes a kind of shellfish very popular in Madeiran gastronomy – “Lapa” (limpet).

The Limpet Festival offers a diversified program in a scenario typical of the Madeiran religious festivities where food and beverage stalls can be found.

### **Traditional Madeiran Canoes Regatta | Funchal** **July, 15th**

Funchal bay annually hosts the Traditional Madeiran Canoes Regatta (fishing boats), an event organized by municipality of Funchal's and the Madeira Regional Canoeing Association, in collaboration with the Associação da Madeira de Desporto para Todos (Madeira Sports Association for All).

This sports initiative has a 2.5km route, starting at the dock of Funchal and ending at Barreirinha, in the Old Quarters of Funchal.

### **NOS Madeira Summer Opening | Funchal** **July, 20th to 22nd**

The Santa Catarina Park is the scene of the sixth edition of Madeira Summer Opening, an urban music festival held from July 20th to 22nd.

This year's festival as in previous editions welcomes some of the most prominent names in the world of Hip-Hop, Soul, Funk, Rock, Rap, Reggae rock, featuring the following artists such Slow J, Et Bed Gang, Salvador Sobral, Mishlawi and Piruka amongst others.

### **17th Regional Banana Fair | Madalena do Mar** **July, 21st to 22nd**

The village of Madalena do Mar, in the municipality of Ponta do Sol, pays tribute to one of its most important and best known products, which is also one of the main regional agricultural productions - the banana of Madeira.

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### Sea Week | Porto Moniz

July, 23rd to 29th

Porto Moniz Sea Week is one of the most relevant entertainment events of this northern municipality with a programme comprised by several recreational and sport activities, contests, food and beverage stalls, as well as musical entertainment.

### Madeira Bike Tour

July, 27th to 29th

The Madeira Cycling Association hosts the 43rd edition of the Madeira Bike Tour, a competition integrated in the junior and amateur cycling categories.

Several regional, national and international cyclists will take part in this race, riding the islands winding roads, a competition filled with colour and a challenge full of adrenaline.

### 33rd Gastronomic Fair | Machico

July, 27th to August, 5th

This event is organized in order to promote both regional gastronomy and the delicacies from this municipality.

Entertainment and live music concerts by regional and national bands are offered to visitors during a week full of flavours, snacks and typical food by the seaside.

For further information: [www.cm-machico.pt](http://www.cm-machico.pt)