













IN-HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Celebrate the magic season in Madeira

AFTERNOON TEA

Available daily from 15:00 to 17:30. Advance booking recommended.

Indulge in a delicious selection of finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones and homemade pastries and perhaps a glass of champagne.

PILATES

Complimentary. Available on Fridays at 09:00. Duration: 1 hour.

Stretch out and soothe your body and soul with a pilates session. Meeting point on level 0, in front of the Garden Room. Advance booking is essential.



ART BOTANICAL WORKSHOP

Complimentary. Available Saturdays at 11:00. Duration: 1 hour.

During this workshop, you will be guided through the entire process of creating an art composition using Madeira's wildflowers. You will also learn different techniques for pressing and preserving plants. Meeting point is at the Front Desk.

REID'S PALACE GARDEN TOUR

Complimentary. Available on Wednesdays and Fridays at 15:30. Duration: 1 hour.

Join our horticultural expert for a guided tour of our gorgeous gardens, exploring the colours, fragrances and history behind this storied oasis. Meeting point is at the Main Entrance.

THE LEGENDARY WORLD OF REID'S PALACE

Complimentary. Available on Thursdays at 11:00. Duration: 1 hour.

Learn all the secrets of the past on this historic tour of Reid's Palace. Join our Guest Experience Coordinator as she takes you back to 1891 and walks along with you to the days of today. Meeting point is at the Old Entrance.





AROUND THE HOTEL

MAKING THE TRADICIONAL LAPINHA

Complimentary. December 21 at 16:00. Duration: 1 hour.

Tradition dictates that families build a Madeiran nativity scene or lapinha, where the baby Jesus is at the top of stairs decorated with fruits, such as tangerines. This tradition pays tribute to the birth of the baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. Join us in putting together Reid's Palace lapinha ready for Christmas day! Meeting point is at the Main Entrance.

Advance booking is essential.

FESTIVE GASTRONOMIC TOUR

December 22 and 27 at 15:00. Duration: 3 hours.

Stroll through Funchal on a delicious tour discovering seasonal delicacies. Visit hidden factories and stalls bursting with local and traditional flavours and discover why Madeira is the tastiest place to be at Christmas. A Reid's Palace exclusive.

Advance booking is essential.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE WORKSHOP Complimentary. December 23 and 28 at 11:00.

Duration: 1 hour.

Join our pastry experts to master the art of making broas de mel, authentic Madeiran Christmas cookies prepared with treacle from the island's sugar cane. Come and learn this easy recipe and later on, once they've been baked by the chef, receive a parcel of delectable broas de mel in your room. Meeting point is at the Main Entrance.

Advance booking is essential.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS December 24 at 16:00.

As you bask in the sun by one of our two luxurious swimming pools, enjoy rousing carols performed by a local choir.

FESTIVE GM'S COCKTAIL December 24 and 29 at 18:30.

The festive fun continues at General Manager's cocktail party in the Gastro Bar.

FESTIVE GALA DINNER December 24 at 19:00.

Celebrate in style at our Christmas Eve Gala Dinner in The Dining Room, with entertainment from live musicians.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH December 25 at 12:30.

A classical trio playing Viennese tunes enhances a festive poolside lunch served on the Pool Terrace.

LIQUEUR WORKSHOP

Complimentary. December 25 at 17:00. Duration: 1 hour.

Christmas in Madeira is a time when many households get busy making their own fruity liqueurs. Join our head barman to learn how to prepare Tangerine Liqueur. Meeting point is at the Gastro Bar.

Advance booking is essential.

CHRISTMAS GALA DINNER December 25 from 19:00.

Celebrate in style at our Christmas Gala Dinner in The Dining Room, with live music entertainment.

STORYTIME

Complimentary. December 26 at 16:00. Duration: 1 hour.

Hush now and listen to our wonderful storyteller – she'll take little ones into a world of dreams, love and friendship as she shares enchanting stories under our Christmas tree. Meeting point is at the Fun@Reid's kids' club.

Advance booking is essential.

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THE EVE OF THE EVE GALA DINNER December 30 at 19:30.

Celebrate one of the most important nights of the year in The Dining Room or at William Restaurant. Effervescent fun guaranteed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DINNER *31 December*

Savour our Chef's sumptuous menu in The Dining Room, William Restaurant or Ristorante Villa Cipriani.

Advance booking recommended.

After dinner greet 2024 by watching one of the most magnificent fireworks displays in the world, then move to the music in the Gastro Bar.



NEW YEAR'S DAY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH January 1, at the Pool Terrace.

From 7:30 to 11:00, start the New Year in sparkling style with our extended Champagne Breakfast. At 12:30, join us for a special lunch, enhanced by a classical trio playing Viennese tunes.

DAZZLING TOUR OF FUNCHAL

January 2 at 18:30. Duration: 1 hour.

Admire the magic of fairyland Funchal from the vantage point of a three-wheeled Tukxi. Hop into the dolce vita-style vehicle, inspired by the iconic Piaggio Ape Calessino, for a thrilling after-dark tour of the capital's festive decorations. Advance booking is essential.

Prices for non-complimentary experiences can be found in the festive season agenda in the following pages.



AROUND THE DESTINATION

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Madeira's festive markets are unique, not only for the beauty of the flowers on display, but also for the diversity of food, tropical fruits and the lively atmosphere. Visit Avenida Arriaga throughout December to be entranced. On December 23 each year, the farmers' market is home to the celebrated "Night at the Market", a last chance for people to do their Christmas shopping. From 20:00 onwards, locals and visitors alike gather at the fish market to sing popular Christmas carols. With the bars open all night, the festivities continue until dawn.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Take your little ones to Funchal's Municipal Garden to go giddy over attractions including a long, wooden Christmas train, charming little houses, Santa's sleigh and more. Make sure to have your camera ready for a picture with the bearded man himself!

FESTIVE DELICACIES

Madeira's gastronomy reaches new heights at Christmas. Don't miss the chance to try delicious seasonal specialities including garlic and wine pork, warm chicken broth, sweet honey cakes and homemade liqueurs, such as the wine-based tintantum.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.

The Christmas lights switch-on takes place in Funchal from December 1. Thousands of lights sparkle on decorations all over the streets, buildings, gardens and even the mountains of our beautiful island. Prepare to be amazed by the colour and creativity of the displays.

NATIVITY SCENES

The traditional nativity scene, called lapinha, features a simple setting with the infant Jesus standing at the top of a short flight of steps decorated with fruits. Other, more elaborate tableaus abound on the island, the result of weeks of creativity. It's great fun to go around spotting them, both on Avenida Arriaga, in Funchal, and elsewhere in Madeira.

NATIVITY MASSES

One of the most remarkable events in Madeira's festive calendar sees nine masses celebrated at dawn each day from December 16-24. Representing the term of the Virgin Mary's pregnancy, the occasion is accompanied by songs of devotion and praise. When the mass is over, it continues in the churchyard with Christmas songs, food and drinks.

THE EVE OF THE EVE

Madeira's New Year celebrations kick off on December 30. Both locals and visitors often choose to dine in fine hotels and restaurants before going out partying and dancing until the night of the following day. They dress up for the occasion, with men sporting tuxedos or dark suits and women donning cocktail gowns to fill the balmy streets of Funchal with glamour. Bars and nightclubs in the capital remain lively till dawn.

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PYROTECHNIC WONDERLAND

Funchal's mountainous setting provides the perfect stage for one of the most beautiful fireworks displays in the world. The pyrotechnic show lasts for about eight minutes, with fireworks being set off from several points in the city's natural amphitheatre, the waterfront, city centre, out at sea and from a station on Porto Santo Island. This magnificent spectacle was internationally recognised in 2006 by the Guinness Book of Records as "the largest fireworks show in the world".



Thursday, December 21

11:00 The Legendary World of Reid's Palace

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

16:00 Making the Tradicional Lapinha

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

Friday, December 22

09:00 Pilates

15:00 Festive Gastronomic Tour Price: €100 per person, max. 10 people.

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:30 Reid's Palace Garden Tour

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

Saturday, December 23

11:00 Botanical Art Workshop

11:00 Christmas Cookie Workshop

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

Sunday, December 24

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

16:00 Christmas Carols

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

18:30 Festive GM's cocktail

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:00 Festive Gala Dinner Buffet, including champagne and selected wine during dinner. Price: €220 per person Dress code: dark suit



Monday, December 25

11:00 Santa Claus Arrives!

12:30 Christmas Lunch À la carte with special Christmas options Dress code: casual

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

17:00 Liqueur Workshop

19:00

Christmas Gala Dinner in The Dining Room or Dine in Our Acclaimed Restaurants 6-course set menu, including champagne during dinner. Price: €250 per person Dress code: dark suit

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

Tuesday, December 26

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

16:00 Storytime

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

Wednesday, December 27

15:00 Festive Gastronomic Tour Price: €100 per person, max. 10 people.

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

15:30 Reid's Palace Garden Tour

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

Thursday, December 28

11:00 The Legendary World of Reid's Palace

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 21:30) Gastrobar

11:00 Christmas Cookie Workshop

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant



Friday, December 29

09:00 Pilates

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

15:30 Reid's Palace Garden Tour

18:30 Dazzling Tour of Funchal

18:30 Festive GM's cocktail

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 23:00) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 23:00) William Restaurant

Saturday, December 30

11:00 Botanical Art Workshop

15:00 Afternoon Tea

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 The Eve of the Eve Gala Dinner in The Dining Room or William Restaurant Buffet, including champagne and selected wine during dinner. Price: €250 per person Dress code: dark suit

Sunday, December 31

15:00 Afternoon Tea

19:30 New Year's Eve Gala Dinner The Dining Room & William Restaurant 6-course set menu, including champagne and selected wine during dinner. Price: €480 per person Dress code: black tie or dark suit

Ristorante Villa Cipriani 6-course set menu, including one glass of champagne during dinner. Price: €250 per person Dress code: jacket and tie

24:00 A Dazzling New Year's Eve

Monday, January 1

07:30 - 11:00 New Year's Day Breakfast

12:30 New Year's Day Lunch

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant



Tuesday, January 2

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

18:30 Dazzling Tour of Funchal Price: €60 per Tukxi (each carries up to 3 people).

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

Wednesday, January 3

15:30 Reid's Palace Garden Tour

15:00 - 17:30 Afternoon Tea

15:00 - 24:00 (last orders 23:00) Gastrobar

18:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) Ristorante Villa Cipriani

19:30 - 22:30 (last orders 21:30) William Restaurant

