



INTRODUCTION

Madeira Island is a true natural paradise. Amid dazzling landscapes and twisting roads, we find places and people that contain echoes of an insularity that kept them, for centuries, away from the world, and that today still show the harshness of life endured by their ancestors.

The cultures of Vine, Banana and Sugar Cane mark the landscape along with the ancestral forest and the countless species of decorative flowers.

Sugar cane brandy and Madeira wine warm the soul while fish, along with shellfish, delight the senses. The Sugarcane Honey Cake (Bolo de Mel) that sweetens the mouth, the embroideries that fill the eyes and the wicker baskets that recall the past are the most traditional items that you will find everywhere.



YOU CAN VISIT MADEIRA ISLAND IN MANY WAYS BUT BY MOTORCYCLE, MADEIRA HAS ANOTHER CHARM!

NOTES:

Weather changes across the island are extremely frequent, the average annual temperature is stable, with values around 20°C (68°F).

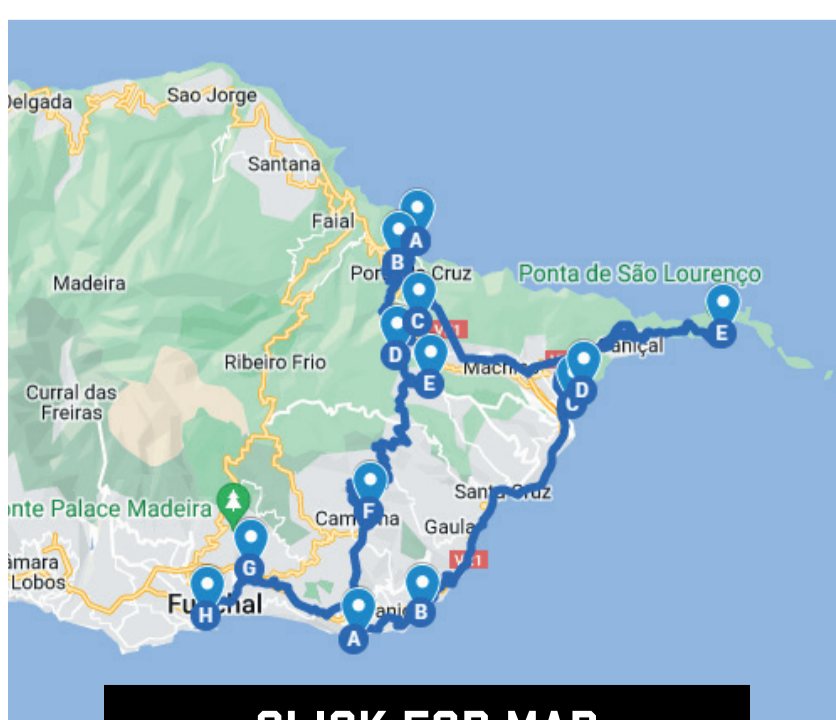
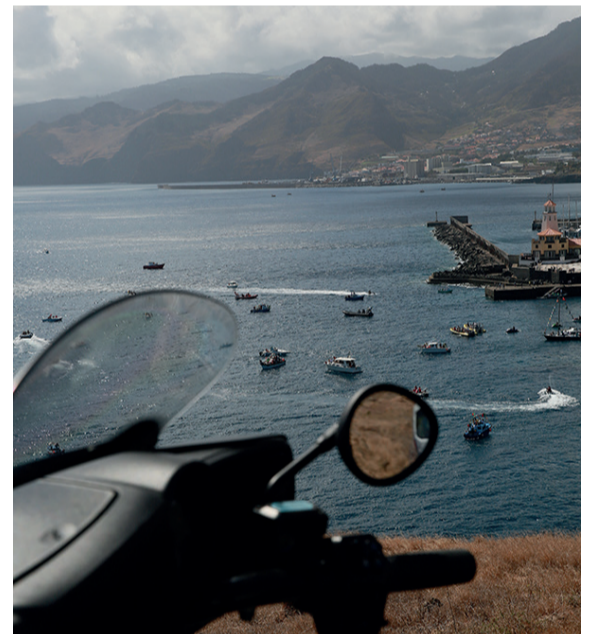
Precipitation is moderate but unpredictable, as is the fog, especially on the north coast, so light rain gear is recommended. The rugged terrain, especially in the interior of the island, with altitudes around 1000 meters, has a lot of influence on the ambient temperature, so a light coat should also be part of the luggage, especially in the early mornings and at the end of the day.

The Madeira Island has a road network that for the most part is made up of secondary mountain and forest roads. The asphalt is normally well preserved but, in more remote areas, there are dangers that must be considered: such as stones that randomly fall from the cliffs, dry leaves, heavy humidity and watercourses that, like some cattle, appear on the road without any notice. The narrow width and steepness of some sections require extra care on curves, especially those with less visibility, as crossing with other vehicles requires some care.

So that you don't miss any of Madeira's charms, Indian Motorcycle recommends three trips, in routes of approximately 100 kilometers, designed to last a day, and all of which, following the Google Maps directions link, arrive at the 7M Ride facilities at C.C.Marina, in the centre of Funchal.

The points of greatest interest are indicated on the routes. Just look for the direction for each of them or follow the GPS link provided for each route. It is certain that many other places will invite you to stop and many other roads will tempt you to take their curves.

Exploring other places will only depend on the amount of time that you have. That's why we recommend early departures in the morning, as early as possible.



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EAST ROUTE

On this route you will discover the eastern side of Madeira Island. One of the most inhabited and developed areas of the pearl of the Atlantic. Machico, with all its history and beautiful beach, the fresh fish and shellfish from Caniçal, the majesty of Ponta de São Lourenço defying the Atlantic and the natural beauty of Porto da Cruz, guarantee an unforgettable ride with endless sequences of curves and landscapes.



1 — GARAJAU

Visit the Cristo Rei Viewpoint, enjoy the views, the beach, and the impressive Gardens.

2 — SANTA CRUZ

Funchal Airport is a remarkable piece of engineering. On the way to Machico you will be able to see up close this impressive structure.

3 — MACHICO

Machico was the first capital of the island where, in 1419, the Portuguese navigators disembarked for the first time. Machico has one of the best beaches on the island.

4 — VIEWPOINT OF PICO DO FACHO

You can enjoy the beautiful view over the bay and the airport runway. Watching the planes take off over the ocean is a unique experience.

5 — CANIÇAL

A visit to the Whale Museum reveals the past of this population who dedicated themselves to whale fishing. Here, limpets are one of the most typical dishes and are usually served as a starter for tuna steak, one of the island's delicacies.

6 — PONTA DE SÃO LOURENÇO

Following the ER-109, you will arrive at Ponta de São Lourenço, where the natural landscape is impressive. You can take the opportunity to stretch your legs and see the beauty of this formations, which are the easternmost place on the island.

7 — PORTO DA CRUZ

Engenhos do Norte is an industrial unit dedicated to the production of Madeira's typical alcoholic beverage, sugar cane brandy which, like Rum and Cachaça, is a distillate from the fermented juice of sugar cane, one of the cultures that for centuries was one of the main resources of Madeira Island. A few meters further on, you will find the Furna do Porto da Cruz viewpoint, which offers stunning views.

8 — AGRICULTURAL MARKET OF SANTO DA SERRA

The most interesting market day is Sunday. But the most important thing is the way there, enjoying the many curves and landscapes of the ER108 road. After Sto. António da Serra, enjoy the road ER102 till the next destination.

9 — CAMACHA

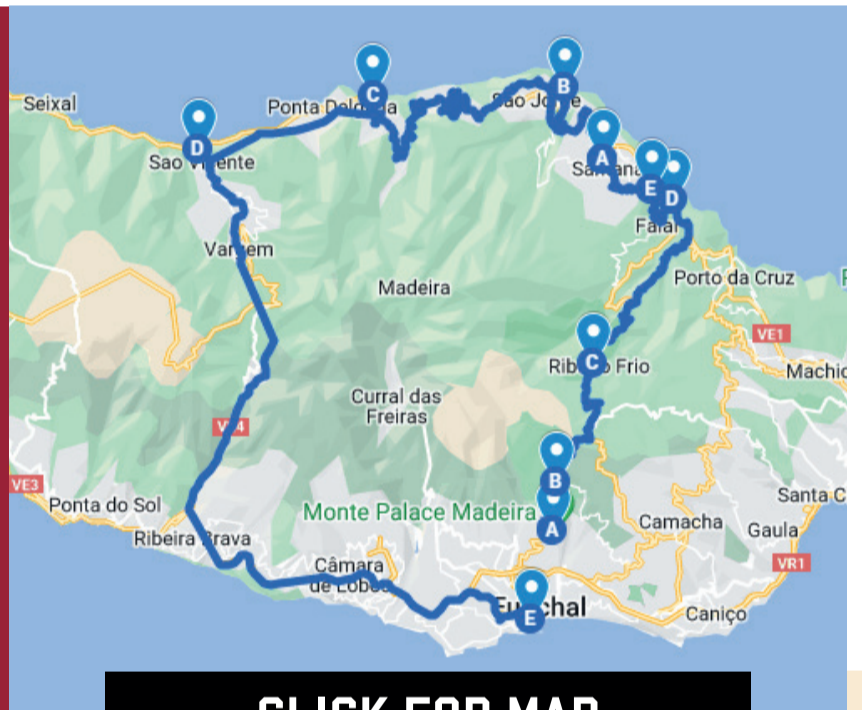
The ancient village, which for many years dedicated itself to handicrafts, building baskets, boxes and even wicker furniture, is today a ghost of its past. However, it is surrounded by wonderful roads for riding a motorcycle. From here, follow the ER102 road to the village of Cancela.

10 — BOTANICAL GARDEN OF MADEIRA

At the gates of Funchal, in addition to a wonderful view over the city, the garden enchants visitors with the colours of more than 2,500 exotic plants, which adorn an area of 35,000 square meters.

NORTHEAST ROUTE

A ride that will reveal the interior of the island of Madeira, in its most geologically rugged region. A challenge for riding and a temptation for the eyes, so prudence and many stops are recommended to enjoy the landscapes and beyond. Crossing the natural park of Ribeiro Frio and facing the spectacular scenery of Penha d'Águia, thousands of curves and disconcerting landscapes await you.



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1 — PARQUE DO MONTE

Leaving Funchal, the twisted ER-103 road takes you to this tourist spot. This place is also accessible by cable car, from Funchal, especially for those who want to make the steep descent on the typical wicker carts driven with ropes by two men.

2 — VIEWPOINT OF PICO ALTO

Until here, the road provides wonderful views over Funchal Bay. In the heart of the Funchal Ecological Park, at 1,129 meters above sea level, you can even go to the top of the mountain to appreciate the wonderful views, but access is made by a dirt road that can be quite degraded.

3 — RIBEIRO FRIO

Here you will find the Restaurante Arraial de Ribeiro Frio, where you can taste delicious local specialties. Close by are the trout farms that you can also visit.

4 — FAIAL

If you have free time, you can go and enjoy the small beach of Faial nestled between high cliffs or look out from the Guindastre viewpoint where the landscape is impressive.

5 — CORTADO VIEWPOINT

Required crossing point to ride another beautiful old, twisted road with impressive landscapes.

6 — SANTANA

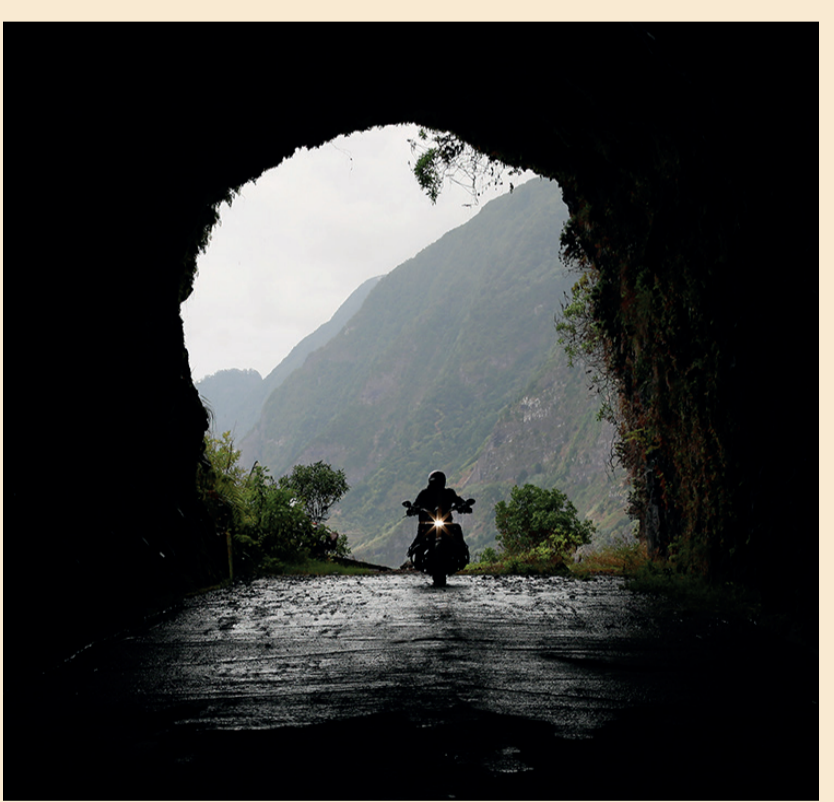
The small and colourful houses with thatched roofs are the main attraction. This is a very touristic area where there is no lack of restaurants or shops with typical products and traditional souvenirs.

7 — SÃO JORGE

On a visit to the ruins of São Jorge, with the memory of an old distillery, you will find several fantastic scenarios to photograph.

8 — PONTA DELGADA

From the Miradouro da Ribeira da Janela you can enjoy the view over the small village and the Ribeira, which is the most extensive and abundant watercourse formed in the interior of the island.



9 — SÃO VICENTE

It is one of the most important cities on the island's north coast which developed mainly due to the production of the famous Madeira wine. Take the opportunity to taste these wines at the Porto de Abrigo store, which occupies an historic building that portrays the history of the production and transportation of the precious nectar. To taste the local gastronomy, you can take advantage of the Caravela Restaurant, which is practically next door, and which offers an extensive menu.

If you have time to spare in São Vicente, there is also a Volcanism Center where, in addition to a visit to the Caves which were formed from a volcanic eruption that occurred 890,000 years ago in Paul da Serra, you can also, in a dedicated space, watch the audio-visual shows that recreate the geological evolution of the caves, the eruption of a volcano and even the simulation of the Madeira Archipelago's formation.

10 — FUNCHAL

The return to Funchal is quickly done by the VE4 Road. After the tunnels, you will arrive at the town of Serra de Água, where you can, in one of the several bars by the road, taste the Poncha, a typical drink from Madeira based on citrus juice and sugarcane brandy.



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WEST ROUTE

This route will guide you around the wildest side of Madeira Island. From the beautiful bay of Câmara de Lobos to the isolated natural pools of Porto Moniz, from the deserted central plateau to the beautiful, flowered roads of the west, let yourself be carried away by delightful curves and unforgettable landscapes. The return to Funchal will be late but, on the way, you have several opportunities to relax.



- 1 — CÂMARA DE LOBOS**
The route starts by the small harbour and winds through the intricate and colourful downtown streets. The small bay even charmed Winston Churchill when the politician visited the area in the 1950's.
- 2 — CABO GIRÃO**
The most interesting way to this fabulous place is through the Estrada de Sta. Clara, which provides many curves and very interesting landscapes. At Cabo Girão, enjoy the landscape from the top of its 580 meters cliff overlooking the sea.
- 3 — TERRA GRANDE VIEWPOINT: SERRA DE ÁGUA**
Located above the village of Serra de Água, this place offers an impressive view and the road there is a 'must ride'.
- 4 — VIEWPOINT OF LOMBO DO Mouro**
Another place where it is impossible not to stop and enjoy the view! It is also a perfect place to stretch your legs.
- 5 — PAUL DA SERRA**
Let yourself be surprised by the highest plateau on the island, located at an average altitude of approximately 1500 meters.
- 6 — LAGOA DO FANAL**
Crossing the Laurissilva forest, classified as World Natural Heritage by UNESCO, you pass close to this impressive volcanic crater transformed into a lake. Access is exclusively on foot, but it is only 50 meters away, right in front of the parking place.
- 7 — RIBEIRA DA JANELA**
Here, the waters of the largest watercourse on the island flow into the ocean. One of the main attractions is the Miradouro or viewpoint.
- 8 — PORTO MONIZ**
The natural pools are worth a visit. Just like the old fort where, in addition to housing a beautiful aquarium, from its terrace you can enjoy beautiful views of the island's north coast, the harbor and the heliport which proves the isolation of this region. On the way to the next destination, riding the ER-101, be sure to stop and see the view from the mountain top over Porto Moniz.

- 9 — ACHADAS DA CRUZ**
The road goes through mountains and roads lined with flowers. Enjoy the ride as the ER-101 consists of an almost endless sequence of curves.
- 10 — PONTA DO PARGO**
The curves continue, as do the flowers. At Ponta do Pargo, the view over the Ocean is impressive, especially at the end of the day, as it is the best spot on the island to enjoy the sunset.
- 11 — CALHETA BEACH**
Continuing along the ER-101 you will arrive at Calheta, where you will also find and can visit another distillery that formerly processed sugar cane juice, named Engenhos da Calheta.
- 12 — CASCATA DOS ANJOS**
Continue along the old road ER-101. Sometimes the GPS insists that you have to go back, but this is not true. And even if for some unforeseen reason this happens, it is worth taking the route to the waterfall. On the way, by the sea, you will find the Cascata dos Anjos, an unmissable place for a great picture. Continuing on, you will reach your next destination, the beautiful village of Ponta do Sol.
- 13 — PONTA DO SOL PIER**
Here, the island registers its highest temperatures, and it is also the place where the sun shines for the most hours. No wonder its surroundings are excellent for growing bananas. Visiting the old Pier will let you experience a spectacular sunset on the terrace.
- 14 — RIBEIRA BRAVA**
If you have free time, the Ethnographic Museum of Madeira is one of the places that also deserves a visit.

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