

2019

Events - October

8th Madeira Nature Festival **October 1ST to 6th**

During a week, Madeira Islands will be hosting the eighth 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.

Madeira Surfski LifeSaving **October, 18th to 20th**

The Madeira Regional Canoeing Association, in collaboration with the Portuguese Canoeing Federation organizes the Madeira Surfski LifeSaving.

This competition is open to both male and female athletes who compete in the Absolutes K1 category. This sports event consists of an initial stage 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.

10th Madeira Organ Festival | Funchal **October, 18th to 27th**

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).

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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>.

European Triathlon Cup and Parathriathlon World Cup October, 19th to 20th

The Regional Triathlon Association of Madeira and the Triathlon Federation of Portugal are organising the European Triathlon Cup and the Parathriathlon World Cup, a sports event held between October, 19th to 20th. This competition is aimed at 300 elite athletes representing national teams from Europe and the rest of the world. The regional competition is being held alongside the Portuguese Cup.

On the following day the Parathriathlon World Cup will also be taking place. 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.

More information at: <https://triatlomadeira.com/>

Funchal Eco trail October, 26th

Funchal host the 5th 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/>