

Madeira Cycling Holiday

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 195 KM
BOOKING CODE: ES-POCF7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●●●●



Spectacular cliffs and seafaring culture

From Eur 999,-



Your tour

Romantic gardens and colourful parks, secluded bays and rugged cliffs: Madeira is not only a hiker's paradise, but also a cyclist's paradise. The steepest climbs are easily overcome with transfers, but you should still have a good basic level of fitness for this tour. The island attracts cyclists especially in spring and autumn. While it is still or already uncomfortable in the rest of Europe, Madeira has ideal cycling conditions!

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Caniço
Day 2	Caniço – Porto da Cruz, approx. 25 km + transfer
Day 3	Porto da Cruz – São Vicente region, approx. 40 km + transfer
Day 4	São Vicente – Porto Moniz, approx. 35 km + transfer
Day 5	Porto Moniz – Calheta, approx. 45 km
Day 6	Calheta – Funchal, approx. 50 km
Day 7	Excursion by cable car to Monte
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	16.01. – 01.03.	26.10. – 07.12.
Season B	02.03. – 17.05.	05.10. – 25.10.
Season C	18.05. – 04.10.	

Arrival Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 16.01. – 07.12.2024
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, including 6 nights at national 3* / 4* level and 1 night in a hotel directly on the beach at national 2* level
- Ascent and descent cable car Funchal – Monte excl. bike
- Transfers by Bus Caniço – Camacha, Porto da Cruz – Santana and São Vicente – Rocha Negra, incl. bike
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Funchal, max. 20 kg / piece
- Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)

Not included services

- City or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	999,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1149,-
Doubleroom, Season C	1249,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	519,-

Additional night prices per person

Caniço DBL / BB	89,-
Caniço SGL / BB	169,-
Funchal DBL / BB	89,-
Funchal SGL / BB	169,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	259,-
Rental bike (21-gear)*	99,-

*including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Canico	Four Views Oásis, Canico	https://www.theviewshotels.pt/de/oasis/
Porto da Cruz	Costa Linda, Porto da Cruz	https://www.costa-linda.net/de/
Region São Vicente	Estalagem do Mar, São Vicente	https://www.estalagemdomar.com/en/
Porto Moniz	Aqua Natura, Porto Moniz	https://www.aquanaturahotels.com/de/Home
Calheta	Savoy Saccharum, Calheta	https://www.savoysignature.com/en/
Funchal	Four Views Baía, Funchal	https://www.theviewshotels.pt/de/baia/
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Child reduction on basic price

0 - 5 Years	100%
6 - 11 Years	50%
12 - 14 Years	25%
15 - 17 Years	10%

Due to the challenging stages, we do not recommend this trip for children.
Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French

Additional note

→ All bookings are on request.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
- Bike lock
- Air pump
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier
- Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder

Journey to Canico

→ Nearest airport: Funchal

Luggage transport

→ Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

Travel documents

→ Travel document dispatch to the arrival hotel, hotel list and arrival information in advance by e-mail

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Canico

Alongside the capital town of Funchal, Canico is the second most important touristic centre of Madeira and is only 10 km from the airport. Your hotel is at the beach. If you like, you can relax there upon your arrival. Outside of the hotel there are lots of wonderful opportunities to enjoy the sea and the sun. You can choose between idyllic rocky bathing pools, terraces in the cliffs with steps down to the sea and pebble beaches. If you prefer to explore, you'll love the diverse flower gardens and palm trees. In any of the many restaurants and bars you can refresh yourself after a walk through the town.

Day 2: Canico – Porto da Cruz, approx. 25 km + transfer

In the morning, your guide will welcome you and provide you with your bikes as well as make any adjustments to the bikes that are necessary. Next, a transfer takes you to Camacha, known for its basket-weaving art. This is also where your first section by bike begins. On the high road heading for the east coast you get fantastic views. Today's destination is Porto da Cruz, which when translated means the port of the cross. The town was named after the cross that was put up on the coast to mark the harbour for Portuguese explorers. Today, this idyllic coastal town is particularly popular among surfers and sun-lovers who congregate on this beach of volcanic sand. In Porto da Cruz is one of the last operating sugar cane mills. The sugar is still produced today by the same method it was made the year the mill was founded in 1927.

Day 3: Porto da Cruz – São Vicente region, approx. 40 km + transfer

The long and steep incline to Santana is mastered by bus! Santana is known particularly for its traditional farmhouses from the 16th century. These are colourful, triangular houses made of stone with a thatched roof. In Santana they have been restored with great attention to detail. Today most of them serve as tourist attractions. Cycling along the road, you pedal through small villages and along the coast to São Vicente. The biggest attraction there is Gruta de São Vicente. The lava caves are a result of an eruption that took place 400,000 years ago! You can explore them on a tour if you like.

Day 4: São Vicente – Porto Moniz, approx. 35 km + transfer

The fourth day of your cycling holiday starts again with a transfer, this time to the high Paúl da Serra plain. On clear days you can see the sea to the north and south of Madeira from here. At the side of the high road you are cycling along, you will encounter grazing cows and sheep. But soon it's time to freewheel down a long descent towards the west coast. Feel the wind in your hair and enjoy the wonderful views. Porto Moniz is known for its natural swimming pools. They are natural, volcanic pools. In the evening wander through the town and along the promenade, where restaurants, cafes and souvenir shops line the streets. If you have time, you should go to Miradouro da Santa. It's a viewpoint, from which you have a great view of the town.

Day 5: Porto Moniz – Calheta, approx. 45 km

You cycle along the west coast through green forests and small villages. Calheta was founded in 1430 already and was one of the first places to be examined by the explorers of Madeira. There are two artificially-constructed beaches with golden sand from Figuera da Foz in Portugal and Morocco. This beach is supposed to be one of Madeiras best. The best white rum, Aguardente, is produced in Calheta. This is also included in Poncha, Madeiras national drink. Additional ingredients are limited to honey and lemon juice. What could be more appropriate than trying this typical cocktail in Calheta. But beware! It is so sweet you'll hardly notice the alcohol!

Day 6: Calheta – Funchal, approx. 50 km

In the morning you cycle along the coastline and are rewarded by wonderful views. In Ribeira the road starts to go up and away from the coast until you reach possibly the most spectacular viewpoint on your cycling holiday on Madeira. Cabo Girão, at 580 metres, is the second-highest cliff in the world. A platform has been built at the top that juts out over the coast. From there you have breath-taking panoramic views and through the glass floor you can see the sea and coast below you. Enjoy the long descent back to the coast and the last few kilometres to Funchal. The capital of Madeira is named after the

fennel plant, Funcho, which was found when the island was discovered. With the wonderful bay and the surrounding mountains, it is one of Portugals most beautiful cities.

Day 7: Excursion by cable car to Monte

You climb aboard a cable car in Funchal which takes you to Monte. From there you have a wonderful view over the bay of Funchal. The pilgrimage church, Nossa Senhora do Monte, is worth visiting. This is where the coffin of the last Emperor of Austria is kept. He was banished to Funchal after the First World War and died only a year later from pneumonia. The Jardim Tropical Monte Palace is a tropical garden with an Oriental flair – and definitely one of the islands most beautiful gardens. The most popular attraction in Monte, however, are the Carros de Cesto. These basket cars were the first means of public transport in Madeira at the beginning of the 19th century and now a great tourist attraction. Do you dare a race down from Monte to Funchal? Don't worry, you don't have to steer the car yourself. That's all handled by the two Carreiros, white-clothed men with hats.

Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.