

2019

Events - February

Funchal Weddings Fair “Funchal Noivos & Festas” | Funchal From February 8th to 10th

The Funchal Trade and Commerce Association - Madeira Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACIF-CCIM) organises this event every year, in the shape of an exhibition aimed at promoting the islands of Madeira and Porto Santo as destinations of choice for the weddings and honeymoons sector.

Over three days, the Pestana Casino Park Hotel hosts this themed exhibition, during which different local companies promote a wide range of wedding party planning and organisation support services.

The official programme includes numerous entertaining activities, including fashion shows by regional and Portuguese stylists, as well as, a range of workshops related to the subject of the event, which will be held at Pestana Fórum Casino.

“Compadres” Feast | Santana February 21st, 23rd, 24 and 28th

The ‘Festa dos Compadres’ marks the opening of the Carnival season in Madeira, a tradition going back to more than 50 years, which is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Santana.

This is an event known for its originality, marked by its gigantic figures who roam the streets of this quiet town located on the north of the Madeira island, in a parade full of humour, lots of colour and merriment.

Carnival Festivities | Funchal From February 26th to March 10th

The spirit of revelry and carnival rhythms return to Funchal’s city centre to the sound of marches and philharmonic bands, in a festival that, every year, guarantees a large dose of joy and entertainment. The contagious festival atmosphere awakens the carnival spirit among residents and visitors.

These festivities bring together a group of official and popular initiatives, deeply rooted in Madeiran tradition, the high point of which culminates on the evening of Saturday the 2nd March with a majestic float parade along the main streets of the Madeira capital, comprising several troupes made up of thousands of participants. Shrove Tuesday, on the 5th March is set aside for the “Trapalhão” Parade. This parade, open to the entire population, has traditional popular roots and its main ingredients are humour and satire. Later the Carnival revelry converges on Praça do Mar, where prizes are awarded to the most creative participants in a very festive environment.

Find out more about the emotions of this festive event at <http://carnaval.visitmadeira.pt>