

2019

## Events - January

### **Madeira Plunge | Funchal** **January 1st**

Madeira hosts the third edition of the "Madeira Plunge", one of the first events taking place on the island in the beginning of 2019, an occasion which is also has a long tradition in other cities worldwide.

This event takes place on the 1st of January at noon, at Ponta Gorda Bathing Complex, also known as "Poças do Governador". This occasion, which gathers many locals and tourists, is a charitable event whose proceeds will be donated to a local charity entity.

For further information: <http://bit.ly/2oL4FLN>

### **"Cantar os Reis" – Twelfth Night Songs | Funchal Municipal Garden** **January 5th**

This is one of the oldest and most popular traditions in Madeira celebrated a little all over the island., This ritual brings together families, friends and neighbours who go from door to door singing the popular carols designated Janeiras - "Twelfth nights songs" from door to door.

The Association of the Casas do Povo of the Autonomous Region of Madeira organize and produce the traditional twelfth night songs show, a concert held in the Auditorium of the Municipal Garden, in downtown Funchal , integrated in the Christmas and New Year's festivities program.

### **Santo Amaro Feast | Santa Cruz** **January 11 to 15th**

This religious festivity marks the occasion when families gather to dismantle their Nativity scenes, "lapinhas", and "sweep the larder clean" – a tradition that consists in visiting family and friends to share the last of the holiday's delights.

"Santo Amaro" is celebrated throughout the entire island of Madeira, but it's in the municipality of Santa Cruz where this festivity is celebrated in honour of its patron saint, in a particularly festive and ceremonial way, setting the end of the Christmas holidays.

### **Funchal Marathon** **January 20th**

The Madeira Athletics Association (AARAM) annually promotes this important international sporting event.

This competition consists of three main races, the Funchal Marathon (42.195,00 meters), the Funchal Half Marathon (21.097,50 meters) and the Mini marathon (5.900 meters).

This race will once again be run on a flat course, almost entirely on a closed, attractively landscaped circuit, offering the perfect setting for healthy competition between athletes of different nationalities.

For more information regarding the event's official programme and registrations, go to: <http://madeiramarathon.com/index.php/en/>

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### **“Panelo Feast | Chão da Ribeira | Seixal January 27th**

This is a famous and old Madeira tradition enjoyed specially by the local residents of Seixal, a small village located near Porto Moniz.

This social gathering takes place at Chão da Ribeira on the last Sunday morning of the month of January, where families come together to prepare the "Panelo", a culinary dish made of vegetables and blood sausage, very similar to "Cozido à Portuguesa" (Portuguese stew).

This commemoration also features stalls, selling local food and drinks, along with a lot of entertainment.