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Funchal, Madeira

Port information

Currency	The currency in Funchal is Euro. Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on Deck 5. Major credit & debit cards are widely accepted.	Language	Portuguese.
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Getting around

Distance to town centre	The distance to the town centre is approximately 1km and will take around 20-25 minutes to walk depending on the ship's berth. It is a flat walk around the bay to get into the town centre.	Main highlights	<p>S Tiago fort was built in 1614 when Portugal was ruled by a Spanish King but suffered several modifications until 1992 when it started being used as a contemporary art museum.</p> <p>Blandy's Wine Lodge at the Old San Francisco Wine Lodge is one of the best places to do some wine tasting. This is situated between the Municipal gardens and the tourist information on the Avenida Arriaga. Guided visits are available for approximately €5.90.</p> <p>Reid's Palace - If you are planning to visit then we recommend that you make a reservation to avoid disappointment on arrival. You can call 0035 1291 717 171. Afternoon tea is served between 15.00 and 17.30 and costs approximately €34.50 per person. The dress code is smart casual. No jeans or shorts are allowed. All prices are subject to change.</p> <p>There are two cable cars in Madeira that are very popular. One runs from Funchal to Monte village and costs approximately €10 one way and approximately €15 for a round trip. Children get a 50% discount. The second runs from Monte village to the Botanical Gardens.</p> <p>The toboggan rides from Monte village down to Livramento are great fun and a must do in Funchal. The cost per toboggan for one passenger is approximately €25, two passengers is €30 and three passengers is €45. Children under two go free and three to eight years get a 50% discount.</p>
Getting about	There are local yellow and red hop-on hop-off touristic buses that are an economical way to see the city.		
Taxis	Taxis are available on the quayside and cost approximately €8 - €10 into town. There is normally a set price of €7.50.		
Main highlights	<p>The city is the capital of Madeira and is made up of three different areas - the old town, the east side with its historic architecture and west side where many of the hotels are.</p> <p>The beautiful Botanical Gardens are well worth a visit. Entrance costs approximately €5.50.</p> <p>The stunning Monte Palace Gardens have been open to the public since 1991. They were put together by Jose Berardo and contain one of the most important tile collections in Portugal. The gardens are a highlight of anyone's visit to Madeira and can be reached by taxi or cable car.</p> <p>The Church of our Lady of the Mount, patron saint of Madeira is very popular with pilgrims and the views from here are breathtakingly beautiful. It is a Baroque church from the 18th century, with a long staircase and is a good sightseeing point over the bay. It has some interesting golden pieces and the tomb of Charles Habsburg, the emperor of Austria, who died in Madeira during the exile.</p>		

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Essential information

Tourist information	The nearest tourist information is situated in the town along Avenida Arriaga.	Useful phrases	<p>Hello</p> <p>Goodbye</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>Please</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>How are you?</p> <p>Beer</p> <p>Coffee</p> <p>Toilets</p> <p>Do you speak English?</p> <p>Where is...?</p> <p>How much is this?</p>	<p>Olá</p> <p>Adeus</p> <p>sim</p> <p>Não</p> <p>Por favor</p> <p>obrigado</p> <p>como você está?</p> <p>Cerveja</p> <p>Café</p> <p>banheiros</p> <p>Você fala Inglês?</p> <p>Onde está...?</p> <p>Quanto é este?</p>
Internet access	The nearest Wi-Fi can be found in La Vie shopping centre or head to the centre where you will find lots of different restaurant and bars that offer Wi-Fi.			
Nearest beaches	There are no beaches on the island as the coastline consists of rugged cliffs. If you want to swim or sunbathe you can use the 'lido area' to the west of Funchal where you will find many hotel facilities.	PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations, please keep a close eye on valuables		
Shopping	Madeira is famous for its flowers, wicker and handmade embroidery. The main street "Rua da alfandega" is full of fashion boutiques, quaint shops, restaurants and cafes. Shops usually open from 09.00-13.00 and from 15.00-19.00. The old part of town is at "Rua de Carlos" and the main attraction is the flower market . The shopping centres are open throughout the day.			

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Funchal.