

2018

Events - October

7th Madeira Nature Festival October 2nd to 7th

During a week, Madeira Islands will be hosting the seventh 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, where nature is the queen. Whether on land, on air or on sea, the choices are plenty and everybody can experience a multiplicity range of activities, such as trekking, canyoning, diving or parasailing.

By adding this event to the Tourist Entertainment Calendar, Madeira seeks to empower Active Tourism 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 to make this festival into a pleasant surprise and exceed all expectations. More information at: <http://www.visitmadeira.pt>

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.

7th Madeira Organ Festival | Funchal October, 19th to 28th

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>

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European Triathlon Cup | Funchal October, 27th

The Regional Triathlon Association of Madeira and the Triathlon Federation of Portugal are organising the European Triathlon Cup and the Portuguese Cup in Funchal. This competition is aimed at 150 elite athletes representing national teams from Europe and the rest of the world. The regional competition is being held alongside the Portuguese Cup, with an estimated 400 to 500 athletes to be present in Madeira over the weekend of October, 27th. The Triathlon is a sport that pushes athletes to their limits in three different stages: swimming, cycling and running. Each stage requires the athlete to be in peak physical condition. The triathlon consists of a 1500m swim, a 40km cycle and a 10km run carried out consecutively.

Follow up this competition on: <https://triatlomadeira.com/>

Funchal Eco trail October, 27th

Funchal hosts 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 Madeira Islands within this sports practice. This competition integrates various classes and is comprised of four races in the distances of 15, 25, 40 and 80 km.

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

Madeira Island International Swim Marathon October, 27th to 28th

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 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.

For further information: <http://www.clubenavaldofunchal.com/madeiraswim2018/>

Chestnut Festival October, 31st and November, 1st

Organized by the Casa do Povo of Curral das Freiras with the purpose of promoting this important regional agricultural product.

The Chestnut Festival held on October 31st and November 1st, is an opportunity for the numerous visitors to taste the various delicacies and products made from this fruit, namely: roasted chestnuts, liqueurs and cakes.

This occasion also offers a chance to promote a gastronomic competition held amongst some of the village's typical restaurants.