

Essential guide to **MADEIRA**

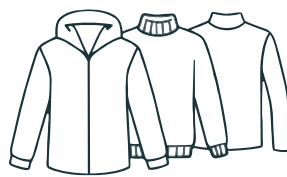
Between mountains, levadas, forests and the ocean, Madeira offers very different experiences within relatively short distances. Weather conditions can vary between different areas of the island, especially at higher altitudes. This guide brings together essential information to help you enjoy each experience with greater safety, comfort and peace of mind.

With the right preparation and the support of our team, you will be ready to enjoy Madeira with greater safety, comfort and peace of mind, focusing on what truly matters: making the most of every experience.

Disclaimer

Please note that Madeira has a mild subtropical climate throughout the year, but weather conditions can vary considerably between different parts of the island. Due to its mountainous landscape, it is possible to experience sunshine and mild temperatures along the coast while higher-altitude areas are affected by rain, fog, strong winds or cooler conditions.

These conditions may lead to last-minute changes to the planned itinerary and can affect outdoor activities, particularly levada walks and mountain trails, visits to viewpoints and other nature-based experiences. In certain circumstances, some trails may be temporarily closed for safety reasons. Boat trips, nautical activities and other sea-based experiences may also be affected by wind and ocean conditions. We will always do our best to carry out all scheduled visits and activities, but safety and local conditions will always take priority. For whale and dolphin watching activities, please also bear in mind that these are wild animals in their natural habitat. Although Madeira is an excellent year-round destination for cetacean watching, the presence, location or proximity of the animals cannot be guaranteed on every excursion.



CLOTHING AND WEATHER

MILD DAYS:

Choose light, comfortable and breathable clothing for walks around towns, coastal areas and lower-altitude regions.

HIGH-ALTITUDE AREAS:

Bring a warmer layer when your itinerary includes mountains, elevated viewpoints or hiking trails. Temperatures can be significantly lower than by the sea.

RAIN AND WIND:

A waterproof and windproof jacket is recommended for levadas, trails and activities in mountainous areas.

IMPORTANT:

Do not use Funchal's weather as a reference for the entire island. Conditions in mountainous regions can be very different.



ESSENTIAL PACKING LIST

FEET:

Comfortable walking shoes with good grip, suitable for wet or uneven terrain.

WELL-BEING:

Reusable water bottle, moisturising lip balm, sunscreen and sunglasses.

LEISURE:

Swimwear and a towel for swimming pools, lagoons and thermal experiences. Some attractions may provide towels for an additional fee.

USEFUL ACCESSORIES:

A small backpack, rain cover and space for an extra layer of clothing.

ELECTRONICS:

Mobile phone, charger and power bank. In mountainous areas, internet coverage may be limited.



MONEY AND CONNECTION

PAYMENTS:

Cards and contactless payments are accepted almost everywhere, including restaurants, shops, attractions and petrol stations.

CURRENCY:

The official currency in Madeira is the Euro, €. In most situations, there is no need to carry large amounts of cash.

INTERNET:

Mobile coverage is generally good in urban and tourist areas. In mountainous areas and during some hikes, the signal may be limited.

ESIM:

An eSIM can be a practical solution to ensure connectivity from the moment you arrive, especially if your mobile plan does not include roaming in Madeira.

TIP:

Cards such as Wise or Revolut can be useful for currency conversion and payments in €.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

TALK TO YOUR GUIDE:

Inform your guide in advance about allergies, physical limitations, special needs or any condition that may affect the planned activities.

MEDICATION:

Bring enough personal medication for the entire trip and keep the most important items in your hand luggage.

MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION:

If you take prescription medication, bring the prescription or corresponding medical documentation, preferably in English.

EMERGENCIES:

The national emergency number in Madeira is 112, available for situations requiring police, ambulance or rescue services.

LOCAL CONDITIONS:

Weather and road conditions can change quickly. Always follow your guide's instructions and local safety warnings.



GOLDEN RULES IN MADEIRA

STAY ON THE TRAILS:

Always remain on marked levadas and trails. Do not take shortcuts or cross barriers or closed areas.

RESPECT CLOSURES:

Never enter an officially closed trail. In addition to the risks involved, there are specific rules regarding rescue operations on unclassified or officially closed routes.

BE AWARE OF ALTITUDE:

Weather can change quickly in the mountains. Fog, rain and wind can completely change trail conditions, even when the weather is pleasant at sea level.

NATURE FIRST:

Do not collect or damage plants, disturb animals or leave any rubbish behind.

FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE:

Local conditions always take priority over the original plan. If an activity needs to be changed, follow the instructions of your Atelier guide.