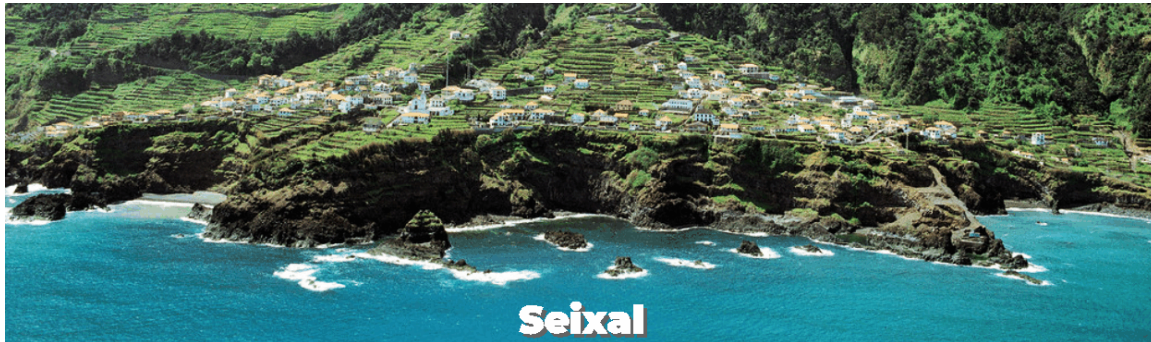


**Isles of the Blest
8 days – 7 nights**
Funchal, Monte, Curral das Freiras, Cabo Girão, Ribeira Brava, Porto Moniz, Camacha, Santana,
São Lourenço, Machico
Ecotourism, Relaxation, Discovery, Culture, History



Why go to Madeira in winter? While the whole winter season is a delight in Madeira, with temperatures ranging between 63 and 68 degrees and a subtropical climate, the December period is even more fantastic thanks to magical illuminations in all the towns. The landscapes stay green and beautiful. Nothing burns from the sun or turns grey. The lush vegetation remains lush, not as vibrant as in the summer, but still stunning. The landscapes are also impressive. Fewer crowds give the opportunity for a better interaction with the welcoming locals.

Day 1, Thu: New York (JFK), Funchal

This evening board you SATA, Azores Airlines flight 226 departing at 9:20 pm destined to Funchal on Madeira Island in the Azores Archipelago. Dinner and entertainment on board. [D]

Day 2, Fri: Funchal (Monte)

After passing Immigration and Customs formalities, meet your driver for a transfer to your hotel in Funchal. The rest of the morning is free to rest and relax. In the afternoon, take a 20-minute ride by tuk tuk to Monte arriving at an altitude of 1,920 feet above sea level to start this unique adventure, bound to be an experience you will never forget! Your basket-cart ride, descending along cobble-stone streets in a basket cart, which has over 100 years of history, consists of a thrilling 1.2-mile thrill. Your driver/guide will be at the end of the trip waiting for you, at which point you will return to the city. [B]

**Day 3, Sat: Funchal (Curral das Freiras)**

Today, either in the morning or the afternoon, take an excursion to Eira do Serrado viewpoint that offers fantastic views of Curral das Freiras Valley and the majestic mountains of the central massif that surround it. The Valley might be one of the coolest places you can visit in all of Portugal. Not only is it a village built on the crater of an extinct volcano, but it was once a place where nuns would hide when pirates attacked the city of Funchal. During this tour, you'll stop by the fishing village of Câmara de Lobos and try a traditional Madeira drink. Return to Funchal. [B]

Day 4, Sun: Funchal (Hop-On Hop-Off Funchal Tour)

Create your perfect Funchal itinerary and see the city at your own pace with your hop-on hop-off sightseeing Yellow Bus tickets. Make the most of three different sightseeing routes and receive a booklet of great-value discounts and special offers: Leave from Avenida do Mar and follow a scenic sightseeing route around the city. Jump off along the way to admire the Town Hall and Cathedral, take in the views from Pico dos Barcelos and enjoy exploring around more than 30 stops. [B]

Day 5, Sun: Funchal (Skywalk, Porto Moniz Volcanic Pools)

Make the most of your time in Madeira and cover the entire island in just two days on this small-group excursion. Set out for two full-day tours to see top Madeira landmarks. Today, you'll visit Câmara de Lobos Bay, a traditional fishing village which inspired Sir Winston Churchill to paint its lovely surroundings. Next, head to Cape Cabo Girão, often considered the highest sea cliff in Europe. Standing on the glass skywalk of the viewpoint is quite a breathtaking adventure. Continue to Ribeira Brava Beach, on the southwest coast, and Caminho Real da Encumeada, a new road leading the Encumeada pass that, at 3,294 feet above sea level, gives incredible views of both the south and the north coast. Paúl da Serra viewpoint in a truly surprise for newcomers... This place is worth the visit to enjoy the special beauty of the landscape. Descend to Porto Moniz natural swimming pools that seem to have fallen from above into the northern sea in pure, beautiful scenery. Do not miss the opportunity to visit Santo Antão Church. Today's last stop will be São Vicente. At the edge of the village, directly next to the sea, lies a great boulder, on which the Saint Vincent chapel was built. Return to Funchal [B]

**Day 6, Mon: Funchal (Camacha, Santana, São Lourenço, Machico)**

This morning we leave for Camacha, called 'the "village of basket makers"', to visit the wicker factory

that represents the center of Madeira's willow craft industry. The next stop is Pico do Arieiro that, at an altitude of 6,965 feet, is the third highest peak on the island. Views are spectacular up here, and when there is good weather, it is even possible to see Porto Santo, the neighboring island, 30 nautical miles north. Continue to Ribeiro Frio (cold river), on the northern slopes of the island, a place that still has much of the original vegetation. The island was once totally covered with 'Laurissilva' (laurel forest), a relic from prehistoric times. When we arrive at the island's east point, we see the Fortress of Faial and admire some superb views of the bold north and sunny south coasts. The next stop is Santana, characterized by its small thatched triangular houses, built of natural stone and thatched with straw, that have served the locals for centuries as stables and dwellings. Continue to Ponta de São Lourenço, one of the last nearly untouched places in Madeira, offering a fantastic combination of rocks, sea and nature creating one of Mother Nature's masterpieces. Finally, we head for Machico, one of the most populated cities on the island and a place of great historical value, as it was precisely where Portuguese explorers first arrived in 1419. Return to Funchal for overnight. [B]

Day 7, Wed: Funchal (Dolphin and Whale Watching)

After breakfast go to Marina do Funchal and look for the Magic Dolphin to board a catamaran for the #1 dolphin and whale watching experience in Madeira Island! Watch out for wonderful whales and dolphins jumping and splashing nearby. On this tour we will sail a few miles out of Funchal looking for all kinds of wildlife such as dolphins, whales, turtles and endemic birds. We often spot these animals jumping and splashing nearby and it's always a great sight that never gets old!! Certified guides will provide you with informative commentary and fun facts about the cetaceans and different species that you may find on this trip. On our way back, we sail close to the coast passing by many points of interest that you have already visited such as Cabo Girão - one of the highest sea cliffs in the world - Camara de Lobos Bay - a traditional fishing village - the world-famous Reid's Hotel where Winston Churchill and high-profile celebs stayed during visits to Madeira Island and much more! Rest of the day at your leisure. [B]

Day 8, Thu: Funchal, USA

Morning free to pack your luggage, last shopping or just relaxing. In the afternoon you'll be picked up and driven to the airport to board your SATA, Azores Airlines non-stop flight back to New York. [B]

Your tour includes:

- Roundtrip airfare New York/Funchal on SATA Azores Airlines including taxes & fees
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation
- Meals:
 - Inflight dinner and breakfast
 - Breakfast daily at your hotel
- Monte toboggan ride
- Hop-On Hop-Off tour of Funchal
- Half-day excursion to Curral das Freiras
- Full-day excursion to Cabo Girão, Ribeira Brava & Porto Moniz volcanic pools
- Full-day excursion to Camacha, Santana, São Lourenço & Machico
- Dolphin and Whale watching tour



- Local English-speaking guides
- Transportation by modern vehicles
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Other items not mentioned in the program
- Optional tours
- All items of a purely personal nature such as other drinks not specified, laundry, etc.
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to guides and drivers

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist		
Funchal	Hotel Madeira	4.5
First Class		
Funchal	Pestana Promenade	4.5
Deluxe		
Funchal	Belmond Reids Palace	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking



Tour Prices

Room Type	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
Category	SuperiorTourist		First Class		Deluxe	
Nov 3-30	\$1,255	\$1,649	\$1,399	\$1,945	\$3,019	\$5,585
Dec 1-16	\$1,255	\$1,649	\$1,355	\$1,849	\$2,135	\$3,809
Jan 5-21	\$1,255	\$1,649	\$1,359	\$1,859	\$2,985	\$5,509
Feb 1-28	\$1,255	\$1,649	\$1,359	\$1,859	\$3,259	\$6,059
Mar 1-21	\$1,315	\$1,769	\$1,479	\$2,105	\$3,699	\$6,939

Must be booked by 31 December '22

Prices are per person and are valid through 10 January '23. Min 2 passengers are required to operate this program. These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

• **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

Tour Code: PT12FNC22DT

Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and

longtime relationship with the airlines.