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Flower Festival

Gardens of Madeira

Set in the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of Africa, Madeira is a lush volcanic island where dramatic landscapes, vibrant gardens and rich traditions come together. Known as the 'Island of Flowers', its fertile soils and subtropical climate create the perfect conditions for orchids, camellias, lilies, bougainvillaea and countless exotic plants to flourish.

From historic estates and botanical gardens to the colourful spectacle of the famous Flower Festival, Madeira offers a feast for the senses. Discover beautiful landscapes shaped by nature and generations of gardeners, explore the island's scenic levadas and enjoy expert-led visits that reveal the stories behind some of its most remarkable gardens.

Key highlights

- Tour of the Botanical Gardens, an introduction to the flora of Madeira
- A gentle walk on the levadas
- Cable-car ride to Monte Palace Gardens
- Afternoon tea at Reid's Palace Hotel

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Day 1
Join our arrival transfer from the airport or meet your tour manager and fellow travellers at the Pestana Grand Ocean Resort Hotel, our five-star base overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2
We begin with a visit to Funchal's colourful **Mercado dos Lavradores**, before experiencing the vibrant Children's Parade, a highlight of Madeira's famous **Flower Festival**. Hundreds of children dressed in floral costumes create a spectacular procession through the city, culminating in the symbolic Wall of Hope. Afterwards, enjoy lunch overlooking Funchal Bay, sampling traditional Madeiran cuisine, before returning to the hotel with time at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3
Today we discover two of Madeira's finest gardens. The **Madeira Botanical Garden** is a true oasis of exotic and indigenous plant life, with beautiful terraces, greenhouses and spectacular views over Funchal. We continue to Quinta da Boa Vista, where we receive a personal welcome and admire its exceptional orchid collection. This afternoon, we take our seats for the spectacular Flower Festival Parade, with colourful floats, music and floral displays filling the streets of Funchal.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4
We visit **Quinta Vigia**, a charming garden within the grounds of the Presidential Palace, before exploring **Santa Catarina Park**, set in a natural amphitheatre overlooking the bay. We round off our morning with Madeiran specialities at a **local tea house** before enjoying free time.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5
We visit **Quinta do Palheiro Gardens**, renowned for its magnificent camellias and exceptional plant collections. Later, we enjoy a gentle walk alongside Madeira's famous **levadas**, the island's historic irrigation channels, before stopping for tea and cake at the **Jasmine Tea House**.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6
We travel by cable car to **Monte**, where we explore the magnificent **Monte Palace Gardens**, home to exotic planting, oriental influences and beautiful water features. Later, we visit the legendary **Reid's Palace Hotel**, where after exploring the subtropical gardens with the Head Gardener, we enjoy a **traditional afternoon tea** in this elegant setting.

Meals: Breakfast, Afternoon Tea, Dinner

Day 7
Enjoy a day at leisure to relax at the hotel or explore **Funchal**. Alternatively, join an optional island tour showcasing Madeira's spectacular landscapes, from coastal villages and mountain scenery to the dramatic cliffs of **Cabo Girão**. This evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8
After breakfast, you will be transferred back to the airport where your tour ends.


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Your tour includes
- Seven nights at the Golden Residence, Funchal *(or similar)* with breakfast
- Welcome & farewell dinners
- Afternoon tea at Reid's Palace
- Return flights from London to Madeira
- Visits as outlined in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of a local guide