



## PACKAGE Proposal Madeira and Porto Santo Islands

*This Program is adaptable.*



### Destination

[Porto Santo](#) and [Madeira](#), Portugal

Funchal Airport (FNC) or Porto Santo Airport (PXO)

### Length of stay

Fifteen days/ fourteen nights

### Summary

Portugal Dive invites your crew to stay and dive in Madeira, the World Travel Awards eight times elected "World's Leading Island Destination".



MADEIRA - WORLD TRAVEL AWARD'S WORLD'S LEADING ISLAND DESTINATION  
2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013

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### Category of stay

Solo

Couple

Family

Friends

Groups

Divers and non-divers



### Info weather conditions

In the summer, the ambient temperature is around 22.2° C and drops to 15.9° C in winter, so there are rarely very high or very low temperatures.

The great mountains and drafts of different directions make the climate different in each city visited.

At sea, the temperature varies between 25°C and 15°C throughout the year and invites diving.

Water temperatures: from 16 to 22 C;

Air temperatures: 15 to 25 C.

### Details of program



**Day 1 – Madeira, Funchal;** After a flight over the Atlantic Ocean, you will arrive at Madeira at Cristiano Ronaldo Airport (FNC) or Porto Santo Airport (PXO). If your flight takes you to Funchal, your driver will be waiting to take you to Funchal Harbour. There you will get on the Ferry and sail to Porto Santo Island.

You will arrive at Porto Santo island two hours and a half later, where you'll stay and

dive for the next six days.

The Island of Porto Santo is a haven of gold and blue, 11km long and 6km wide, and has been long dubbed the Golden Island for its extensive, stunning nine km-long beach of fine and silky sand, bathed by turquoise waters.



Health and wellness go hand in hand on this magnificent beach as, in addition to its crystalline waters, its sands have rare therapeutic properties. The sand is soft, delicate and smooth and consists mainly of calcium carbonate in calcite, with unique thermal qualities.

The primitive beauty of the landscape enchants anyone walking the paths or cycling

the island's trails.

The safety, along with its locals' warm welcome, the pleasures nature offers, the beautiful beaches of fine sand, and the calm sea currents, turn Porto Santo island into a privileged location amongst other similar destinations.

During the daytime, you have left to know where you are, go to the beach, check the dive centre location and prepare. Diving is about to start.



**Days 2 to 6 – Porto Santo;** For the next five days, you will have the immense pleasure of diving into the beautiful and crystalline waters offshore Porto Santo. For those who love diving, the Porto Santo sea hides charms you will not want to miss.

One of the most looked-for dive spots in Porto Santo is "Madeirense".

A container ship that has been part of the history of Madeira's maritime transport and a war vessel awaits you a few meters deep, becoming actual artificial reefs where you can get in and out of its cabins, surrounded by thousands of fish. It is said that it's a unique spot to dive.



Having all sorts of natural dive spots to visit, Porto Santo is also home to the Corveta Pereira d'Eça. Porto Santo will be a 100/100 diving location for those who like shipwrecks. But there are other types of dives you will love.

Another is called "Âncoras" (translated to English, Anchors) due to abandoned local fisher boat anchors.



The anchor buoy is at 6mts depth. It is an ideal dive site for Discover Scuba Divers, beginners, check dives and snorkelling. Like most Porto Santo dive sites, this site is inside the golden breams protected marine reserve with abundant fish life all along the southern edge of the Ilheu de Cima, which drops right into the sea with no beaches.

As our most frequented dive site, the fish are very used to divers and usually accompany us throughout the dive. Expect to see golden breams, parrotfish, sea bream, spider crabs, the occasional moray or octopus, and triggerfish—a very relaxing dive.

Other dives on this location:

- <https://www.portugaldive.com/best-dives/spots/porto-santo/all/all/all.html>

**Day 7 – Madeira, Funchal;** you already know the routine. The driver will pick you up at your hotel and drive you to the harbour. Let's set sail to Madeira Island, where you'll check in for the rest of your trip and the best dives in Madeira. Once again, the driver will do what he has to do: take you to your hotel in Santa Cruz.

**Days 8 and 9 – Funchal;** The first two days of diving will continue to surprise you. Diving the Madeira waters from Santa Cruz is the right compromise for someone discovering this paradise.



Here you will be able to dive into one of the most privileged places in the world to practice this sport. The temperate and crystalline waters of Madeira make it possible to dive into its natural reserves and to observe numerous species such as cnidarians like anemones, black corals, fish like groupers, moray eels, stingrays, and – if you're lucky – even sea lions, the monk seals, the rarest in the world.

Garajau, a National Park, one of many Natural Reserves in Madeira, is a fantastic and guaranteed great dive.

Warm and crystalline waters welcome you to this stunning diving location. There are several diving spots in the Reserve. In this one, the main highlight is the large shoals of fish of different species diving close for your amusement.



The bottom is sand and rolled stones.

In some places, we find giant rock formations that form "chimneys", and it is possible to pass through them.

We can observe large schools of Salemas, Seabreams, Bicudas and sometimes some Amberjacks accompanying us during the ascent.

Another diving spot you must try – especially if you remain the shipwrecks' lover diving in Porto Santo – is the Corveta Afonso Cerqueira.



The Corvette Afonso Cerqueira, after Corvette General Pereira D'Eça, is the second ship to go deep into the seas of the Madeira Archipelago.

The objective was the creation of a road map of artificial reefs with environmental tourism potentialities.

The Corvette Afonso Cerqueira, which belongs to the same class as the General

Pereira d'Eça you already know, is 85 meters long and 14 meters high. Built in 1973, it served in the Navy for over 40 years, with a regular crew of seven officers, 14 sergeants and 51 sailors.

The ship was decontaminated and stripped of all toxic material, was sunk by cutting explosives and now rests 400 meters offshore at a depth of about 30 meters. Fifteen meters is the depth of the bridge.

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**Day 10 – Madeira;** Today is your first topside program. What's incredible about this trip is that you have plenty of diving time, but you will also spend some hours visiting the island. Maybe



your attitude towards these trips is "I don't want to visit; I want to dive"? Well, you will think differently after this one.



The island of Madeira has a very rugged terrain, with the highest point being Pico Ruivo (1,862 m), the Pico das Torres (1,851 m), and Pico do Arieiro (1,818 m), respectively the third, fourth and fifth-highest points of Portugal.

High cliffs dominate the northern coast, and in the western part of the island, you find the only plateau on the island, the Paul da Serra with altitudes between 1,300 and 1,500 m.

**Days 11 to 13 – Funchal;** Three more days diving, six other fantastic dive spots to visit. Maybe this will be one of them:



You can go for some distinct immersions at the Roca Mar dive spot; depending on where you start the dive, you'll fall to different depths. However, the maximum is 24 meters.

It is located in the coastal area of Caniço de Baixo, 10 meters from the adjacent bathing area to the Hotel Roca Mar.

Usually, we start at 6 meters deep, and we find a tunnel that crosses the pier to access the bathing area from one side to the other.

It is the right spot for OWD and AOWD divers, with plateaus and walls, where we can see lots of sea life like morays eels, anemones, shrimps and much more.

**Day 14 – Madeira;** They say everything good comes to an end. We prefer to think that it arrives at an interval. You can always resume diving here or anywhere, right? So, today, it is the surface interval. And we have prepared another tour for you to go to the other side of the island.

Enjoy!



**Day 15 – Madeira;** Time to say goodbye. We hope you had a fantastic time and come back soon.



**Price per person**

[Pricing on Request](#)

**Included**

Airport – ferry – hotel – ferry – hotel – airport transfers  
Ferry Funchal to Porto Santo and Porto Santo to Funchal  
Seven days/ six nights 5-star hotel, room for 2 full-board, in Porto Santo  
Five days diving, ten dives or Open Water/ Level 1 course from Porto Santo  
Eight days/ eight nights 5-star hotel, room for 2 with breakfast, in Funchal  
Five days diving, ten dives or Open Water/ Level 1 course from Funchal  
Two tours in the Madeira Island  
Tanks – AIR  
Weights

**Excluded**

International flights  
Meals or drinks not mentioned above  
Equipment and diving computer

**Options on request**

Extra dives and night dives at your discretion and dive centre availability (payable directly to the dive centre)  
12 ltr tank Nitrox +10,00 EUR  
15 ltr tank +10,00 EUR  
Diving Training, PADI/ SSI/ SDI  
Other maritime activities  
Other topside experiences



## Madeira and Porto Santo pics



## Porto Santo







Place of stay – 5-star  
Pestana Carlton Madeira





Place of stay at Porto Santo – 5-star  
Pestana Porto Santo





## About Madeira



***Right in the middle of the Atlantic, Madeira and Porto Santo islands are a haven of natural beauty. The flowers' exotic colours stand out from the blue sea and the emerald green vegetation; this is an archipelago where two-thirds are a protected area and where the largest Laurisilva forest in the world is located.***

The springtime temperature, felt all year round, cries out for open-air activities. You can walk along the network of levadas (irrigation channels), visit the city of Funchal and discover the heritage associated with the Discoveries or roam freely around the island. Boat rides are an excellent way of admiring the coastline from a different perspective.

In such a naturally welcoming environment, balance and well-being are taken for granted. Madeira offers various tourist complexes and accesses to the sea with prime conditions for leisure boating and scuba diving. The island of Porto Santo, in particular, is the ideal place to escape the stress and undertake a thalassotherapy programme or a beach holiday combined with a spot of golf.

The Madeira Island forms this archipelago with an area of 741km<sup>2</sup>, Porto Santo with 42.5km<sup>2</sup>, the Desertas Islands with a total of 14.2km<sup>2</sup> comprising the three uninhabited islands, and the Selvagens Islands, whose set of 3 islands and sixteen uninhabited islets make up an area of 3.6km<sup>2</sup>. Of the eight islands, only the two largest (Madeira and Porto Santo) are inhabited and accessed via the Madeira Airport in Funchal and Porto Santo Airport.



Funchal, the capital city of Madeira, has sea access through a port with a modern station that stands out on the national scene about cruising. More than half a million passengers disembark here per year. The remaining islands are nature reserves.



Funchal was the only city in the Autonomous Region of Madeira for hundreds of years until five other cities gained this status between the end of the twentieth century and the beginning of the next century: Câmara de Lobos, Caniço, Machico, Santana and Vila Baleira.



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*Source: VisitPortugal.com*

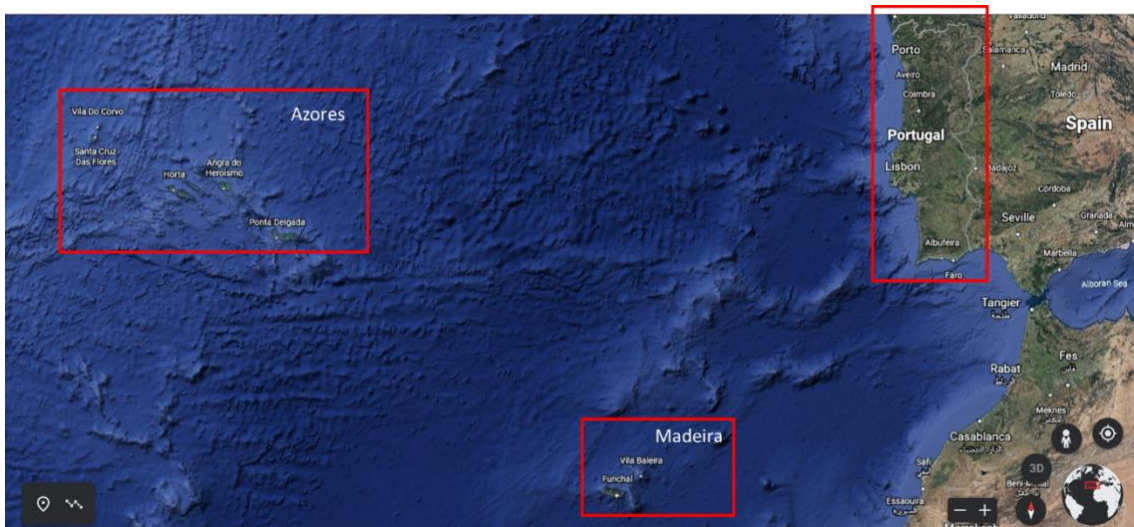


## About Portugal

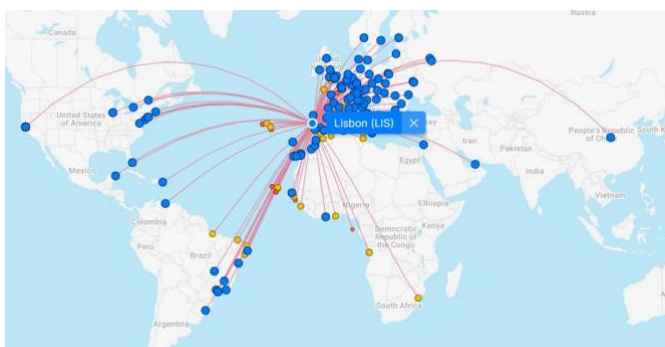
Portugal is the [most western territory in Europe](#), has a coastal range of 1000+ miles with hundreds of beach sites, and is a synonym for pleasant temperature and sunshine all year round.

Portugal is also a synonym of peacefulness, being considered the third most peaceful country in the world (ref. [Global Peace Index](#)).

## LOCALIZATION



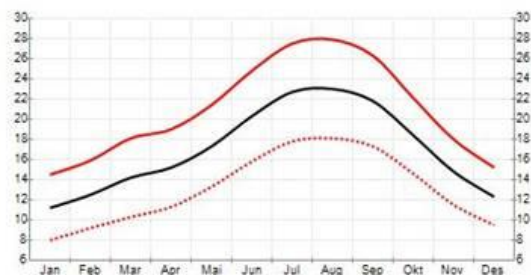
## DIRECT FLIGHTS TO PORTUGAL (LIS)



152 airports worldwide have direct flights to Lisbon (LIS), spread around 138 cities in 50 countries.



Average temperature per month



Average days with precipitation per month



## PORTUGAL IDENTITY CARD

Source: Visit Portugal, the Portuguese Tourism Board website

With its mild climate, 3000 hours of sunshine per year and 850 km of splendid beaches bathed by the Atlantic Ocean, Portugal is the perfect holiday destination all year round.

Portugal is the country that has the oldest borders in Europe, with an exceptional range of different landscapes just a short distance away, lots of leisure activities and a unique cultural heritage where tradition and modernity blend together in perfect harmony. Its superb cuisine, fine wines and hospitable people make this a tourist paradise of the highest quality.

Situated in the extreme southwest of Europe, just a few hours from other European capitals, Portugal attracts visitors from all over the world.

## GEOGRAPHY

Portugal is situated southwest of Europe and includes the Madeira and Azores archipelagos in the Atlantic Ocean. Mainland Portugal occupies an area of 88,889 km<sup>2</sup>. It is 218 km wide and 561 km long. It has 832 km of the Atlantic coast and a 1,215 km border with Spain.

The Azores are situated in the Atlantic Ocean between Europe and North America. They have an area of 2,355 km<sup>2</sup> and consist of nine islands - São Miguel and Santa Maria in the Eastern Group, Terceira, Graciosa, São Jorge, Pico and Faial in the Central Group and Flores and Corvo in the Western Group. By plane, it takes two hours to get from the Azores to mainland Portugal.

The Madeira Archipelago has an area of 741 km<sup>2</sup> and lies in the Atlantic Ocean, about 500 km from the African coast and 1,000 km from the European continent (1½ hours flying time from Lisbon). It consists of Madeira and Porto Santo islands and the uninhabited Desertas and Selvagens islands, which are nature reserves.

## CLIMATE

### Mainland Portugal

The climate in Portugal varies considerably from one region to another. It is influenced by the relief, latitude and proximity to the sea, which offers mild winters, especially in the Algarve.

In the Porto e Norte area and Beiras region, particularly inland, nearer Spain, the winters are colder, although the temperatures are mild compared to the rest of Europe. There is some snowfall. It occurs most in the Serra da Estrela mountains, where we find the highest point in mainland Portugal (1,991 m) and where it is sometimes possible to ski.



The summers are hot and dry, especially in the inland areas (Trás-os-Montes in north-eastern Portugal and Alentejo). Temperatures are slightly lower in the coastal regions because of the influence of the sea.

There are often warm, sunny days in autumn. Nice weather at the beginning of November is often called "St. Martin's Summer" as this saint's day is 11 November.

#### Azores

The climate in the Azores is influenced by the islands' latitude and the Gulf Stream, and temperatures are mild all year round. The same factors also influence the sea temperature, which is very pleasant both in winter and summer and ideal for nautical sports all year round.

#### Madeira

Its geographical position and mountainous relief can explain the subtropical characteristics of the weather in the Madeira Archipelago. The climate in Madeira is exceptionally mild, with average temperatures varying between 24 °C in summer and 19 °C in winter.

The sea temperature is also very pleasant all year round, thanks to the influence of the warm Gulf Stream. It varies between 18 °C in winter and 22 °C in summer.

#### POPULATION

Portugal has a population of about 10 million.

The population density is at its greatest in Lisbon, the capital and its suburbs, where about 1.9 million people live. The second-largest city in Portugal is Oporto in the north.

Generally speaking, more people live in the country's coastal regions than in inland areas.

#### RELIGION

Most Portuguese are Catholics, but the Portuguese Constitution guarantees religious freedom, and there are many different religions in Portugal.

#### LANGUAGE

From a Latin root, Portuguese is spoken by about 250 million people in every continent and is the 5th most spoken language in the world and the 3rd if we only consider the European languages.

Portuguese-speaking countries are scattered all over the world. Portuguese is the official language in many African countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and São Tomé e Príncipe), in South America (Brazil) and Asia (East Timor, the youngest nation in the world), and it is also the official language in Macao Special Administrative Region of China.

In Portugal, many people can communicate in English, French and Spanish.

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