



Madeira

Floral and cycling splendour all year round

Cycling in Madeira is a surprising adventure worth considering, even though it's primarily renowned for its hiking opportunities. You'll be pleasantly surprised by the cycling experience here, thanks to stunning panoramic routes that cover most of the island. For more challenging terrains, our transfer services have got you covered. With a year-round summer-like climate and vibrant flora and fauna, Madeira offers an ideal cycling environment.

Along the way, you'll encounter beautiful parks, serene bays, and breathtaking cliffs. Additionally, you won't miss out on cultural experiences, as Madeira, a Portuguese island with a rich history dating back to the 15th century, boasts magnificent quintas and monumental fortresses. Spend an enchanting week on this flowery island, where UNESCO World Cultural Heritage landscapes, maritime traditions, and warm Madeiran hospitality await.

The cycling week on this Atlantic island caters to experienced cyclists, providing an eight-day journey around Madeira's coastal and inland regions. Madeira welcomes cyclists year-round, with mild temperatures from February to December, making it a versatile destination for your biking adventures.

Book this holiday: Madeira Round Trip

Details about the bike tour in Madeira

Madeira, known as the "flower island," offers excellent cycling conditions nearly year-round, boasting colourful vegetation and stunning landscapes. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the lava rock pools near Porto Moniz and take a scenic cable car ride from Funchal to Monte.

Madeira's cities exude a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere, adding an exotic charm to your cycling holiday. As you embark on your daily routes, immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Madeira's flowers and capture the enchanting rock panoramas that await you.

The highlights of the cycling holiday around Madeira at a glance

- **An attractive destination all year round:** Madeira has mild temperatures almost all year round - from February to December. This not only benefits the flora but also you as a cyclist!
- **Colourful natural spectacles:** Madeira is known all over the world for its lush, evergreen vegetation. The exotic flora is responsible for the nickname "flower island".
- **Natural pools in Porto Moniz:** The lava rock pools are a truly impressive natural spectacle!
- **Bus transfers for steep climbs:** The often very steep stages such as in Caniço, Porto da Cruz or Sao Vicente are covered by bus - transfer included!
- **Cable car to Monte:** On the last day you can enjoy bicycle-free time in the capital of the island of Funchal with a cable car to Monte with the tropical garden Jardim Tropical.

Worth knowing about the bike tour in Madeira

The eight-day cycling adventure on the Atlantic island starts in Caniço. In the next few days, there are about 195 kilometres on the bike and an infinite number of impressions waiting for you! The daily journeys are on motorways with little traffic and are between 25 and 50 kilometres long.

The most strenuous climbs are covered by bus transfers, but you should expect some steep sections and descents. A good basic condition and cycling experience are an advantage. Madeira is above all, a fantastic all-year-round destination for cyclists.

This tour has been graded as **Athletic**. Find out more about our **cycling holiday difficulty levels**.

Read a detailed day-by-day tour report of the **Around Madeira** cycle tour on our Active on Holiday **blog**.

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Tour information



Athletic



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided

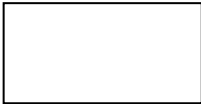


Luggage transfers included







Total cycling distance: approx.
195 km

To the online version



Itinerary


| | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| DAY 1 | Arrival in Caniço | |
| Enjoy all the amenities of the hotel, right on the beach and of course the sea! In the evening you will be greeted by our representative and informed about the trip. | | |
| DAY 2 | Canico – Camacha – Porto da Cruz | approx. 25 km |
| In the morning first transfer to Camacha and any adjustments to the rental bikes. This small town is also famous for its (basket) wickerwork. You can of course also buy this practical gift directly from the makers. Via a beautiful mountain road, it goes by bike to the east coast. Enjoy the beautiful view on the route to the small fishing village of Porto da Cruz. Relax on the volcanic sandy beach or visit one of the last sugar cane mills on the island. | | |
|  ca. 25 km  Transfer Caniço – Camacha | | |
| DAY 3 | Porto da Cruz – Santana – São Vicente | approx. 40 km |
| A long, steep climb is covered by a bus this morning. Your cycling tour begins in Santana. But before that, you should definitely visit one of Madeira's landmarks: the traditional thatched farmhouses have been lovingly restored here. The cycle route leads on a beautiful country road through small, charming villages always along the east coast to Sao Vicente. The place, named after St. Vincent, is located on the coast and is also known for its 400,000-year-old caves. | | |
|  ca. 40 km  Transfer Porto da Cruz – Santana | | |

DAY
4**São Vicente – Rocha Negra – Porto Moniz**approx. 35
km


Today it's going to the mountains! A transfer will take you to the Paúl da Serra plateau. Here you get on your bike and follow the high road past grazing cows and sheep. A long descent takes you to the west coast of the island. Before reaching Porto Moniz, a magnificent view will almost take your breath away. The overnight stop for this day is known for its natural pools. The sea here is formed from black lava caves into smaller and larger pools, which are popular with locals and tourists alike.

 ca. 35 km  Transfer São Vicente – Paúl da SerraDAY
5**Porto Moniz – Calheta** approx. 45 km

Today's cycling stage takes you along the west coast and is entirely devoted to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Madeira. You cycle through fragrant forests and through small villages, always accompanied by the view of the lower sea. After every bend, you will see a new photo opportunity. In the lively town of Calheta, not only the marina was rebuilt, sand was imported from Morocco for the artificial beach. This former sugar cane town has become a popular meeting place for locals.

 ca. 45 kmDAY
6**Calheta – Funchal** approx. 50 km

In the first part of today, you will cycle directly along the coast towards the capital. From Ribeira Brava, the route ascends a little inland and you reach what is perhaps the most spectacular vantage point on the entire island. At Cabo Girao, a glass platform has been built 580 meters above the sea, and the view over the highest cliffs in Europe is dizzying. A long descent then takes you back to the coast and into the centre of colourful and lively Funchal.

 ca. 50 km

DAY
7

Funchal en Monte by cable car

The cable car will take you to the popular excursion destination of Monte on this bike-free day. This area used to be a stylish climatic health resort with stately 'Quintas' and now offers many possibilities for a fun day. You can visit the pilgrimage church of Nossa Senhora do Monte and the tropical garden of Jardim Tropical Monte Palace. There is also a leisurely stroll along the famous waterways, the Levadas. Even more spectacular, however, is the rapid descent into the valley in one of the unique reed sledges. You see, even without a bike, Madeira is not boring...

 Cable car Funchal - Monte - Funchal

DAY
8

Return trip or extension

Route information

The eight-day cycling adventure on this Atlantic island commences in Caniço. Over the next few days, you'll cover approximately 195 kilometres by bike, immersing yourself in countless impressions. The daily routes follow tranquil roads and range from 25 to 50 kilometers in length.

While the steepest inclines will be tackled by bus, you should be prepared for some steep sections and descents. A good level of fitness and a comfortable cycling posture will be advantageous.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Madeira Round Trip**

Place of arrival: **Canico**

| | Season 1 06.01.2024 - 01.03.2024 26.10.2024 - 07.12.2024 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | Season 2 02.03.2024 - 17.05.2024 05.10.2024 - 25.10.2024 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | Season 3 18.05.2024 - 04.10.2024 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Madeira, PO-MARCF-08X | | | |
| Base price | 959.00 | 1,099.00 | 1,179.00 |
| Half board | 215.00 | 215.00 | 215.00 |
| Single room surcharge | 469.00 | 469.00 | 469.00 |

Hotel information: You will stay in 4**** hotels and 1x in a 2** hotel by the sea.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: **Canico**

| | Season 1 Jan 6, 2024 - Mar 1, 2024 Oct 26, 2024 - Dec 7, 2024 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | Season 2 Mar 2, 2024 - May 17, 2024 Oct 5, 2024 - Oct 25, 2024 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | Season 3 May 18, 2024 - Oct 4, 2024 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| Canico | | | |
| Double room p.p. | 79.00 | 79.00 | 79.00 |
| Single room surcharge | 65.00 | 65.00 | 65.00 |
| Funchal | | | |
| Double room p.p. | 79.00 | 79.00 | 79.00 |

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Our rental bikes

| | Price |
|----------------------|--------|
| 21-Speed Unisex Bike | 99.00 |
| Unisex E-Bike | 239.00 |
| 27-Speed Bike PLUS | 159.00 |
| 21-Speed Men's Bike | 99.00 |

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Including

- 7 nights as described, including breakfast
- Canico-Camacha, Porto da Cruz-Santana and Sao Vicente-Rocha Negra Bus Transfers Including Bike
- Cable car return Funchal-Monte
- Personal welcome meeting (German, English)
- Luggage transfer(s)
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels)
- Own signage on the route
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

Not included

- Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally
- Return flight Madeira

Arrival information

- Airport: Funchal Airport

General information

- Half board: Dinner in the hotel restaurant or in a restaurant in the immediate vicinity with a voucher

Sample hotel list

This is a sample hotel list. Hotels will be booked depending on availability.

Caniço

Hotel Four Views Oásis 4****

www.fourviewshotels.com

Porto da Cruz

Hotel Costa Linda 2**

www.costa-linda.net

São Vicente

Hotel Estalagem do Mar 4****

www.estalagemdomar.com

Porto Moniz

Hotel Moniz Sol 4****

www.hotelmonizsol.com

Calheta

Hotel Savoy Saccharum 5*****

www.savoyresorts.com

Funchal 2x

Hotel Four Views Baía 4****

www.fourviewshotels.com