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CHRISTMAS  
DESTINATION  
2020  
 MADEIRA

# MADEIRA. IT'S TIME FOR A DIFFERENT *Christmas*





# MADEIRA SAFE TO DISCOVER



THIS SYMBOL  
SHOWS HOW SAFE  
OUR ISLANDS ARE

With regards to all initiatives within the scope of the Christmas and End of Year Festivities programme, we inform that the use of community masks is mandatory as a protection measure against the COVID-19 disease. Additionally, disinfectant gel will be made available to the public. These measures do not exempt the compliance of social distancing rules.



# 01 to 10

December

January

## General illumination of Funchal's downtown area and amphitheatre

Schedule

18:00 – 02:00

Daily, except on:

31 December

18:00 – 06:00

## Light and Sound Shows

At Christmas, Funchal is brighter and more colourful, from December 1 onwards. In several city streets, dazzling spectacles of light and colour under the Christmas spirit take over, shifting between tunnels and ballets, bringing more joy and emotion to this season.

Schedule

Every day

Rua Câmara Pestana | Rua Fernão de Ornelas | Avenida Sá Carneiro

18:00, 19:00, 20:00 and 21:00

Funchal's Pier

Every 30 minute past 18:00

## Porto Santo Island illumination

### City of Vila Baleira

Schedule

18:00 – 01:00

Daily, except on:

31 December

18:00 – 04:00

**Christmas activities** held on several municipalities of the Region

# 04

December

Friday

## Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre

18:00

Music concert with "Friends of Madeira Music Conservatory Association"



# 04 to 06

December

January

## **Exhibition "Christmas dinning table with Madeira Embroidery" Bordal Embroidery Factory | Rua Fernão Ornelas 77**

For 5 years, this exhibition has been inspiring locals and visitors, in order to present the best "festivity" dinning table. Along 3 floors, you'll be able to see the work of 3 designers, who were invited to decorate the 2020 edition. This visit is done with total safety.

### Schedule

10:00 – 19:00

Opened every day except on Sundays, December 25, 26 and January 1, 2021

# 10 to 10

December

January

## **Avenida Arriaga central walkways**

Season's background music

Christmas Market

Concerts' Pavillion

Ethnographic exhibitions and nativity scenes

## **Christmas Market**

The Christmas Market features several decorated stalls offering tourists a wide range of regional products, handicrafts and foods that are typical of the Christmas season, including plants, fruits, sugar cane honey and its by-products, for take away only. The Market can be visited with total safety, through circulation corridors; besides social distancing and mandatory use of the mask, it will not be allowed eating and drinking at the premises.

Schedule

10:00 – 20:00

## **Madeira Embroidery and Regional Handicraft Pavilion**

Exhibition organised by the Madeira Wine, Embroidery and Handicraft Institute (IVBAM)

Schedule

10 to 22 December | Madeira Embroidery

10:00 – 19:00

23 December to January 10, 2021 | Local handicraft

10:00 – 20:00

## **Ethnographic Village**

### **Largo da Restauração**

This Ethnographic Village presents live examples of local traditions, crafts, food, folklore and two traditional nativity scenes, promoting the tangible and intangible culture of Madeira. There are two types of traditional nativity scenes: the traditional Madeiran one located outside, which represents the human and natural landscape with vegetation, terraces, valleys, ravines, little houses and haystacks; and the tiered one, with its characteristic elements such as the Child Jesus, bows, fruit, grains and bread, amongst others.

You can also order the typical wheat soup and bolo do caco bread, sold only for take away.

Schedule

10:00 – 20:00



### **Nativity scene 2020**

Twelve wooden life-size figures make up this regionally themed nativity scene, depicting the birth of Baby Jesus, mainly in white and gold. An open-air Christmassy garden decorated with plants and flowers showcasing the variety of Madeiran flora, serving as scenery for a house built with wood and mats. This is an upgraded scale of the traditional nativity scene built in local homes.

### **Children's Christmas Municipal Garden**

The Municipal Garden is decorated exclusively with imaginative Christmas-themed elements ideal for Children.

# 10

December

Thursday

## **Diversified performances**

### **Concerts' Pavillion**

From December 10 until January 10, 2021, Funchal's downtown is filled with light, colour and music. In between, at the concerts' pavillion located at the central walkways of Avenida Arriaga, there will be daily performances with folklore groups, music band and Christmas workshops, between, 11:00 and 20:00.

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Cristina Barbosa & the Xmas Crew

# 11

December

Friday

### **Concerts' Pavillion**

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Xarabanda

# 12

December

Saturday

### **Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with DonaZica and Tiago Silva







**13** December  
Sunday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Mariachi México  
Madeira

**14** December  
Monday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with C'azooda

**15** December  
Tuesday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with NuLo

**Municipal garden lanes**

Initiative "Let's decorate the Christmas Trees", with trees on exhibition until January 10th, 2021. The Christmas ornaments are hand made by local schools' children and, this year, the trees will be decorated by Madeira Tourism staff.



# 16

December  
Wednesday

**Funchal's Cathedral**  
07:30  
Childbirth Masses

The religious celebrations preceding the 25 of December begin with a novena called "Childbirth Masses", which are celebrated in the early hours of the morning from the 16 to the 23 of December. During the religious ceremony the faithful sing popular chants in honour of the Mother of God and the Child Jesus, whose birth is approaching.

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with The Whyte Christmas Band

# 17

December  
Thursday

**Funchal's Cathedral**  
07:30  
Childbirth Masses

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Gold Label & friends

# 18

December  
Friday

**Funchal's Cathedral**  
07:30  
Childbirth Masses

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense



# 19

December

Saturday

## **Funchal's Cathedral**

07:30

Childbirth Masses

## **Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Sabores do Curral | assorted pastries

In order to get to know better the traditions of the Christmas season, the Christmas and New Year's celebrations include a set of workshops regarding Madeiran delicacies and products, that depict this time of year and regional cuisine.

Taking place between 19 and 31 of December, except from 24 to 27 of December, these workshops will also be broadcasted by online streaming television channel Naminhaterra.tv

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with D'Repente

# 20

December

Sunday

## **Funchal's Cathedral**

07:30

Childbirth Masses

## **Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Madeira Theme Park | regional handicraft

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Madeira's Chamber Choir

## **Carmo Church**

21:30

Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense



**21** December  
Monday

**Funchal's Cathedral**  
07:30  
Childbirth Masses

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
11:00  
Christmas Workshops  
Casinha do Bolo do Caco | Bolo do caco  
bread  
15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Cool Feel Band

**22** December  
Tuesday

**Funchal's Cathedral**  
07:30  
Childbirth Masses

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
11:00  
Christmas Workshops  
UAU Cacau | handmade chocolate  
15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Spot the difference



**23** December  
Wednesday

**Funchal's Cathedral**

07:30  
Childbirth Masses

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00  
Christmas Workshops  
Fábrica de Stº António | Madeira honey cake  
15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Pedro Garcia Live Band

**24** December  
Thursday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00  
Folklore group

**26** December  
Saturday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Black & White  
Dixieland Jazz Band and Diana Duarte

**27** December  
Sunday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert of "Fado de Salão"

**Funchal's Cathedral**

21:30  
Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in  
Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense

**28** December  
Monday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Gilda Nóbrega | traditional wheat soup

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with João Borsch

**29** December  
Tuesday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Fábrica Bortal | Madeira embroidery and regional tapestry

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Men on the Couch

**30** December  
Wednesday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Escola Profissional de Hotelaria e

Turismo da Madeira | culinary experience

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Live Brisk

**Baltazar Dias Municipal Theatre**

18:00

Music concert with "Friends of Madeira

Music Conservatory Association"

**Colégio Church**

21:30

Christmas Choir Festival: "Christmas in Funchal" | Orfeão Madeirense



**31** December

Thursday

### **Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00

Christmas Workshops

Madeira Theme Park | regional handicraft

15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Colchetes d'Alfaiate

### **Funchal's Cathedral**

17:00

Performance at the Te Deum mass by the Madeira Chamber Choir

### **Countdown to the New Year's Eve fireworks display**

23:55

5 minutes prior to the great midnight show, there will be entertainment with fireworks and audiovisuals display, projected from the ground and swapping with dancing drones to the rhythm of the soundtrack, that will lead locals and visitors into the New Year.

### **New Year's Eve fireworks display Funchal | Porto Santo**

00:00

The New Year's Fireworks display will last around eight minutes and is distributed over 52 firework stations in Funchal, plus 5 stations on the sea, as well as 2 stations in Porto Santo Island.

One of the most important tourist drawcards in Madeira, in 2006 this magnificent show was internationally recognized by the Guinness Book of Records, as the "Largest Fireworks Display in the World".

The fireworks display will be broadcasted live by RTP Madeira and online streaming with **naminhaterra.tv** channel.





**02** January  
Saturday

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
11:00 | 15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Alexandra Barbosa  
band

**03** January  
Sunday

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
11:00 | 15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Bossa Livre



**04** January  
Monday

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
11:00 | 15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with fado singer Susana  
Andrade

**05** January  
Tuesday

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
11:00 | 15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with Leticia & friends

**06** January  
Wednesday

**Concerts' Pavillion**  
11:00 | 15:00  
Folklore group  
18:00  
Music concert with iLevados da Breca



**07** January  
Thursday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Madeira's Fado Association

**09** January  
Saturday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Supernova

**08** January  
Friday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Kontraband

**10** January  
Sunday

**Concerts' Pavillion**

11:00 | 15:00

Folklore group

18:00

Music concert with Vasco Freitas and Miguel Pires

# A DIFFERENT Christmas DIGITAL

## 19 to 31 December

11:00

Online streaming of Christmas Workshops, with interviews to guests.

## 31 December

23:00

### "New Year's Eve fireworks display"

In this program, it is possible to watch the New Year's Eve celebrations, which takes place in a hotel garden in the city, along which, street reports will be made, covering the history of New Year's Eve in Madeira in its tourist perspective.

The programme will culminate with the transmission of the New Year's Eve Pyrotechnic Show.

<https://www.naminhaterra.com/>

The New Year's Eve fireworks display will also be broadcasted live at RTP Madeira, by online streaming and social networks from [visitmadeira.pt](https://www.visitmadeira.pt)

The online streaming channel "NaMinhaTerra.Tv" will broadcast several programmes regarding Christmas traditions and live shows, namely Christmas Workshops and the New Year's Eve fireworks: <https://www.naminhaterra.com/>

### For further information, please visit:

<https://www.visitmadeira.pt>

<https://www.facebook.com/visitmadeiraofficial>

<https://www.instagram.com/visitmadeira/>

Note: Programme subject to change

# ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

## **CÂMARA DE LOBOS**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Christmas illuminations in the five parishes of this Municipality

**December 7<sup>th</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Council Parish of Jardim da Serra

**December 7<sup>th</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Exhibition "A Tribute to Baby Jesus" – Civic Center of Estreito de Câmara de Lobos

**December 14<sup>th</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Estreito de Câmara de Lobos Civic Center (square)  
- Council Parish of Estreito Câmara de Lobos and cultural and Recreational Association of Estreito de Câmara de Lobos

**December 15<sup>th</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Civic Center of Curral das Freiras - Refúgio da Freiras Association

**December 15<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Praça da Autonomia - Municipality of Câmara de Lobos

**December 15<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Outdoor Nativity Scene - Praça da Autonomia – Municipality of Câmara de Lobos

**December 17<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Artistic wooden Nativity scene - Culture House of Câmara de Lobos

## **PORTO MONIZ**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Christmas decorations and illuminations (Note: Parish of Seixal until January 31<sup>st</sup>)

**December 31<sup>st</sup> (Midnight)**

Pyrotechnic show - Porto Moniz Harbour

## **SÃO VICENTE**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> to January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

Christmas decorations and illuminations

**December 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> (9 am – 6 pm)**

Small Christmas Market (Sítio do Calhau – Ponte Capelinha)



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