



## DAY 1 OF 3 DAYS IN MADEIRA



- **Madeira Cable Car**

**The Madeira cable car (Teleférico) is one of the most popular things to do in Madeira because it takes you high above the ocean to visit Monte as well as two gardens there.**

- **Madeira Botanical Garden**

**Madeira Botanical Garden is a large garden on top of the mountain. This botanical garden used to be owned by the family of William Reid, but it opened to the public in 1960.**

**The Madeira Botanical Garden has more than 2000 exotic plants including some of the plants that are exclusive to Madeira, Azores, and other Atlantic islands.**



- **Monte Palace Tropical Garden**

**Another garden that you can (and should) visit after you get off the cable car is the Monte Palace Tropical Garden.**

**The Monte Palace Tropical Garden is huge: it occupies 70K square meters and has a large exotic plant's collection, an African sculpture exposition, a central pond with swans, villa, Japanese styled bridges and a large collection of tile panels placed along the walkways.**



- **Old Town Of Funchal**

Funchal has a very charming old town that is great to walk around in. A few interesting spots in old town Funchal that you can see:

**Santa Maria Street (Rua de Santa Maria)**

Rua de Santa Maria is directly behind the Funchal-Monte Teleférico, so it's perfect to explore after you get off the cable car. There are a lot of restaurants on Rue de Santa Maria and here is also where you will find the most colorful walls and doors.

**The Farmer's Market (Mercado dos Lavradores)**

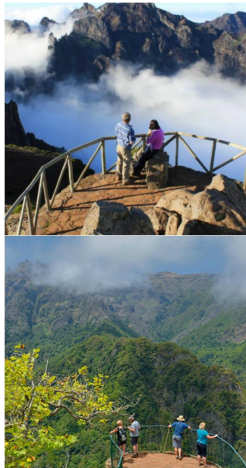
Funchal's famous Farmer's Market was inaugurated in 1940 and is now one of the best things you can do in Funchal. At the market there are all sorts of products sold. Mercado dos Lavradores has a variety of fresh produces, flowers, fish among other things (like souvenirs). You will be impressed by all the colors, smells and sounds in the market.

**Funchal Waterfront**

Funchal waterfront is a really nice area to walk around especially during sunset and it's one of my favorite things to do there. There are some shops and restaurants/ food stalls and on the weekend you can occasionally come across free outdoor concerts and festivals.



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- **Pico do Arieiro Sunrise**

Start your morning super early from Funchal to Pico do Arieiro for the best sunrise in Madeira. Pico do Arieiro is the third highest peak in Madeira at 5,965 feet (1818m) and is the only peak in Madeira that you can actually drive to (instead of hike to).

- **Balcões Viewpoint**

Not too far of a drive from Pico do Arieiro is another amazing viewpoint that people often overlook, the Balcões Viewpoint. The Balcões Viewpoint is a stunning viewpoint that allows you to see the Ribeira da Metade valley, the central mountain ranges, as well as Pico do Arieiro and Pico Ruivo.

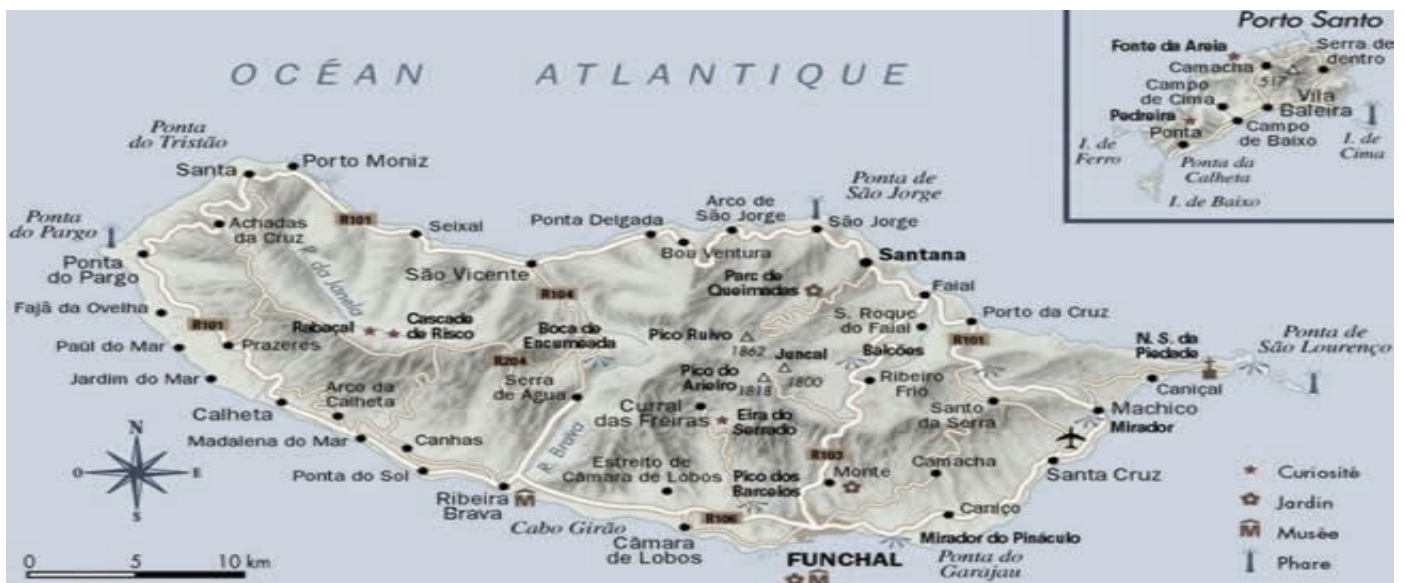
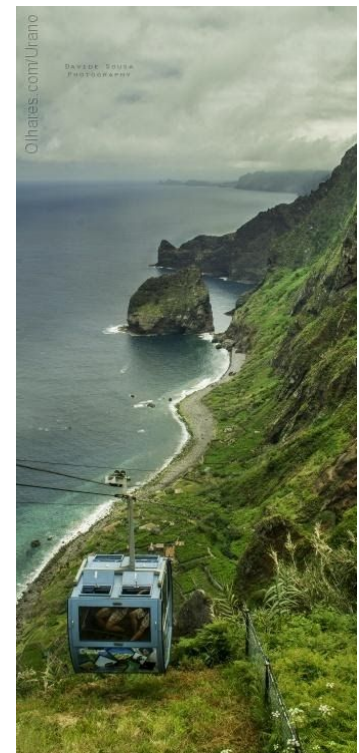
- **Santana**

Santana is a cute coastal town on the north east side of Madeira. A quick drive from the Balcões Viewpoint will get you to Santana.

Most people come to Santana to check out the traditional houses as well as take a cable car down to the beach.

**Reserva Natural da Rocha do Navio** is a natural reserve created to protect marine fauna and preserving nature of the coastal area of Santana.

There is a cable car that will take you down to the beach where you can walk around. Or you can simply walk down the steep path to the beach, although sometimes the wave can be big so you need to be careful.



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- **Bridal Veil Falls (Véu da Noiva Waterfall )**

Bridal Veil Falls is a splendid waterfall on the north side of Madeira. It's a beautiful waterfall off the coastal cliffs and there are two major view points for this waterfall.

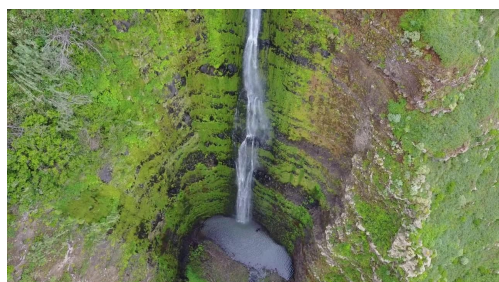
Most people will drive to Miradouro do Véu da Noiva and have a nice view of the waterfall. Most tour buses also stop by this view point because there are two parking lots and some shops there.

- **Seixal/Porto Moniz Natural Pools**

There are a number of natural pools on Madeira island and these natural pools are formed from volcanic rock. The most famous natural pool is actually at Porto Moniz but you should also visit some in the seaside town of Seixal.

- **Fanal Forest**

Fanal Forest is a beautiful yet quiet forest in the middle of Laurissilva Forest in Madeira. A quick drive from Ribeira de Janela will take you up the hill and the mysterious Fanal Forest.



- **Garganta Funda View Point**

If there's one thing Madeira has then it's waterfalls. There are so many waterfalls and some are easy to see whereas others require a hike or two.

Garganta Funda Waterfall is located on the west side of Madeira. Once you park the car it's about a 5-10 minute walk on a flat dirt path to the view point. You can see this cliff side waterfall inside a gorge!

- **Câmara De Lobos**

From Miradouro Garganta Funda it's a long drive along the coast all the way to Câmara de Lobos, a coastal fishing town not too far from Funchal on the south side of Madeira.

If you have time, walk around Câmara de Lobos. There is a fort that's nice to walk around and also an area with all the boats.



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