March sets the beginning of springtime, with flowers blooming, exhaling an inebriating scent that can be found in the atmosphere, defining Madeira Islands’ title as the island of Eternal Spring. Join us and experience the best that this archipelago has to offer!

**Madeira Literary Festival**  
**March 13th to 17th**

Literature and Journalism is this year’s motto, the starting point for a week of meetings, debates, performances, book signings and many other moments, in the beautiful city of Funchal. Already on its 8th edition, the FLM has won an indelible place in the Portuguese cultural panorama, which will be attended by distinguished illustrious guests such as American author Benjamin Moser, Portuguese journalist Carlos Fino, among others. Learn more on the event’s official website: [http://festivalliterariodamadeira.pt/](http://festivalliterariodamadeira.pt/)

**“Amo-teatro” Festival**  
**March 23rd to April 1st**

In collaboration with the Camacha’s Experimental Theatre (TEC), Camacha’s Casa do Povo will organize another edition of the “AMO-Teatro” Festival. This festival is part of the 9th edition of Madeira's Theatre Showcase. The event will have the participation of 13 regional and national theatre companies, in a festival that gives a stage to both professional and amateur theatre companies, and contributes to the promotion of the excellent work developed in this area of entertainment in Madeira. This show will be presented in two local stages, namely at the Auditorium of the Camacha’s Casa do Povo and the Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre.

**“Ocean Lava Madeira” long distance triathlon**  
**March 25th**

The Regional Triathlon Association of Madeira (ARTM) organises the Long Distance Triathlon - “Ocean Lava Madeira”, a joint initiative with the Machico Town Council and Quinta do Lorde. The 7th Long Distance Triathlon “Quinta do Lorde” – Ocean Lava 2018 competition will have three triathlon competitions available, the main one being of a long distance (1.9 Km of Swimming, 90 Km of Cycling and 19.5 Km of Running). In addition, there will be two additional competitions, an Olympic distance (1.5 km of Swimming, 41 km of Cycling and 10 km of Running), and in the Sprint distance (750m of Swimming, 25 Km of Cycling and 3.5 km of Running).
Charter flights anticipate summer for Porto Santo Island

This year, summer operations for the island of Porto Santo will start on June 8th and finish at September 17th. The anticipation of charter flights, from Lisbon and Oporto, are the responsibility of the Portuguese tour operators Solférias and Abreu. The programme is based on an eight-day package on a direct charter flight to Porto Santo, with Privilege airline company. The charter flights will fly in on Mondays.