

2018

## Events - September

### **Jesus and Holy Sacrament Festivity | Ponta Delgada** **September 1st to 2nd**

Hundreds of pilgrims from all across the island attend this celebration in tribute to the Holy Sacrament, festivities, held in the village of Ponta Delgada, partaking in one of the largest religious pilgrimages in the island. This is a very popular religious festivity which portrays the islands rich religious traditions, in addition to a very lively entertainment ambiance.

### **Grape and Farmer's Festival | Porto da Cruz** **September 1st to 2nd**

The Casa do Povo of Porto da Cruz annually promotes the – “Grape and Farmer's Festival” a tribute to the village's tradition of wine making.

This event serves as the perfect pretext for popular festivities having for main highlight a street pageant which brings together many of this villages cultural and ethnographic aspects.

### **22nd Funchal Junior Open and Madeira International Tennis Open | Funchal** **September 7th to 9th**

The sports hall of the Bartolomeu Perestrelo School will host the Funchal Junior & Cadet Open and the Madeira International Table Tennis Open 2018, an event part of the World Junior Circuit of the International Table Tennis Federation.

On the 9th of September, will be held the 22nd edition of the Madeira International Table Tennis Open.

More information at <http://www.atmmadeira.com>

### **Columbus Festival** **September 13th to 15th**

Porto Santo Island annually hosts an historical recreation, a tribute in honour of the well-known Genoese merchant - Christopher Columbus, who lived on this island and married Filipa Moniz, daughter of the first Captain Donnee of this island, Bartolomeu Perestrelo.

This medieval festival includes an extensive programme comprised by a wide range of musical and theatre shows, as well as exhibitions and parades evoking the age of the Portuguese Discoveries.

The event is promoted to pay tribute to the time when the navigator lived in the archipelago, around 1478, and Funchal was involved in sugar trade business.

Follow up the events programme in: [www.visitmadeira.pt](http://www.visitmadeira.pt)

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### **Our Lady of Piety Festivity | Caniçal** **September 15th to 16th**

The village of Caniçal, located on the eastern most part of Madeira Island, is the scene of one of the most peculiar tribute in honour of the local fishermen patron saint – Our Lady of Piety.

This religious festivity is depicted by a unique maritime procession in which fishermen's boats are beautifully decorated with flowers and flags, departing from the pier of Caniçal in direction of the Chapel of Nossa Senhora da Piedade, where the virgin image is placed on Saturday evening.

On the following day, another procession is held accompanied by pilgrims who chant while returning the image back to the main church.

### **Madeira Surfski LifeSaving | Seixal, Porto Moniz** **September 21st**

The Madeira Regional Canoeing Association, in collaboration with the Portuguese Canoeing Federation organizes the Madeira Surfski LifeSaving, a sports competition held on September 21st.

This competition is open to both male and female athletes who compete in the Absolutes K1 category. This sport event consists of one act that takes place at the beach of Seixal.

Participants must cover a 500-meter course, in a sport event which is comprised of multiple stages.

### **28th Cider Festival | Santo da Serra** **September 22nd to 23rd**

The village of Santo da Serra annually promotes a popular festivity a tribute to the secular tradition that is behind the manufacture of apple cider one of the main agricultural products of this area – the apple.

This official programme includes several leisure activities, in particular a small ethnographic parade, preceded by the traditional pressing (by foot) in addition to featuring some exhibitions on the subject.

### **Madeira Ocean Race | Funchal** **September 23rd**

The Madeira Ocean Race is a sea canoeing sports event organised by the Funchal Naval Club in collaboration with the Portuguese Canoeing Federation, the Madeira Canoeing Regional Association and Madeira Tourism.

The 5th edition of the Madeira Ocean Race will cover the southern coast of the island in a competition comprised by multiple surf ski vessels, a sports competition that gathers some of the world's best kayakers.

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### **World Tourism Day Celebration | Madeira September, 27th**

Madeira Islands takes part in the commemorations of the World Tourism Day, this year under the theme "Tourism and the digital transformation".

The official programme includes several cultural activities are held in Funchal city centre, such as free admission to some museums and gardens. In addition tourists will be greeted with flowers and giveaways upon their arrival at Madeira's International Airport and also at some official tourist offices.

More information go to <http://wtd.unwto.org>