

Your Way Away

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Madeira

8 days: levadas, peaks above the clouds and natural pools

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The island of eternal spring for walkers: the ridge from Pico do Arieiro to Pico Ruivo, levadas past waterfalls, the misty Fanal forest, volcanic pools at Porto Moniz, and the market and wicker toboggan ride in Funchal. Two bases and a rental car. Book everything yourself and keep this guide on your phone: it works offline.

At a glance

ID card
is enough for Czech and other EU citizens (Portugal)

Trails
all classified PR trails need an online booking with a 30-minute start slot and a fee (€4.50; PR1 to Pico Ruivo €10.50) via the SIMplifica portal

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−1 h
time difference from Central Europe all year

Euro
cards accepted almost everywhere

All year
always mild; driest from May to September

Plugs
the same as in the Czech Republic, 230 V

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Day by day

1 **Arrive**

Car at the airport, Funchal's old town and the painted doors of Rua de Santa Maria in the evening.

2 **Funchal**

Mercado dos Lavradores in the morning, the cable car to Monte and down by wicker toboggan, the botanical garden in the afternoon.

3 **The peaks**

Early start (booked slot) from Pico do Arieiro to Pico Ruivo, rest in the afternoon.

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What you will see



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Pico do Arieiro and Pico Ruivo

The PR1 ridge trail of steps and tunnels above the clouds between the two highest peaks. Booking is mandatory and the fee is higher than on other trails.

Time: half a day



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Levada das 25 Fontes

The best-known levada walk along an irrigation channel to a pool fed by dozens of springs. Mornings are the quietest.

Time: 3–4 hours

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The full guide: Madeira

11 pages, in English and Czech. Checked on the date on the cover.

- The whole route day by day, with nights in each place
- When to go, month by month
- Every place with photos and how long to spend
- Getting around, where to stay, money and food
- Manners, safety and a before-you-go checklist
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