

2018

Events - March

Porto Santo Nature Trail **March, 3rd to 4th**

The Athletics Association of the Autonomous Region of Madeira is once again hosting the Porto Santo Nature Trail an event that has been reshaped the event, which is held in the Golden Island.

The Porto Santo Nature Trail consists of four races covering the island from one end to the other: the main race being 42,3 km; the second, 21.9 km; a shortest relay, 8.9 km and an extra race - " Porto Santo Kids Trail (KTPS), destined for younger athletes.

The competition integrates the Regional Trail Championship, in the distance Half Marathon and Marathon.

For further information go the official website: <http://portosantonaturetrail.com/index.php/pt/>

Stars Route | Funchal **March, 9th to 13th**

Created in 2010, "The Stars Route" is identified as one of the most important high quality gastronomic festivals that take place in Portugal, involving, since that date, more than half a hundred national and foreign chefs awarded with the famous Michelin Guide stars.

Now on its 8th edition, "The Stars Route" will once again be hosted at Il Gallo d'Oro, the only Michelin-star restaurant in Madeira. Chef Benoît Sinthon will be the host of this itinerant gourmet gastronomic festival.

The event takes place over the course of several dinners, with a tasting menu jointly prepared by several international guest chefs.

The festival also includes showcooking, workshops, wine tasting and guided tours to promote local gastronomic products.

Further information can be found at the event's official website: <http://www.rotadasestrelas.com/>

Madeira Sup Challenge **March, 10th to 11st**

The "Centro de Treino Mar" nautical club hosts the second edition of the "Madeira Sup Challenge" a meeting for stand up paddleboard (SUP) athletes.

The official programme involved a 21 km route in paddleboard entitled "Around the corner" held between the villages of Porto Moniz and Paul do Mar, and also a workshop that welcomed in the 2017 edition several renowned SUP athletes including Leonard Nika, a Top 10 world circuit athlete.

Hosting this kind of sport event reinforces and contributes for publicizing Madeira Islands abroad as an active holiday destination per excellence, blessed by a unique natural beauty.

Follow up more details on this event: <http://bit.ly/2mhqi2z>

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8th Madeira Literary Festival | Funchal March, 13th and 17th

The Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre will host the eighth edition of the Madeira Literary Festival, this year under the theme "Journalism and Literature - Word That Holds, Word That Liberates". This cultural event is prized for its originality and quality, in an event that boasts the participation of national and foreign writers, poets and literary critics.

As in previous editions, this literary festival will be based on the launch of new books and debates alluding to various literary themes, between guests and participants, at a meeting of experiences and ideas.

For more information, please see the official event website: <http://www.festivalliterariodamadeira.pt/>

National Juniors and Seniors Absolute Championship March, 22nd to 25th

Between March, 22nd to 25th Madeira hosts the National Juniors and Seniors Absolute Championship, a sports event organised by the Portuguese Swimming Federation in collaboration with the Madeira Swimming Association which will take place at Funchal Olympic Swimming Pool Complex.

The organisation estimates that this sports competition will contribute to optimise and bring greater dynamics to Madeiran swimming competitions and consequently to the tourist and sports calendar of Madeira Islands as well as to enhance and promote the quality of the region's sports infrastructures abroad, in an event which is considered the greatest of its kind in Portugal.

For more details go to: <http://www.anatacaodamadeira.pt>

9th Edition - "AMO-TEatro" Festival | Camacha | Funchal March, 23rd to April, 1st

The Casa do Povo da Camacha, through the Camacha Experimental Theatre (TEC in its Portuguese acronym), organises another edition of the "AMO-TEatro" Festival, an initiative integrated into the scope of the 9th edition of the "Amostra de Teatro da Madeira" event (Madeira Theatre Sample).

This festival has brought professional and amateur theatre groups to the stage in an initiative that contributes to the promotion of the excellent work that is developed in this field in Madeira.

This event takes place in two of the region's theatres, more specifically in the Auditorium of the Casa do Povo da Camacha and the Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre.

Learn more about this event at: <https://www.facebook.com/amoteatro/>

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Sugar Cane Show | Ponta do Sol March, 24th to 25th

The local parish of Canhas located in Ponta do Sol municipality, will host the annual sugar cane show on 24th to 25th March.

This local fair takes place at the Canhas Farmers' Market on the west coast of the island.

The programme includes the typical food and drink stalls, plenty of music and entertainment, as well as shows and exhibitions regarding the process of producing sugar cane molasses.

Those with a bit more energy can take part in the cane harvest, on Saturday morning.

7th Long Distance Triathlon "Ocean Lava Madeira" | Machico March, 25th

The Regional Triathlon Association of Madeira (ARTM in its Portuguese acronym) organises the Long Distance Triathlon - "Ocean Lava Madeira", a joint initiative with the Machico Town Council and Quinta do Lorde.

The Long Distance Triathlon "Quinta do Lorde" – Ocean Lava 2018, consists of three triathlon competitions available, the main one being of a long distance (1.9 Km of Swimming, 90 Km of Cycling and 19.5 Km of Running). In addition, there will be two additional competitions, an Olympic distance (1.5 km of Swimming, 41 km of Cycling and 10 km of Running), and in the Sprint distance (750m of Swimming, 25 Km of Cycling and 3.5 km of Running).

Follow this sporting event at: <https://triatlomadeira.com>