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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

## DISCOVER MADEIRA ISLAND, PORTUGAL SELF-DRIVE IDEA

Embark on an unforgettable self-drive adventure on Madeira Island, a stunning gem in the Atlantic Ocean. Known for its dramatic cliffs, lush greenery, and mild climate, Madeira offers a unique blend of natural beauty and rich culture. Wander through charming towns like Funchal and Câmara de Lobos, where you can enjoy local cuisine and vibrant markets. Drive along scenic coastal roads to experience breathtaking views at Cabo Girão and discover the enchanting levadas that wind through verdant landscapes. With its natural swimming pools, beautiful gardens, and welcoming atmosphere, Madeira is perfect for travelers seeking both relaxation and adventure. Set your own pace and uncover the island's hidden treasures on this captivating journey.

### DAY 1 & 2: FUNCHAL

Fly into Funchal and pick up your self-drive car at the car hire company office or designated meeting point (details will be provided at the time of booking). Then drive to your first hotel in Funchal for a 2-night stay.

The next morning, start exploring the city with visits to museums, churches, the local "Mercado dos Lavradores," beautiful gardens, and the charming old town. Don't miss the chance to take the cable car up to the lovely village of Monte, where you can enjoy a traditional toboggan ride (in a wicker basket!) most of the way back down to Funchal. During your stay, we recommend visiting Nun's Valley, a village surrounded by extinct volcanoes and high mountains. In the 16th century, nuns fled their convent in Funchal and sought refuge here when pirates attacked the city. The village remains very isolated, and its fertile soil allows locals to live largely off what they grow. Be sure to try the delicious local chestnuts, used in everyday cooking.

**2 Nights in Funchal: Castanheiro Boutique Hotel 4\* or similar**





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### DAY 3, 4: FUNCHAL - PONTA DO SOL

Drive along the west coast to Ponta do Sol, the main centre for banana production on the island. On the way, visit Câmara de Lobos, an attractive fishing village once frequented by Winston Churchill, who enjoyed painting there. Continue to Cabo Girão, one of the highest sea cliffs in the world, offering spectacular views along the south coast and down to the sea a dizzying 580 metres below. Next, stop in Ribeira Brava—meaning “wild river”—a pleasant town where you may wish to explore one of Madeira’s finest museums, the Ethnographic Museum. Finally, reach Calheta, formerly an important centre for sugar cane cultivation, and now known for its small artificial sandy beach, with golden sand imported from the Canary Islands.

**2 Nights in Ponta do Sol: Hotel 1905 Zino’s Palace 4\***

### DAY 5: PONTA DO SOL - ARCO DE SAO JORGE

Leave Ponta do Sol and head toward the village of Arco de São Jorge, surrounded by mountains and vineyards and known for its remarkable rose garden—one of the largest in the world. Along the way, visit Jardim do Mar, a charming village accessible only on foot, where you can wander through its narrow streets and down to the seaside promenade. Continue to Prazeres, where a small, well-kept mini-zoo, herb garden and tea house make for a pleasant stop. Next, make your way to Ponta do Pargo. A short walk down to the lighthouse brings you to the westernmost point of the island. From there, continue north to Porto Moniz, famous for its natural volcanic pools, where you may even take a swim. Finish your journey in São Vicente, whose old town, cobbled streets and beautiful church make it one of Madeira’s prettiest villages.

**Night in Arco de São Jorge : Pestana Quinta do Arco 4\***

### DAY 6, 7: ARCO DE SAO JORGE - SANTA CRUZ

Leave Arco de São Jorge and continue exploring the northeast coast. Your first stop is Santana, considered one of Madeira’s most attractive villages thanks to its dramatic setting and its traditional “As Palheiras” — small, thatched A-frame houses unique to the area. From Santana, follow the road toward Santa Cruz via Ribeiro Frio (“cold river”) and Poiso, once a traditional resting place offering fantastic views across both coastlines. For an unforgettable panorama, continue up to Pico do Arieiro, the island’s second-highest peak at 1,810 metres, where you’ll often stand above the clouds.

Visit Camacha, the wicker-work village, known for the modern church “O Relógio” and the nearby Clock Café, which hosts an impressive display of wicker-work items—from baskets to furniture—made locally as part of a traditional cottage industry. Continue to the pretty fishing village of Caniçal, once Madeira’s whaling centre before the practice was banned in 1981. Today, its Museum of Whaling preserves that history, and the village is known for excellent fish restaurants.

On your way back to Santa Cruz, take time to explore Machico, Madeira’s first capital and its second-largest city, as well as one of the island’s main centres for boat building.

**2 Nights in Santa Cruz: Hotel Vila Gale Santa Cruz**

### DAY 8: SANTA CRUZ - FUNCHAL

Today, say farewell to this lovely island as you drive to the Funchal airport, return your car and board your flight.



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### THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 nights Funchal, Castanheiro Boutique Hotel or similar 4\*
- 2 nights Ponta do Sol, 1905 Zino's Palace or similar 4\*
- 1 night at Arco de São Jorge, Pestana Quinta do Arco or similar 4\*
- 2 nights Santa Cruz, Vila Gale Santa Cruz or similar 4\*
- 7 breakfasts
- 1 x Car hire 7-Day IFAD Automatic - A/C (Opel Grandland) and zero excess payable, with P/U + D/O from Car hire company to be advised at booking time
- Second driver
- Unlimited Kilometers
- LDW (Loss damage waiver), CDW (Collision damage waiver), THW (Theft damage waiver)
- Premium Protection (0.00 € excess)
- Via Verde - Electronic Toll service (register online to pay with credit card)
- Third Party Liability (50.000.000€)
- VAT at 22% subject to any government change

### THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Any transfers
- Guided tours
- Meals not mentioned, beverages
- Gratuities
- Hotel city tax, approx Eur 4 per day, paid to each hotel
- Entrances fees to sites and museums, parking or garage, and any other charges not mentioned in "package includes"
- Personal expenses
- Road tolls - Optional Equipment (Ex: GPS, Childs, Baby Seats and Boosters)
- Fuel
- Young driver surcharge
- Insurance

### HOTEL & CAR RENTAL PACKAGE, 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, PRICE PER PERSON

DAILY DEPARTURE 2026	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
April 15 - June 30, 2026	\$ 2,499
July 1 - 31, 2026	\$ 2,899
August 1 - 31, 2026	\$ 3,649
September 1 - 30, 2026	\$ 2,549
October 1 - 31, 2026	\$ 2,599

Rates are valid for the specified period only; any overlap will be re-priced

*Single room supplement on request*

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