



## NEWSLETTER

October 2016

October sets the arrival of autumn season and with it new experiences and sensations, to be experienced in Madeira Islands partaking in a wide range of cultural and musical activities and also other religious festivities.

Make the most of this opportunity and join in yet another edition of Madeira's Nature Festival!



### **Madeira Nature Festival From October, 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>**

Feel the landscape around you! Dive in it! Take a deep breath! Surrender to the charms of an island that exudes energy and inspires excitement and adventure!

For a week, Madeira hosts the 6th edition of the Madeira Nature Festival inviting its visitors, to celebrate the best of what the island has to offer.

With this additional event Madeira Island seeks to empower and promote Active Tourism, in a sustainable approach. Interaction and discovery of Madeira value to this level, based on an appealing and dynamic programme, gathers all the necessary ingredients in order to turn this Festival into a pleasant surprise and exceed all expectations.

Both on land, in the air or at sea, there are plenty of choices for everyone to experience a range of activities, among a series of offers for all age groups.

In addition to these activities, there are many others, in a festivity that brings together sports, entertainment, ethnography and Madeiran culture.

To discover all the emotions of this challenge go to: <http://madeiranaturefestival.visitmadeira.pt>



### **Madeira Ocean Race October, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

This sport challenge gathers some of the best athletes of this sport, with specific kayak types K1 and K2. This races takes place at the stunning southern coast of Madeira Island in a competition comprised of two main competitions. The first race takes place on October, 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday), between Calheta Beach and Ribeira Brava areas (12km). On the following day, October, 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) the second part of this will be held between Ribeira Brava to Funchal (16km).

To follow up all the details on this competition go to:

[www.clubenavaldofunchal.com](http://www.clubenavaldofunchal.com)



### **Madeira Island International Swim Marathon (MIISM) October, 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>**

Madeira will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Madeira Island International Swim Marathon (MIISM), a sports initiative organized by the Funchal Naval Club, in partnership with the Madeira Swimming Association.

A wide range of leisure and sporting events will be held over the course of one week such as crossings between cities (Câmara de Lobos - Funchal; Santa Cruz - Machico); stand-up-paddle fun races, kids' races, mountain bike rides and Jeep safaris, in addition to the official races to be held at Quinta Calça bay.

These races are destined both for amateurs and professionals.

For further details go the completion official website: [www.clubenavaldofunchal.com](http://www.clubenavaldofunchal.com)



### **Madeira Organ Festival October, 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Regional Directorate for Culture promotes the Madeira Organ Festival, organizing a set of twelve concerts, headlined by nationally and internationally renowned Master Organ players, the concerts will be held in local liturgical areas of reference, namely Funchal's Cathedral (Sé), Colégio Church, S. Pedro's Church and at the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Porto da Cruz).

This festival, now in its seventh edition, aims at presenting this project, developed in the framework of recovering an almost unknown heritage, as well as enriching and promoting the decentralization of the organ's cultural offer within the Autonomous Region of Madeira.

This year's programme integrates additional activities such a workshop for children and an exhibit depicting musical instruments.

For more detailed information go to: [www.festivaldeorgadomadeira.com](http://www.festivaldeorgadomadeira.com)



### **Funchal Eco Trail October, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The city of Funchal is part of an international route of Eco Trail events, a kind of trail running that is unique for the fact that it includes an urban circuit.

The race held in Funchal is considered to be a major challenge as it is the first that it will be held in Southern Europe.

In the next 3 years, Funchal will start to appear on the international Eco Trail events schedule, placing firmly Madeira's capital in the map of this sport. Through international and local partnerships, all necessary conditions have been met to ensure the excellence and quality of this event.

This competition integrates various classes, and is comprised of three races in distances of 80, 40 and 18 km.

Follow all the developments on this event at: [www.ecotrilmadeira.com/](http://www.ecotrilmadeira.com/)



### **Madeira among nominees "World's Leading Island Destination" - WTA**

After being elected in September "Europe's Leading island destination", Madeira Islands is now competing for world title at the World Travel Awards in the category of "World's Leading Island Destination".

Among the nominees in this category include other tourist destinations, namely Bali (Indonesia), Barbados, the Cook Islands, Crete (Greece), Jamaica, the Maldives, Mauritius, the Seychelles, Sicily (Italy), Santa Lucia and Zanzibar (Tanzania), in a voting process that will take place between September, 23<sup>rd</sup> and October, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Established in 1993, the World Travel Awards honour the best examples of good practices in the tourism sector worldwide.

The awards ceremony is scheduled for 2 December in the Maldives.

The only national hotel facility nominated in the category " Best Design Hotel in the World" will be the madeiran hotel "The Vine" that has recently awarded " Best Design and Spa Hotel of Europe" 2016.

To cast your vote go to WTA official website: <https://www.worldtravelawards.com/vote>