



# Funchal, Madeira

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The 6th largest city of Portugal, known for its wine and amazing weather, Funchal is more than just the hometown of Cristiano Ronaldo. The city is filled with historical buildings, fantastic cuisine and surrounded by the truly spectacular nature of the Madeira archipelago. Make sure to taste the famous Madeira wine and pastel de nata.



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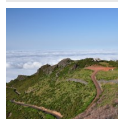
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## THE CITY



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Take a look at Funchal and you will quickly spot distinct areas, each with its own individual attributes. The city centre, also known as the old town, is marked by cobbled streets, museums, cafes, markets and everything that you need on a holiday. Even the main port is located near the centre, so you can easily walk there and relax whilst looking at the boats on the Atlantic ocean.

You can find the up-and-coming Santo António area in the northeastern part of Funchal. The area is home to unique artisan shops, a chapel from the 16th century and the biggest shopping mall of Madeira, Madeira Shopping. If you are looking for an area filled with restaurants, São Martinho is the place to go. This part of the city is known for high quality restaurants and a beautiful view of the ocean.

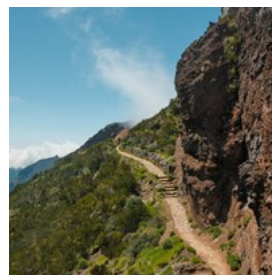
## DO & SEE



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Funchal has no shortage of cultural pursuits or things to do. With a large amount of museums, gardens, cathedrals and tours, it's simply impossible to get bored. Surrounded by the magnificent Atlantic ocean, green mountains and boasting amazing weather, the city centre is characterised by white cobbled streets, an attractive promenade, and cafes which serve authentic Portuguese and Madeiran dishes. A relatively small town, everything is walkable and easy to find.

### Pico do Arieiro



For breathtaking views of Funchal, look no further than Pico do Arieiro. At 1,818 metres high, it is Madeira's third-highest peak. Hikers can expect a stunning panorama of the island and a dramatic view of the clouds rolling below their feet. On clear days, the neighbouring island of Porto Santo can be seen to the northeast. Put on your hiking boots and climb up the summit, or simply go by car.

Photo: Max Kukurudziak/unsplash

### Monte Palace Tropical Garden



With more than 100,000 exotic plant species from all over the world, black and white swans from Australia, and multiple ponds and lakes, Monte

Palace Tropical Garden is one of the most impressive sights in Madeira. Make sure to stop by the Monte Palace Museum, which houses exhibitions featuring artefacts from a diverse range of international cultures as well as a mineral museum.

Photo: andre van de sande/Shutterstock.com

Address: Caminho do Monte 174, Funchal

Opening hours: The garden: daily 9:30am-6pm. The museum: daily 10am-4:30pm

Phone: +351 291 780 800

Internet: montepalace.com

Email: info@montepalace.com

More Info: Guided tours to the Monte Palace museum are free, but you need to book in advance

### Madeira Film Experience



For a quick run through the history of the island, visit The Madeira Film Experience. It's a dramatic 30-minute audiovisual journey that

takes you through 600 years of the incredible history of this beautiful region.

Photo: Jeremy Yap/unsplash

Address: Marina Shopping Centre, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 10:15am-5pm

Phone: +351 291 222 748

Email: madeirafilmeexperience@gmail.com

### Cathedral of Funchal



This magnificent cathedral was built over 500 years ago, in the beautiful Gothic style. The cathedral has an impressive silver cross, donated by King Manuel himself in the 16th century, as well as sculptures and incredible oil paintings.

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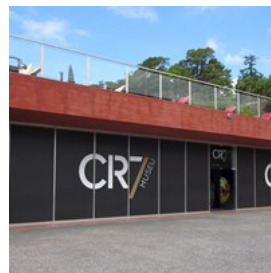
Address: Sé do Funchal, Rua Do Aljube 39, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:15am-6:30pm; Sat 8am-noon / 4pm-7pm; Sun 7:30am-noon / 4:30pm-7pm

Phone: +351 291 228 155

Internet: www.catedraldofunchal.com

### Museu CR7



This museum devoted to Funchal's most famous son — the football legend Cristiano Ronaldo. It offers a rare chance to take a look at the trophies, Ballon d'Ors, fan correspondence, and even an interactive timeline of the life of Ronaldo.

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Address: Avenida Sá Carneiro 27, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm

Phone: +351 291 639 880

Internet: museucr7.com

### Catamaran Trips



Drift along crystal clear waters, and keep an eye out for dolphins and whales. VMT Madeira arranges all sorts of trips, including a sunset sailing,

which gives you the most stunning view of the

setting sun over the Atlantic Ocean.

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Address: Marina do Funchal Loja 9, Funchal

Phone: +351 963 796 860

Internet: [www.vmtmadeira.com/en](http://www.vmtmadeira.com/en)

Email: [info@vmtmadeira.com](mailto:info@vmtmadeira.com)

### Madeira Cable Car



What better way to discover Funchal from high above than by cable car. Experience the green slopes, mountains, and even the amphitheatre of

Monte and Funchal. The ride starts in the Old Town and sweeps you away towards the entrance to Monte Palace Tropical Garden. You can get a round trip ticket or choose to trek back down to enjoy the lush vegetation and gorgeous views of the city and the ocean on the way down.

Photo: T.W. van Urk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Teleféricos da Madeira, Caminho das Babosas 8, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:45pm

Phone: +351 291 780 280

Internet: [madeiracablecar.com/en](http://madeiracablecar.com/en)

Email: [info@madeiracablecar.com](mailto:info@madeiracablecar.com)

More Info: Try to go in the morning, before most tourists arrive in the afternoon

### Madeira Story Centre



The Madeira Story Centre tells the island's history starting from the volcanic origins and attacks of ferocious pirates, right up to the present day. The

museum provides exhibitions in chronological order for you to fully experience the history and culture of Madeira. There is also a restaurant on-site.

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Address: Rua do Carlos 27, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +351 291 639 081

Internet: [www.madeirastorycentre.com/en](http://www.madeirastorycentre.com/en)

Email: [info@madeirastorycentre.com](mailto:info@madeirastorycentre.com)

### Sacred Art Museum



Portugal is known for its beautiful Roman Catholic art, spanning many centuries. The earliest pieces date back to the 15th century and include

woodwork, silver and gold artefacts, even furniture with wooden engravings. There is also the occasional painting by a Dutch, French or Flemish artist.

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Address: Museu de Arte Sacra do Funchal, Rua do Bispo 21, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5:30pm, Sat 10am-1:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 228 900

Internet: [masf.pt](http://masf.pt)

Email: [masse@netmadeira.com](mailto:masse@netmadeira.com)

### Blandy's Wine Lodge



Madeira is known for its wine, and what better way to experience the local culture than by joining a wine tour?

Learn about the transformation of grapes into Madeira wine, and taste a variety of local flavours. Take a tour in one of five languages and learn about wine production, barrel making and storage.

Photo: H. Zell/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Avenida Arriaga 28, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6:30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 228 978

Internet: [www.blandyswinelodge.com](http://www.blandyswinelodge.com)

Email: [pubrel@madeirawinecompany.com](mailto:pubrel@madeirawinecompany.com)

More Info: Tours in English, German, French and Portuguese are available from Monday to Saturday, and in Spanish from Monday to Friday

### Santa Maria Street



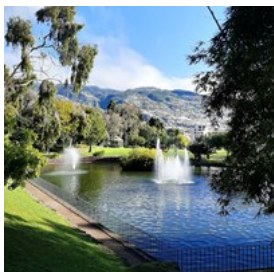
One of the most colourful streets of Funchal, Santa Maria street is a loving art project of local artists. Over 200 doors are plastered with

eye-popping paintings of all kinds. Walk down this narrow cobbled street and perhaps take a break in one of the many rustic restaurants and cafes.

Photo: [Alberto-g-rovi/cc by 3.0/wikimedia\(image cropped\)](#)

Address: Rua de Santa Maria, Funchal

### Santa Catarina Park



Take in spectacular views of Funchal at the Santa Catarina Park. Lined with tree species from all over the world, the park features statues of

Christopher Columbus and Henry the Navigator. You can even experience a religious ceremony by attending the Santa Catarina Chapel.

Photo: [Sofia Costa/unsplash](#)

Address: Avenida Sá Carneiro 3, Funchal

Opening hours: Summer: daily 7am-10pm. Winter: daily 7am-8pm

Internet: [visitmadeira.com/en/what-to-do/culture-passionates/gardens/santa-catarina-park](http://visitmadeira.com/en/what-to-do/culture-passionates/gardens/santa-catarina-park)

More Info: Located between Avenida do Infante & Avenida Sá Carneiro.

### Funchal Natural History Museum



With more than 41,000 specimens, including fish, maritime reptiles, plants and minerals, there is a lot to discover in this museum. Discover the

beauty and mysteries of the natural world at the landmark Palace of Saint Peter.

Photo: [Paulo SP/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia \(cropped\)\(image cropped\)](#)

Address: Museu de Historia Natural, Rua da Mouraria 31, Funchal

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +351 291 229 761

Internet: [cultura.madeira.gov.pt/en/funchal-s-natural-history-museum.html](http://cultura.madeira.gov.pt/en/funchal-s-natural-history-museum.html)

Email: [mmf@funchal.pt](mailto:mmf@funchal.pt)

More Info: Next to the Church of Saint Peter

### Quinta das Cruzes



In the mid-17th century, this impressive building was built by a noble Portuguese family. Nowadays, it houses the original collection of

decorative art by César Filipe Gomes. There is Portuguese furniture dating back to the 17th century, Oriental and European porcelain items, and a beautiful chapel in the garden.

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Address: Calçada do Pico 1, Funchal

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-5:30pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +351 291 740 670

Internet: [mqc.madeira.gov.pt/en](http://mqc.madeira.gov.pt/en)

### Casino da Madeira



Ready to take a gamble? Casino da Madeira is not only a regular casino, but has restaurants, a fun zone and a nightclub. It's a wonderland for adults who want a night filled with entertainment. The gorgeous modernist building with gently sloping ridges, designed by Oscar Niemeyer, is an attraction in itself.

Photo: JOEXX/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)  
Address: Hotel Pestana Casino Park, Avenida Do Infante, Funchal  
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 3pm-3am, Fri & Sat 4pm-4am  
Phone: +351 291 140 424  
Internet: casinodamadeira.com  
Email: casino.madeira@pestana.com

### Monte Toboggan Rides



Two men dressed in traditional white cotton clothes and hats, pushing a two-seater wicker sledge on wooden runners — believe it or not, this was how people travelled the streets of Madeira in times gone by. Now a tourist attraction, it takes 10 minutes to glide 2 kilometres down with an average speed of 48 kilometres per hour.

Photo: Nikiforov Alexander/shutterstock  
Address: Caminho do Monte 4, Funchal  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +351 291 783 919  
Internet: www.carreirosdomonte.com  
More Info: You can locate the Monte Toboggans at the bottom of the stairs towards the Nossa Senhora do Monte Church.

### Green Devil Safari



Green Devil Safari offers a variety of tours taking you to the outskirts of the island to view the sunset, mountains, valleys and other offerings of the local landscape and nature. Full-day and half-day tours will work with any schedule.

Photo: Amir Deljouyi/unsplash  
Address: Caminho do Cemitério 52, Funchal  
Phone: +351 919 748 735  
Internet: greendevilsafari.com/en  
Email: info@greendevilsafari.com  
More Info: Tours depart from any Funchal hotel

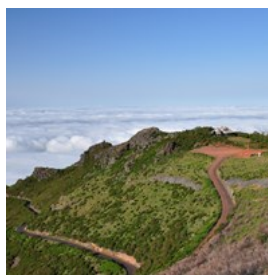
### Museu de Electricidade — Casa da Luz



This museum will take you on an electrifying trip through the history of electricity generation on the island. In the basement you can find huge diesel generators which were used in the past, and upstairs there are all sorts of electricity-related interactive exhibitions.

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Address: Rua Casa da Luz 2, Funchal  
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-12:30pm / 2pm-6pm; Sun & Mon closed  
Phone: +351 291 211 480

### Pico Ruivo



The highest peak on the island of Madeira, Pico Ruivo can be reached only on foot, usually either from Pico do Arieiro (6 hours) or from Achada do Teixeira (2-3 hours). Listed as an "ultra-prominent peak", both trails are difficult.

Be ready for steep ridges and slopes on this rewarding hike for the most experienced hikers.

Photo: anagh/cc by-sa 3.0/wikimedia(image cropped)  
Address: Achada Do Teixeira, Portugal

### Fort of São Tiago



Located in Funchal's historic centre, this distinctive fort is an eye-popping yellow, in great contrast with the whitewashed surrounding neighbourhoods. Built in 1614 to protect the city from invading pirates, the fort has since been used for many purposes and has many points of interests for visitors of all ages.

Photo: CCat82/shutterstock  
Address: Fortaleza de São Tiago, Tv. do Forte 8, Funchal  
Phone: +351 291 213 340  
Internet: [visitmadeira.com/en/what-to-do/culture-passionates/heritage/monuments-and-architecture/fortress-of-sao-tiago/](https://visitmadeira.com/en/what-to-do/culture-passionates/heritage/monuments-and-architecture/fortress-of-sao-tiago/)

## DINING



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If there is one thing for certain, you won't run out of restaurants to try in Funchal. The city is known for staying true to the roots of Madeiran cuisine, which is praised by both locals and visitors. There is a lot of seafood to discover, for example the traditional dish Espada com Banana, which is swordfish served with fried bananas.

Don't worry, there are also plenty of dishes which feature steak, or other types of meat.

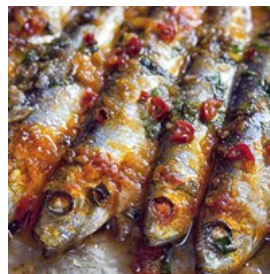
### Leeno's Bar & Restaurant



The philosophy of this restaurant is that the best flavours can only be forged by the freshest ingredients. This might well be the number one reason why this restaurant is immensely popular with locals. They praise the grilled sirloin steak and the black scabbard with prawns. End with one of their amazing desserts for a satisfying conclusion to the evening!

Photo: TMON/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua de Leichlingen 30, Funchal  
Opening hours: Sun-Fri 10am-11pm, Sat 6pm-11pm  
Phone: +351 291 627 184  
Internet: [www.leenos.pt](http://www.leenos.pt)  
Email: [info@leenos.pt](mailto:info@leenos.pt)

### Armazém do Sal



Restaurante Armazém do Sal is housed inside a 200 year old building which used to be a salt warehouse. The restaurant stays true to traditional Madeiran dishes, and even has a Gastronomic Tour of Madeira Island, which is inspired by the coast, mountains and seasonal products.

Photo: circlePS/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua da Alfândega 135, Funchal  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-3pm / 6:30pm-11pm; Sat & Sun 6:30pm-11pm  
Phone: +351 291 241 285  
Internet: [armazemdosal.com](http://armazemdosal.com)  
Email: [reservations@armazemdosal.com](mailto:reservations@armazemdosal.com)

### Restaurante Mozart



Waiters dressed as Schubert and Chopin, violins and pianos echoing in the background and dishes inspired by classical

music. Like the name suggests, this restaurant focuses on the classical age of music. Try the "Beethoven", which is a version of carpaccio, or the "Cavalli", Mozart's fish soup.

Photo: Viktory Panchenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua dom Carlos 50, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily noon-3pm / 6pm-10pm

Phone: +351 291 244 239

Internet: mozart.restaurant

Email: reservations@mozart.restaurant

### Il Gallo d'Oro



If you feel like dining at a Michelin-starred restaurant, no need to search anymore. Il Gallo d'Oro has been awarded 2 Michelin stars, and one

of the reasons is the impeccable Iberian and Mediterranean cuisine they offer. They combine regional products and turn them into new and innovative dishes. Try the Portuguese scarlet shrimp, which is recommended by locals.

Photo: Cristi Lucaci/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Cliff Bay Hotel, Estrada Monumental 147, Funchal

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7pm-10pm

Phone: +351 291 707 700

Internet: [www.portobay.com/en/restaurants/restaurants-madeira/il-gallo-doro](http://www.portobay.com/en/restaurants/restaurants-madeira/il-gallo-doro)

Email: cliffbay@portobay.pt

### O Portão



O Portão is a cosy little restaurant which focuses solely on traditional Portuguese food. The menu is varied, but the patrons' favourite dishes

usually feature fresh fish. Another recommendation is the zabaglione with a Portuguese twist, served in a huge bowl.

Photo: Bryony Elena/unsplash

Address: Rua Portão de São Tiago, Funchal

Opening hours: Tue-Sun noon-3pm / 5:30pm-10:30pm; Mon closed

Phone: +351 291 221 125

### Sabor da Índia



Travel all the way to India without ever leaving Funchal when you dine at Sabor da India. Whether you are a fan of spicy, medium or mild, there

are plenty of dishes to choose from. A few examples are the fish madras, chicken korma or vegetarian dishes. Book a table in advance, since this restaurant is very popular.

Photo: BorripatBKK/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rampa do Lido 8, Funchal

Opening hours: Tue-Sun noon-3pm / 6pm-11pm

Phone: +351 291 765 346

Email: sabordaindia@hotmail.com

### Real Canoa



The owner and staff of Real Canoa always greet you with a warm smile at their charming Portuguese cuisine restaurant. From steaks

to sea food, the restaurant has a broad variety of

local dishes. Some dishes are prepared on a sizzling hot stone right in front of you — talk about a spectacular presentation.

Photo: kiril guzhvinski/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua Ponta da Cruz 18, Funchal  
Opening hours: Thu-Tue 4pm-11:30pm, Wed closed  
Phone: +351 291 762 396  
Internet: real-canoa.com

### Gavião Novo



If there is one dish that you definitely must try while in Funchal, it is the Madeiran espada com banana. Gavião Novo offers this dish, which consists of fish and deep-fried bananas. It's a classic local speciality, and if anyone can prepare it right, it's Gavião Novo.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua de Santa Maria 131, Funchal  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm  
Phone: +351 291 229 238  
Internet: gaviaonovo.com  
Email: gaviaonovo@gmail.com

### Dona Joana Rabo-de-Peixe



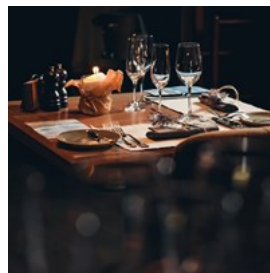
It might take you a while to pronounce the name of the restaurant, but do not let that deter you from locating it — it is well worth the effort. Tasca

Literaria Dona Joana Rabo-de-Peixe is known for their seafood dishes, cooked with prime quality, fresh ingredients. Patrons recommend the crab salad and mussels.

Photo: Lisovskaya Natalia/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua de Santa Maria 77, Funchal  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm  
Phone: +351 291 220 348

Email: info@tascaliteraria.com

### The Ritz Madeira



The Ritz Madeira is one of the oldest restaurants of the entire island, and it has not lost touch over the years. They are not just famous for their live

cabaret shows or Saturday Night Dances, but also make incredible Italian gelato, of which there are an incredible 32 flavours.

Photo: kirill guzhvinsky/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Arriaga 33, Funchal  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm  
Phone: +351 291 648 155  
Internet: www.theritzmadeira.com  
Email: reservations@theritzmadeira.com

### Beef & Wines

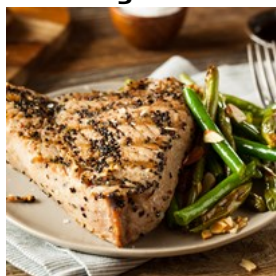


Meet the restaurant which combines the best meat of New Zealand and local Madeiran wines. Besides beef, there is also a wide variety of fresh

seafood, soups and salads. It's best to make a reservation before you visit Beef & Wines, the restaurant has a limited amount of tables and is quite popular.

Photo: Alexander Pyatiletov/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida do Infante 60, Funchal  
Opening hours: Dinner: Mon-Sat 7pm-10:30pm. Lunch: Thu & Fri 12:30pm-3pm. Sun closed  
Phone: +351 963 041 993  
Internet: www.beefandwines.com  
Email: info@beefandwines.com

### Aconchego



Aconchego is all about Mediterranean food and staying true to its Madeiran roots. One of the patrons' favourites is the grilled tuna steak.

The restaurant has the most amazing view of the Atlantic Ocean and is surrounded by lush gardens.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada Monumental 343, Funchal

Phone: +351 291 602 341

Email: [aconchegorestaurantebar@hotmail.com](mailto:aconchegorestaurantebar@hotmail.com)

### O Celeiro



Portuguese cuisine, Portuguese tiles, Portuguese interior. Go and grab a bite at O Celeiro if you want a true Portuguese experience.

They use local products and serve a great swordfish filet with a couple of Madeiran bananas.

Photo: Alexander Prokoptenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua dos Aranhas 22, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-10pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 230 622

Internet: [www.restauranteoceleiro.com](http://www.restauranteoceleiro.com)

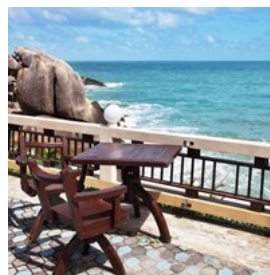
### CAFÉS



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Portugal is known for its delicious sweet pastries and cakes. One of the most famous ones is the pastel de nata, a tart filled with creamy egg custard. But you won't only find a pastelaria full of pasteis de nata, they have much more to offer such as pastel de côco, and tarte de amêndoa. For those among us who don't speak Portuguese, these pastries are a coconut and almond tarts. Get yourself a cup of coffee or tea and you will have the perfect lunch. Be prepared to return home having packed on a couple of extra pounds.

### Barreirinha Bar Café



Sometimes all you need is a cool drink in one hand, and a small bite to eat in the other. Luckily, there is Barreirinha Bar Café.

The bar has beautiful panoramic views of the ocean, and serves a mean Mojito. You can order an avocado burger on the side.

Photo: Polina Katritch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Largo do Socorro 1, Funchal

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 9am-midnight, Fri 10am-2am, Sat 9am-2am

Phone: +351 291 627 418

Internet: [www.instagram.com/barreirinhabarcafe](http://www.instagram.com/barreirinhabarcafe)

Email: [barreirinhabarcafe@gmail.com](mailto:barreirinhabarcafe@gmail.com)

### The Snug Smoke House



Homemade cakes, burgers, soups, wraps. There is nothing that The Snug can't provide for your empty stomach. They offer loads of dishes suitable for vegetarians, and serve the most amazing cakes, such as the Madeira honey cake.

Photo: marcin jucha/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua do Hospital Velho 28, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 220 763

Internet: [www.instagram.com/smokehouse.pt](http://www.instagram.com/smokehouse.pt)

Email: [thesnugmadeira@gmail.com](mailto:thesnugmadeira@gmail.com)

### A Confeitaria



For those who have a sweet tooth, A Confeitaria is the place to go for a quick fix. There is a large selection of traditional Madeiran pastries, quiches, and sandwiches. Don't forget to try the national Portuguese treasure, pastel de nata.

Photo: Natalia Mylova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Do Infante 28, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-8pm, Sat 8am-7pm, Sun 8am-2pm

Phone: +351 291 621 325

Email: [aconfeitaria.mc@gmail.com](mailto:aconfeitaria.mc@gmail.com)

### Loja do Chá



Sometimes all you need is a cup of tea. Loja do Chá is the famous tea house and shop where you can pick over 120 different types of tea from all over the world. You can order all sorts of snacks to

enjoy with your cup of tea, such as homemade cakes and scones.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua do Sabão 33-35, Funchal

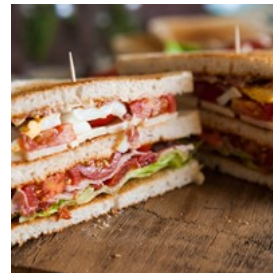
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9am-6pm

Phone: +351 291 221 309

Internet: [www.lojadochamadeira.com](http://www.lojadochamadeira.com)

Email: [geral@lojadochamadeira.com](mailto:geral@lojadochamadeira.com)

### Boutique Lido



This tiny coffee shop has been described as a little gem of Funchal. Typical Portuguese cakes, ice cream and sandwiches, Boutique Lido has got it all. The little cafe is very popular, but it's surely worth the short wait.

Photo: Simone van den Berg/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada monumental 294, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6am-10pm, Sat & Sun 7am-10pm

Phone: +351 291 712 018

Email: [valedasfreiras@gmail.com](mailto:valedasfreiras@gmail.com)

### Mercearia Dona Mécia



Mercearia Dona Mécia is the place where locals come to unwind and watch the world go by. The place is located down a little cobbled street and is known for its relaxing vibe and tasty tapas. Be sure to pay a visit when you are in Funchal.

Photo: Konstantin Kopachinsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua dos Aranhas 26, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-10pm, Fri 8am-midnight, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 221 559

Internet: [www.donamecia.blogspot.pt](http://www.donamecia.blogspot.pt)

Email: [mercearia.d.mecia@gmail.com](mailto:mercearia.d.mecia@gmail.com)

### Museu Café & Petisco



Craving a snack? Look no further, there are all sorts of small dishes which will satisfy your cravings at Museu Café. Personal favourites of the locals are the octopus salad, vegetarian lasagna and the tuna sandwich. Don't forget to order a famous cup of Portuguese coffee.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praça do Município 85, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon, Wed & Thu 11am-10pm; Tue & Fri 11am-midnight; Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 620 510

Internet: [www.instagram.com/museu\\_cafe](http://www.instagram.com/museu_cafe)

### Art Food Corner



Art Food Corner combines speciality coffee, healthy food and, of course, art. Explore a huge variety when it comes to juices, smoothies, detox drinks and kombucha flavours. There are also gluten-free toasties available, which makes the experience even more perfect.

Photo: Alena Haurylik/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua dom Carlos 20, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 926 958 440

Internet: [www.artcaramel.com/art-corner-madeira](http://www.artcaramel.com/art-corner-madeira)

### O Calhau



Locally sourced ingredients combined with age-old tradition, that's what O Calhau is all about. They honour the Mediterranean culture by creating dishes such as bruschetta,

eggplant stuffed with tomatoes, and a variety of pasta dishes. You can find the cafe next to the Cathedral of Funchal.

Photo: Slawomir Fajer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua de João Gago 2C, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +351 291 221 717

Internet: [ementapro.pt/menu/restaurante-o-calhau](http://ementapro.pt/menu/restaurante-o-calhau)

Email: [ocalhau.fx@gmail.com](mailto:ocalhau.fx@gmail.com)

### Penha d'Águia



If you want to try a slice of traditional Madeiran cake, look no further. Penha d'Águia has made a name for itself by serving top notch cakes and sandwiches. Bolo de Mel da Madeira is the famous honey cake of Madeira, so do not miss out on this one.

Photo: MShev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua do Vale da Ajuda 120, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-8pm, Sat & Sun 7:30am-8pm

Phone: +351 291 633 084

Internet: [www.instagram.com/penhadaguia1844](http://www.instagram.com/penhadaguia1844)

Email: [penhadaguia1844@gmail.com](mailto:penhadaguia1844@gmail.com)

More Info: Second location at Rua João Gago 36

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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As soon as you step foot on the island, you start feeling the buzzing party vibes all around. Funchal has plenty of options when it comes to getting a drink, dancing, or just relaxing with friends. The island is where now world-famous Madeira wine originated, so it is the one drink you certainly have to try before you leave. Bars and clubs are scattered all over Funchal, and you will have no problem finding one. From sports bars to pubs and clubs, you won't be disappointed after the sun goes down.

### Pub Number Two



Cocktails, beer, alcohol-free drinks and football matches for the fans. Bar Number Two is a no-nonsense bar where you can enjoy your drinks and relax. They make the cocktails from scratch and serve a mean sandwich if you wish for one.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada Monumental 188A, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am

Phone: +351 291 230 676

### Hole in One



In the centre of Funchal, you can find the Hole in One, a favourite for both locals and tourists. Whether you are looking for a beer, cocktail, or Madeira wine, you can find it here. The bar offers a variety of gin labels.

Photo: 5PH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada Monumental 238A, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 11am-2am

Phone: +351 291 765 443

Internet: holeinonemadeira.com

### Copacabana



Inside the Casino de Madeira you'll find one of the coolest bars on the island — the Copacabana Disco Bar. It's known for its popular DJs who spin the up-and-coming world hits for you. If you are looking for a good time, terrific drinks, and an amazing night with your friends, search no further and visit Copacabana. The crowd is usually very local.

Photo: cha cha cha studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Do Infante, Funchal

Phone: +351 291 140 424

Internet: www.casinodamadeira.com

More Info: Located in Casino Madeira

### Vespas Club



After a sunny day, it's time to move your feet on the dance floor. The music genre of the club is mostly house, although they have themed nights where they change the style of music. There are

plenty of drinks on the menu to choose from, so be prepared to spend your entire night at Vespas.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Sá Carneiro 7, Funchal  
Opening hours: Fri & Sat 11pm-8am  
Phone: +351 291 234 800  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/vespasclub](http://www.instagram.com/vespasclub)  
Email: [vespasclube@gmail.com](mailto:vespasclube@gmail.com)

### Madeira Rum House



This bar doesn't simply serve rum: the staff are ready to explain how rum is made and answer questions you might have about the drink. Be sure to have a glass of Madeiran rum for the true experience of Funchal.

Photo: donfiore/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua Portão de São Tiago 19C, Funchal  
Phone: +351 966 017 555  
Internet: [www.madeirarumhouse.com](http://www.madeirarumhouse.com)  
Email: [madeirarumhouse@gmail.com](mailto:madeirarumhouse@gmail.com)

### Trap Music Bar

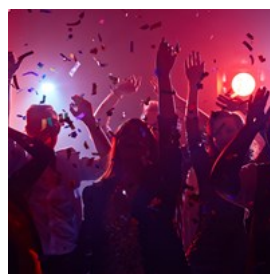


If you want to escape the sweaty clubs and get some fresh air, what's better than a rooftop bar? Trap Music Bar has one where you can lounge, relax or dance the night away. The bar also offers live singers who sing a wide variety repertoire. In the morning and early afternoon, the bar serves excellent American-style brunch.

Photo: Alena Haurlyik/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua do Favila 5, Funchal  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9:45am-11pm, Fri & Sat around the clock, Sun closed  
Phone: +351 915 000 659

Internet: [www.instagram.com/trapmusicbar](http://www.instagram.com/trapmusicbar)

### Revolucion Rock Bar



This place has been described by the locals as having the best cocktails in Funchal, or even on the entire island of Madeira. The mixologists are more than happy to provide you with a new and innovative cocktail. The DJ is known to entertain the audience with a range of music that isn't only focused on the current hits. A great night is guaranteed!

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua de Santa Maria 144 A, Funchal  
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-midnight  
Phone: +351 965 754 707  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/revolucionrockbar](http://www.instagram.com/revolucionrockbar)

### Moynihan's Irish Bar



Fan of sports, or just in the mood to watch a game? Moynihan's Bar has beer, drinks and loads of TVs where you can watch your favourite team win or lose. The bar also serves classic pub grub like fish and chips, and bangers and mash. Go on and get yourself a pint of Guinness!

Photo: Natalya Okorokova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua Imperatriz D'Amelia 101, Funchal  
Opening hours: Daily 11am-midnight  
Phone: +351 291 614 799  
Internet: [www.moynihansmadeira.com](http://www.moynihansmadeira.com)

### 23 Vintage Bar



Prepare to be entertained with banger hits from the 70s to the 90s when you enter this space. Celebrate the night to genres ranging from rock and roll to pop and indie. There is a high-energy crowd which will make you feel 10 times more excited than you were before.

Photo: Evannostrovo/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua de Santa Maria 23, Funchal  
Phone: +351 914 758 975

### Mini Eco Bar



Environment-friendly drinks, interior design and even paint. This bar thrives on the fact that everything is organic, which you can certainly taste when you sip one of their cocktails, such as the mojito. At night, the Mini Eco Bar transforms into an eclectic and buzzing dance venue.

Photo: Oxana Denezhkina/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua da Alfandega 3, Funchal  
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 8pm-2am, Fri & Sat 8pm-4am, Sun & Mon closed  
Phone: +351 919 409 002  
Internet: [www.fresh-citrus.com](http://www.fresh-citrus.com)

### Bananas Pub



Live music, affordable drinks, delicious food and a great atmosphere. Bananas Pub is characterised by all of this, especially the bananas cocktail. It's a pub where the locals like to relax and dance the night away.

Photo: Dima Sobko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Largo do Corpo Santo 20, Funchal  
Opening hours: Tue-Thu 4pm-1am, Fri & Sat 4pm-2am, Sun & Mon closed  
Phone: +351 291 235 622

### Maresia Shisha Lounge Bar



If you are down for theme parties in a tropical atmosphere, this is the place to go. Surrounded by papaya trees and cocktails all around, you will feel the vibe of the island. During the day, the beach club serves light meals.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua da Praia Formosa, Funchal  
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-2am  
Phone: +351 291 641 250  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/maresia\\_shisha\\_lounge\\_bar](http://www.instagram.com/maresia_shisha_lounge_bar)

## SHOPPING



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Shops dot Funchal throughout: clothing stores, art galleries and souvenir shops. You will easily find a variety of shops where you can buy traditional Portuguese embroidery, farmer's markets, and special Madeiran jewellery. Don't forget to bring your wallet, because it's certain that you will be spending some money in Funchal.

### Mercado dos Lavradores



One of the main shopping attractions is the Mercados dos Lavradores, or the Farmers' Market, which first opened its doors in 1940. The facade, main entrance, as well as the walls of the fish market are adorned with traditional Azulejos depicting regional themes, executed by João Rodrigues. You can find local, exotic fruits and vegetables and spices that fill the building with a fragrant aroma. A trademark of Mercados dos Lavradores is the women who sell their products whilst wearing traditional and colourful Madeiran costumes.

Photo: Alex Meier/unsplash

Address: Rua Latino Coelho 38, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-7pm, Fri 7am-8pm, Sat 7am-2pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 214 080

Internet: [mercados.funchal.pt](http://mercados.funchal.pt)

### Bordal



If you want to buy something in Funchal that was definitely produced on the island, go for an item by the embroidery company Bordal. Craftswomen create the embroidered linens directly in the shop, where you can often see the women at work. They have over 40,000 drawings, which they use for patterns of their linens.

Photo: paula sierra/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Doutor Fernão de Ornelas 77, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9:30am-6pm

Phone: +351 291 222 965

Internet: [www.bordal.pt](http://www.bordal.pt)

Email: [bordal@bordal.pt](mailto:bordal@bordal.pt)

### Forum Madeira



If you want to escape the hot Portuguese sun but are still in the mood to shop, visit Forum Madeira. From clothing shops to a supermarket and a cinema, they have it all. If you go up to the roof, you will find a large garden and a stunning panorama of the Atlantic ocean.

Photo: Vitor Oliveira/cc by-sa 2.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Estrada Monumental 390, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm

Phone: +351 291 706 800

Internet: [www.forummadeira.com](http://www.forummadeira.com)

Email: [forummadeira@multi-mallmanagement.com](mailto:forummadeira@multi-mallmanagement.com)

### Pérola dos Vinhos



This shop will fulfil all the wishes you've ever had pertaining to alcoholic beverages. Pérola dos Vinhos doesn't only sell alcohol, but also offers wine tastings in the designated tasting room. Besides the traditional Madeira wine, you can buy lots of other types of liquor as well.

Photo: Silberkorn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua da Alfandega 119, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat & Sun 10am-2pm

Phone: +351 291 223 546

Internet: [loja.peroladosvinhos.com](http://loja.peroladosvinhos.com)

Email: [geral@peroladosvinhos.com](mailto:geral@peroladosvinhos.com)

### Caravel Art Center



One of the most renowned art galleries of Madeira. The Caravel Art Center provides a platform for all kinds of art, such as sculptures,

paintings and ceramics. It also organises music and dancing events.

Photo: Viacheslav Nikolaenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Dos Carlos I 19-20, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-5:30pm, Sat & Sun upon request

Phone: +351 913 655 459

Internet: [www.artcaramel.com](http://www.artcaramel.com)

Email: [artcentercaramel@gmail.com](mailto:artcentercaramel@gmail.com)

More Info: You can find Caravel's Craft Shop at Santa Maria Street 60

### Livraria Esperança



It has been described as one of the largest bookstores in Europe where you can buy Portuguese and English literature. Livraria

Esperança provides you with an enormous variety of books in every genre and for any age group.

Photo: Don Pablo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Dos Ferreiros 119, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +351 291 221 116

Email: [geral@livraria-esperanca.pt](mailto:geral@livraria-esperanca.pt)

### La Vie Shopping Center



Even though in comparison to some other malls La Vie Shopping Center is quite small, it makes up for the fact by offering a huge variety of

shops. The modern shopping centre offers clothing, toy shops, a supermarket and much more.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Brito Câmara, Funchal

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

Phone: +351 291 215 420

Internet: [funchal.lavieshopping.pt](http://funchal.lavieshopping.pt)

Email: [funchal@lavieshopping.pt](mailto:funchal@lavieshopping.pt)

More Info: The pharmacy is opened until Midnight.

### UauCacau



The best place to feed your inner-chocoholic is UauCacau. They have dozens and dozens of different kinds of chocolates and flavours

that you could possibly dream of. The favourite flavours of return customers are rose and black pepper, pistachio with caramel and salt, and dark chocolate with ginger.

Photo: Oksana Shufrych/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua da Queimada de Baixo 11, Funchal

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-7:30pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +351 291 644 620

Internet: [www.uaucacau.com](http://www.uaucacau.com)

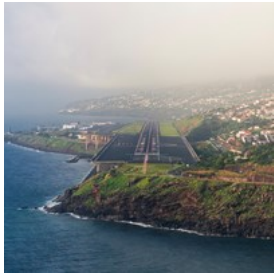
More Info: UauCacau has three locations in Funchal

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Cristiano Ronaldo International Airport (FNC)



Madeira has one airport — Aeroporto da Madeira, informally known as Funchal Airport. It's located 20 kilometres from the city centre. You can take the shuttle, the Aerobus, which departs from the Arrivals area to Formosa Beach and the city centre (the trip will take 30 minutes). It will stop by a lot of hotels, and can be used every day of the week. Usually the Aerobus departs every 45 minutes, be sure to check the schedule for the exact routes and times. Tickets can be bought when entering the bus.

You can also take a taxi. They are located in the Arrivals section on the ground floor. On weekdays, the prices of trips from the airport increase by 20% if it's between 9pm and 6am. Travelling with baggage comes at an extra fee.

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Address: Aeroporto Internacional da Madeira Cristiano Ronaldo, Santa Cruz, Madeira  
Phone: +351 291 520 700  
Internet: [www.aeroportomadeira.pt](http://www.aeroportomadeira.pt)

### Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Portugal, only a valid ID. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a

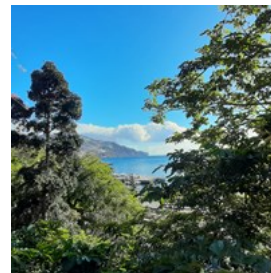
valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en)

### Best Time to Visit

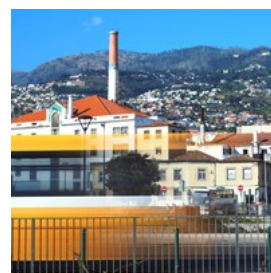


Madeira is known for its warm Mediterranean climate, which means that temperatures are high all year round and never drop below 14

degrees. If you are a sun-worshipper, visit during July and August, when the temperature is around 25 degrees. If you are planning to do a lot of hiking and other physical activities, visit the island during April and May. Later, it could be too hot to enjoy hiking, and after the summer it can get quite rainy. In the spring you can see beautiful gardens at their best.

Photo: João Figueira/unsplash

### Public Transport



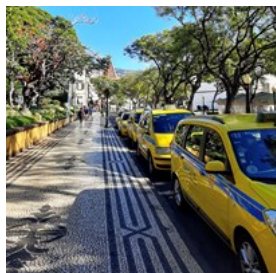
The Horários do Funchal bus service is a collection of buses which will take you all over Funchal.

There is also the Linha Eco, environmentally- and wheelchair-friendly mini buses. They haven't got

specific stops, but you can hail them down and board anywhere in the capital. You can recognise them by their yellow colour. They operate from Monday to Friday, from 8am until 8pm, and Saturdays from 8am until 2pm. Tickets can be purchased on board.

Photo: Petr Brezina/shutterstock  
Internet: [www.horariosdofunchal.pt](http://www.horariosdofunchal.pt)

### Taxi



Taxis in Funchal are yellow and easy to notice. Some of the reputable companies are Taxi-Madeira Miguel Pereira (+351 918 399 115), Madeira Travel Taxi (+351 917 462 001) and Daniel Madeira Taxis (+351 919 791 289).

Bolt and Uber rideshare apps operate in Funchal, too.

Photo: Sofia Costa/unsplash  
Internet: [visitmadeira.com/media/2nbacumn/taxis-ram.pdf](http://visitmadeira.com/media/2nbacumn/taxis-ram.pdf)

### Post



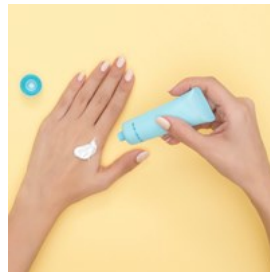
Funchal's main post office is Posto de Correios de Zarco, found at Avenida Zarco. You can find tall cylindrical letterboxes scattered all over the city.

Red letterboxes are for national or international mail sent with regular postage stamps, while blue letterboxes are for express or priority mail sent with prepaid/pre-stamped envelopes.

Photo: [m m m m m n g a i @ r o g e r s . c o m / c c b y - s a 2 . 0 / w i k i m e d i a \( i m a g e c r o p p e d \)](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Postbox_in_Funchal.jpg)  
Address: Posto de Correios de Zarco, Avenida Zarco 5A9, Funchal  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-7pm, Sat 9am-1pm

Phone: +351 291 202 830  
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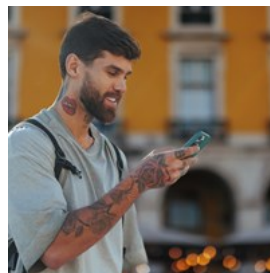
### Pharmacy



Prescription and non-prescription drugs are available from pharmacies (farmácia), but if you need regular medication it is better to take supplies with you. Pharmacies are usually open Mon-Fri (9am-1pm and 3pm-7pm). There are some pharmacies that are open beyond this schedule but in only some specific points. To find out which pharmacies are open all day, you can check the information posted in every pharmacy.

Photo: Moose Photos/pexels  
Address: Farmácia Funchal, Rua Doutor Brito Câmara 9, Funchal  
Opening hours: Daily 9am-midnight  
Phone: +351 291 231 174

### Phone



Country code: +351 Area code: (0)291

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### Electricity



220 V/50Hz with a Type F electrical plug with two round pins, same as in many countries in Continental Europe.

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**Population**

105,795 (2021)

**Currency**

1 Euro = 100 cents

**Internet**

[visit.funchal.pt](https://visit.funchal.pt)

[www.funchal.pt](https://www.funchal.pt)

[www.visitmadeira.com](https://www.visitmadeira.com)

**Newspapers**

Funchal Notícias: [www.funchalnoticias.net](https://www.funchalnoticias.net)

Madeira Weekly (in English): [www.madeira-weekly.com](https://www.madeira-weekly.com)

**Emergency numbers**

Emergency: 112

**Tourist information**

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