

Funchal, Portugal

Field	Value
Name	Funchal
Country	Portugal
Coordinates	32° 39' N, 16° 55' W
Population	105,782
Currency	Euro (EUR)
Website	funchal.pt
Time Difference	-1 hour
Date	January 18, 2024
Day Temperature	13 °C – 14 °C
Arrival Time	07:00
Departure Time	17:00
Sunrise – Sunset	08:09 – 18:26
Distance Traveled	481 nautical miles

Sightseeing

- CR7 Museum & Ronaldo Statue (Funchal) – Dedicated to Cristiano Ronaldo, Madeira’s most famous son; the bronze statue outside is a popular photo spot.
- Monte Toboggan Ride (Carros de Cesto) – Traditional wicker sleds steered by men in white clothing, racing downhill from Monte toward the city. Even watching is a memorable experience.
- Sé Cathedral (Funchal) – Late Gothic church from the 15th century, one of the city’s most important landmarks. Highlights include the cedar-wood ceiling and ornate side chapels.
- Historic Tiles – Blue-and-white azulejos decorating old house walls throughout the old town.

Additional Tips

- From the Port:
 - Cruise ships dock in a U-shaped harbor; the walk to the main road is long, so taxis directly at the pier are more convenient.
- Monte & Cable Car:
 - Cable car runs from downtown Funchal to Monte, where the wicker sled rides start.
- Exploring Funchal:
 - Stroll through the old town’s narrow lanes, browse shops, or visit the CR7 Museum.
 - Relax in cafés or enjoy the city’s many gardens like the Botanical Garden or Jardim Municipal, showcasing Madeira’s subtropical flora.
- Shopping & Food:

- Traditional souvenirs include Madeira wine, Poncha, Bolo de Mel (honey cake), and other sweet treats.
- Local markets (like Mercado dos Lavradores) offer fresh fish, exotic fruit, flowers, and crafts.
- Nature & Activities:
 - Whale- and dolphin-watching tours depart from the harbor; sightings are common.
 - Levada walks (along historic irrigation channels) start near Funchal, offering scenic short hikes without needing to leave the city area.