



Porta da Cruz

Walking Holiday on Madeira

Madeira, an enchanting island with exotic flowers, sub-tropical fruits, majestic mountains and year round glorious sunshine, has much to offer guests. This is the perfect location for walkers, with endless footpaths and Levada (former irrigation channels) trails scattered across the island. These trails enable walkers to access areas difficult to reach by vehicle, rewarding them with magnificent views and spectacular scenery.

Our 7-night walking holiday includes four Levada walks, plus an optional walk on Saturday, each covering a different area of the island. Several viewpoints are reached, each providing a new insight to the island. The walks, led by a local guide, are suitable for all abilities and follow level paths 90% of the time.

Departs: Every Monday
Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Monday

Arrive at Funchal airport and transfer to the Quinta da Casa Branca in Funchal.

Tuesday

Day at leisure – time to enjoy the delights of Funchal.

Wednesday

Full day: Ribeiro Frio to Portela (North-East)

Departure from Funchal towards Ribeiro Frio where you will visit a trout hatchery. This 11km walk (c. 4-hours) follows the path of one of Madeira’s most beautiful levadas surrounded by a primitive forest of numerous floral species and exotic plants. On approaching Portela you will be

faced with the magnificent view over Penha da Aguia and Porto da Cruz. Transfers from/to the Quinta da Casa Branca are included. **Grade 2**

Thursday

Full day: Santana – Queimadas, Caldeirao Verde (North)

The setting for today’s 12km walk (c. 4-hours) is the natural park of Queimadas, close to the village of Santana – famed for its unspoilt beauty and traditional houses. Initially following a winding levada and then passing through several short tunnels, the walk concludes at the majestic waterfall at Caldeirao Verde. Transfers from/to the Quinta da Casa Branca are included. **Grade 2+**

Friday

Full day: Lakes & Waterfalls of Rabacal / Risco (West)

Departure from Funchal to Risco and Rabacal, a protected nature area, on the west coast of the island, stopping en route at Ribeira Brava. This 12km walk (c. 3.5-hours) follows two short levadas surrounded by a remarkable evergreen landscape and 25 spectacular waterfalls. Transfers from/to the Quinta da Casa Branca are included. **Grade 2**

Saturday

Full day: Pico do Arieiro to Pico Ruivo (Centre)

Optional Walk (Not included in the price)

Without doubt, this is one of the most scenic and interesting of mountain climbs. This 11km walk (c. 3.5-hours) starts at Pico do Arieiro (1,810m) and ascends Pico

Ruivo, the highest peak on the island (1,862m). Following constant ups and downs, affording majestic views and passing through many small tunnels, you arrive at Pico Ruivo. After a brief stop you make your way down to Achada do Teixeira where transportation to your hotel will be waiting. Transfers from/to the Quinta da Casa Branca are included. **Grade 3+**

Sunday

Half day: Levada do Castelejo (North)

This 6km walk (c. 2-hours) follows the flower lined, Castelejo levada which winds its way along the north coast of Madeira and offers panoramic views of Penha da Aguia (Eagles rock) and the village of Porto da Cruz. Transfers from/to the Quinta da Casa Branca are included. **Grade 1**

Monday

Transfer to Funchal airport for return flight home.

Price includes:

- Direct scheduled flight with TAP Portugal from London Gatwick to Funchal.
- 7-nights accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis as detailed.
- All transfers in Madeira including transfers to and from each walk (hotel pick-up between 08:30-08:45).
- Four walks as mentioned in the tour, each one led by an experienced guide.

Note: Alternative accommodation in Funchal available on request.

Grading of walks:

- 1 = Easy ■ 2 = Medium ■ 3 = Difficult



Please refer to page 95 for more details on the Sunflower books series.

No. of nights	Accommodation	Location
7	Quinta da Casa Branca	Funchal (page 80)

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room with garden view, flights to Funchal with TAP Portugal and transfers. Single room supplement on request.

Madeira Walking Holiday	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sep-Oct
	£885	£860	£870	£860

Please refer to page 7 for pricing details and telephone us for a quotation.