



NEWSLETTER

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March is the month that signals the arrival of springtime!

A bit all across the archipelago, you can witness the opening of exuberant flowers wrapped on a multi-coloured pallet and inebriating fragrances.

Discover these enchanted islands in an emerald green mosaic of inimitable beauty that offers a source of unique harmony and well-being. Madeira... all year round!



Madeira Literary Festival 14th to 19th of March

The Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre will host another edition of Madeira Literary Festival.

This event appeals writers, poets and literary critics, locals and foreigners who will generate a wealth of ideas and cultural exchange. As in previous years, the festival features the launch of a new book and debates on different literary topics.



The Stars Route 24th to 28th of March

Created in 2010, the "The Stars Route" is identified as one of the most important festivals of haute cuisine that takes place in Portugal.

Already in its 8th edition, the "The Stars Route" will come to the island of Madeira twice, the first restaurant visited being Il Gallo D'Oro, holder, for the first time in the Region, of two Michelin stars. In June, the event will take place in the one Michelin-starred William Restaurant.

The host of this travelling gourmet food festival is *chef* Benoît Sinthon. The event unfolds over several dinners, with a tasting menu prepared jointly by several invited national and international *chefs*. The festival also includes *showcookings*, *workshops*, wine tasting and guided tours

to promote local gastronomic products. More information is available on the event's official website.



"Ocean Lava Madeira" long distance triathlon 26th of March

The Madeira Regional Triathlon Association (ARTM) is organising the "Ocean Lava Madeira", a long distance triathlon, in a joint initiative by the Municipal Council of Machico and Quinta do Lorde Resort.

This sporting competition includes two trials - one Olympic distance and one sprint distance.

After a 7.45 am start, triathletes will have to complete several swimming circuits (1900m), a bicycle ride (90km) and a run (21km), at Caniçal.



Condor connects Hannover to Madeira

The German airline Condor started a new route to Madeira on the 23rd of February, this time from the city of Hannover. Flights will run weekly on Thursdays and will be operated with an Airbus A320 aircraft with a capacity of 180 passengers. Condor already connects the Island of Madeira to the German cities of Frankfurt, Munich, Dusseldorf, Stuttgart, Hamburg and Leipzig. Hannover will thus be the 7th connection offered by this airline. To mark this new operation, Madeira Airport welcomed the arrival of the passengers on the inaugural flight with flowers and Madeira wine.



Funchal scientific diving conference

On the 22nd and 23rd of March, the 3rd edition of the European Conference on Scientific Diving will take place in Funchal. The first two conferences were held in Stuttgart, Germany, and in Kristineberg, Sweden.

The objective of this international forum is to highlight the results that have been achieved by scientific diving as a research tool, Funchal being a maritime city par excellence, where a Marine Biology Station is established.

Students and researchers from various areas and nationalities will be present in Funchal, coming from Belgium, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Spain, United Kingdom and United States of America, as well as Portugal.

Of note is the presence of the two invited speakers for this edition:

Ben Ford, a specialist in Maritime and Historical Archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania in the United States of America, and Fernando Tuya, professor of Marine Ecosystems at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain.