

MADEIRA



*COME ENJOY THE MYSTICAL
REMOTE ISLAND OFF OF
PORTUGAL ON THIS MAGICAL
TRIP*





TRIP OVERVIEW

600 miles from Lisbon and deep in the Atlantic Ocean, you'll find the mystical remote island of Madeira. An autonomous region of Portugal, Madeira is quite special and quite unknown. Its landscape will take you from volcanic peaks to green, rugged mountains and hills, all the way down to rocky ocean cliffs and pebbly beaches with deep blue waters. You'll feel like you're on top of the world as you navigate the internal workings of this remarkable island. Rich in culture, beauty, and adventure, you'll experience everything Madeira has to offer - hiking, canyoneering, rock climbing, surfing, coasteering - and still want more. It might just be a dot on the map to most, but to those who have traveled to Madeira know it's one of the best hidden gems.



EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Spend six days hiking and camping across the island of Madeira, up and over volcanic peaks and narrow valleys

Dip into the refreshing waters of the Ecological Park of Funchal as you wade, rappel, jump, slide, and swim your way through the laurel forests on a canyoneering adventure

Scale and scurry up the jagged, volcanic rocks on this climbing adventure of the easternmost point called Baia D'Abra

Surf's up as you ride the tides of the bluest, clearest, and most pristine ocean water you've ever seen that gently collides with the softest, warmest, black volcanic sand beaches

Channel your inner child for the wildest activity of all - coasteering! A maritime merry-go-round, coasteering includes swimming, climbing, and jumping along the coast!

DAY 1-2

You will be picked up at the Madeira Airport and driven to the wonderful quaint town of Porto Muniz where you will take a refreshing dip in the Porto Moniz Natural Swimming Pools

DAY 3-8

Spend the next six days trekking across the island of Madeira. You'll weave in and out of different mountains, valleys, forests, and clouds with sweeping views of the entire island. You'll even venture up Pico Ruivo, the tallest peak on all of Madeira.

DAY 9

Take those canyoneering skills and trade them in for rock climbing! You'll be familiar with most of the gear, so now all you have to do is start the vertical climb! Reward yourself with a dip in the Atlantic Ocean!

DAY 10

Now that you've connected with the land, it's time to cool off and try your hand at canyoneering! With harnesses, ropes, and belay systems, you'll learn to rappel waterfalls, jump into pool, and slide down rock formations.

DAY 11

Now it's time to island hop! Take a ferry over to the small, quaint island of Porto Santo where the adventure doesn't stop!

**Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*





DAY 12-13

Live out island life and spend two days surfing smack dab in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean! You'll become one with the waves, all while taking in the beauty around you.

DAY 14

Boat to the region of Porto Santo, where you will snorkel in the crystal clear waters. You may even get a glimpse of the rarest seal in the world, the Mediterranean monk seal!

DAY 15

Even though the trip is coming to an end, your adventure certainly isn't! Experience the fun and exciting activity of coasteering. You might feel like a little kid bouncing around the waves, swimming, and jumping off rocks, but in the best way. Coasteering rejuvenates your soul and connects you even more to the sea.

DAY 16-17

Head back to Madeira and soak in the last moments together in this magical place. You'll have your final banquet and depart back for the U.S. the next morning!





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“Moondance truly means the world to me. It has truly shaped who I am and has contributed greatly to who I want to be. I have learned so much about myself and the values I want to carry in every aspect of my life. I’ve learned how to be intentional and authentically connect with people.”

» KATIE ANDREWS, AUGUSTA, GA





TRIP DETAILS

LENGTH	17 Days
GRADE FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR	10th-11th
CHALLENGE LEVEL	Challenging
BEGINS/ENDS	Madeira, Portugal

GROUP SIZE	12 Students
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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Two dynamic trip leaders
- Professionally outfitter activities
- Trekking
- Rock climbing
- Canyoneering
- Coasteering
- Surfing
- Whale and dolphin watch tour
- Accommodations
- Tents
- Mountain Huts
- Hostels
- Private ground transportation
- Park entrance fees and permits
- All meals
- Photos taken during your trip

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from Madeira, Portugal
- Baggage fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
- Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$300 recommended)
- Trip insurance (highly recommended)

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