The Archipelago of Madeira is located somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean about 90 minutes by plane from Portugal. With outstanding landscapes and mild climate all year round, the peaceful and safe islands of Madeira and Porto Santo are the ideal destination for an unforgettable short break of 2-3 invigorating or relaxing days, either alone or accompanied by family and friends.

Places not to miss in Funchal:
- The Old Quarter in Santa Maria Street;
- The Farmers’ Market;
- The Palheiro Golf;
- The cable car connecting Funchal to Monte;
- Funchal’s Cathedral (Sé);
- The Colégio Church;
- Santa Clara’s Convent;
- Our Lady of Monte Church;
- Whale and Dolphin watching boat trips;
- Toboggan ride (wicker sledge) between Monte and Livramento (2km).

Museums:

Gardens:
Botanical Garden, Municipal Garden, Orchid Garden, Palheiro Gardens, Santa Catarina Park and Quinta Magnólia Garden.

Also, do not miss at:

Câmara de Lobos:
- Eira do Serrado viewpoint over the village of Curral das Freiras (Nuns Valley);
- “Salinas” swimming pool;
- Taste “Poncha” or “Nikita” overlooking the bay of Câmara de Lobos;
- Horse Riding Centre “Escapada dos Cavaleiros”.

Ribeira Brava:
- Madeira Ethnographic Museum;
- Bathing Complex and promenade;
- St. Peter Church.

Ponta do Sol:
- John dos Passos Cultural Centre;
- Pebble beach and viewpoint over the beach.

Calheta:
- Casas das Mudas Arts Centre;
- Prazeres Educational Farm;
- Pebble beach of Madalena do Mar;
- Calheta’s sand beach;
- Jardim do Mar and Paul do Mar beaches suitable for surfing.

Porto Moniz:
- Porto Moniz Living Science Centre;
- Natural swimming pools of Seixal and Porto Moniz;
- Dark sand beach in Seixal.

São Vicente:
- Caves and Volcanism Centre;
- Parish Church;
- House Museum Dr. Horácio Bento de Gouveia in Ponta Delgada;
- Pebble beach suitable for surfing.

Santana:
- Madeira Theme Park;
- Queimadas footpaths;
- Santana’s typical houses;
- Recreational and bathing complex of Fiala;
- Karting track in Fiala;
- Quinta do Arco Rose Garden.

Machico:
- Santo da Serra Golf Club;
- Whale Museum and “Prainha” in Canical;
- Horse Riding Centre of “Prainha” in Santo da Serra.

Santa Cruz:
- Res Magos pebble beach in Canical;
- Aquapark;
- Palmeiras beach;
- Wicker and handicraft centre of Canical.

Porto Santo:
- Porto Santo Golf Club;
- Thalassotherapy Centre;
- Parish Church;
- Palmeiras Educational Farm;
- Hipicenter – Porto Santo Horse Riding Centre;
- 9 kms of golden sand beach.

What to do in a 3 hour trip:
- Visit to the Madeira Story Centre + going up to Monte in cable car + returning to Funchal in the toboggans from Monte (wicker sledge)
- Visit to Madeira wine cellars + visit to a Madeira Honey Cake factory
- Visit to Funchal’s Cathedral (Sé) + Colégio Church + Sacred Art Museum
- Visit to a Madeira Embroidery factory + the Farmer’s Market + Street art project “open doors” in the Old Quarter
- Visit to IVBAM – Madeira Wine, Embroidery and Handicraft Institute + Aquarium Museum
- São João Baptista Fortress + Cruzes’s Museum + Frederico de Freitas House Museum
- Botanical Garden + Palheiro Ferreiro Gardens

What to do in a short period of time:
- Visit to the Madeira Story Centre + going up to Monte in cable car + returning to Funchal in the toboggans from Monte (wicker sledge)
- Visit to Madeira wine cellars + visit to a Madeira Honey Cake factory
- Visit to Funchal’s Cathedral (Sé) + Colégio Church + Sacred Art Museum
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