



VILLA SAUDADE

Guest Guide · Ponta do Sol, Madeira



Dear guests,

Thank you very much for choosing Villa Saudade for your stay on Madeira. We truly appreciate it, and we hope you will feel at home here.

On the following pages we have put together the information and tips we rely on ourselves when we are on the island — the house, the practical bits, where to shop, and the walks and places we love most. Every link has a QR code next to it: just point your phone camera at it.



The House

Everything about the house	www.casasaudade.pt	
Write to us any time	info@casasaudade.pt	
Looked after by Atlantic Holiday Rentals	Villa Saudade by Atlantic Holiday	

Wi-Fi

The Wi-Fi network covers the whole house, including the upper terrace by the Jacuzzi.

Network (SSID): Casa_saudade_public

Password: WeLoveMadeira

Scan the code on the right to connect automatically.



Drinking water & Coffee

The tap water is drinkable. The fridge has a built-in filter, though, so we drink the water from the fridge. There are two coffee machines in the kitchen.

Madeira Delta – capsules are sold in any supermarket.

Nespresso – capsules only at Madeira Shopping Centre in Funchal.

The Jacuzzi

If the house has been empty for a while, turn the water temperature up and allow about four hours for it to heat.

Please close the Jacuzzi after every bath — otherwise the wind carries dust from the banana plantations into the water.

If you can smell chlorine, take the old tablets out of the floating filter. The Jacuzzi technician has been asked to leave only the necessary amount of disinfectants in the water.

Tip: the terrace catches the last sun of the day — the Jacuzzi is at its best around sunset.



Practical Information

A few things that are good to know before you need them.

- Emergency – 112. The single number for ambulance, police and fire brigade; operators speak English.
- Air conditioning – every room has its own remote control (heating as well as cooling).
- Nearest pharmacy – Ribeira Brava, in the Continente shopping centre.
- Doctor – the health centre in Ribeira Brava for minor matters; for anything serious, the hospitals in Funchal.
- Taxi – there is a taxi rank in Ponta do Sol by the roundabout.

Groceries & Shopping

You can do your food shopping in Ribeira Brava, a short drive from the house.

Continente Modelo – Ribeira Brava Underground parking right below the store.	
Continente Modelo – the larger store The bigger of the two, with a wider selection.	
Pingo Doce – Ribeira Brava Parking is awkward here, but the shop stocks somewhat different goods.	
Fruit & vegetable market A small daytime market right next to Pingo Doce.	
Pingo Doce – Calheta Handy if you are heading west along the coast.	
Bazar, Ponta do Sol Water shoes, beach bits and other small everyday things.	



Fresh Fish & Seafood

Fresh fish is sold at the market hall in Funchal. We recommend getting there in the morning, while the choice is still good.

Mercado dos Lavradores, Funchal

The market hall in the old town — go in the morning.



Parking for the market

The car park we use ourselves.





Before You Set Off: Trail Tickets

Please bear in mind that most of the scenic trails now charge an entrance fee, and you have to buy your ticket online in advance:

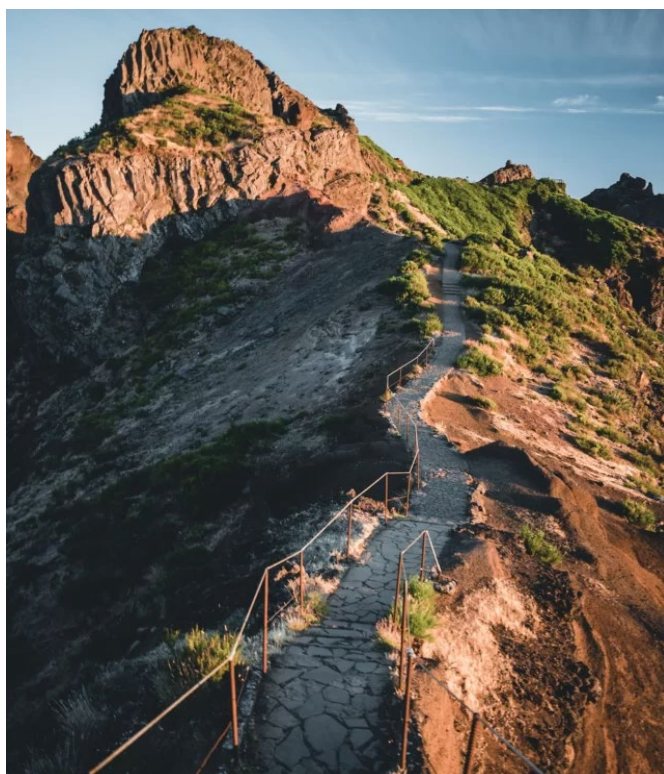
Portal de Serviços – SIMplifica The official Madeira services portal.	
Payment of Fees for Access to Classified Hiking Trails This is the section you need — pick your trail and date.	

Please note: some car parks near the trailheads have no mobile signal at all. Buy your tickets ahead of time — on the busiest trails, booking early is essential.

Our Favourite Walks & Day Trips

If you do not have an itinerary of your own, here are the trips we come back to again and again.

1 • PR 1 Vereda do Areeiro — Pico do Areeiro to Pico Ruivo



Including PR 1.1 and PR 1.2. The stretch between Miradouro da Pedra Rija and Pico Ruivo is one-way only.



A magnificent high-mountain path, and the one ticket you should definitely buy well in advance.

- Take plenty of water and sun cream. If it starts to rain, you can buy a poncho at the little shop on Pico do Areeiro.
- The trail is one-way. You park at Pico do Areeiro and walk across to the Achada do Teixeira car park — from there you need a taxi back to your car.
- Alternatively, park in Funchal and take the bus up to Pico do Areeiro. Getting back by bus is rather more of an adventure.
- How we do it: most of the group walks the trail, while the driver drives around the mountain, leaves the car at Achada do Teixeira and walks up the PR 1.2 to the mountain hut below Pico Ruivo to meet everyone there.

Achada do Teixeira car park

The far end of the walk — this is where the taxi picks you up.



2 • Fanal Forest and the West Coast

The trip starts at the Fanal Forest car park, where we recommend arriving by 8:30 at the latest. Our way of walking Fanal is to go left all the way to the end, then work back over the two hills to the other side.





From there you have two options — both work as a full day:

Option A — carry on to Levada 25 Fontes

Two moderately demanding levadas that end at a waterfall. It is a very popular spot, but a beautiful one. Start with the upper levada and you will come to 25 Fontes (this one is ticketed as PR 6).

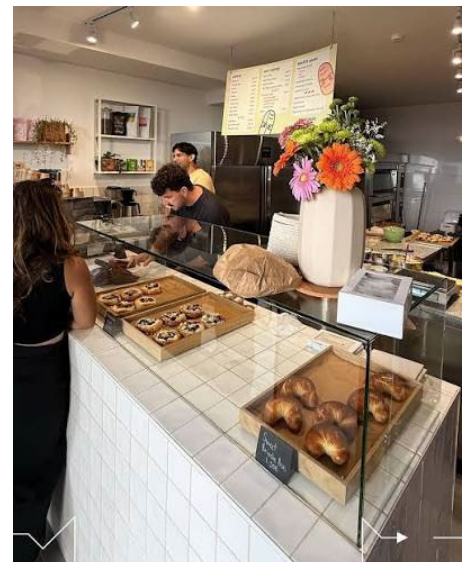


Option B — carry on to the west coast and its viewpoints

- Drive to the Kamoshi bakery and café, have a very good breakfast there, and walk to the nearby waterfall you can see from the terrace.
- Then follow the coast road by car and stop at all the miradouros — the viewpoints below are the ones we never skip.

Kamoshi — bakery & café

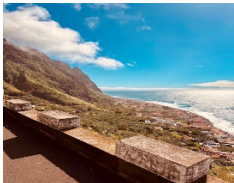
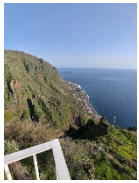
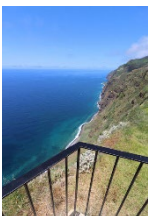
Breakfast with a waterfall in view.



And continue to all the viewpoints along the west coast.



Viewpoints along the west coast

 	 	 	 
Paúl do Mar Viewpoint 1	Miradouro do Precipício Viewpoint 2	M da Achada do Mestre Viewpoint 3	Ponta do Pargo Lighthouse Viewpoint 4
 	 	 	 
M da Garganta Funda Viewpoint 5	Boa Morte Viewpoint 6	M do Ponta da Ladeira Viewpoint 7	Cable car Achadas da Cruz

Carry on north to Porto Moniz, where the natural volcanic pools make for a memorable swim. Further along the coast there is a beautiful stop at the sea cliffs, and quieter natural pools in nearby Seixal.

Porto Moniz – natural pools Volcanic rock pools filled by the Atlantic. Busy, but worth it.		
Miradouro Ilhéus da Ribeira da Janela A short, spectacular stop on the coast road.		
Seixal – Piscinas Naturais do Seixal The same idea as Porto Moniz, with far fewer people.		
Casa de Pasto Justiniano By now you will be hungry. Order the local specialities: bolo do caco, espetada and poncha.		



Bana Museum

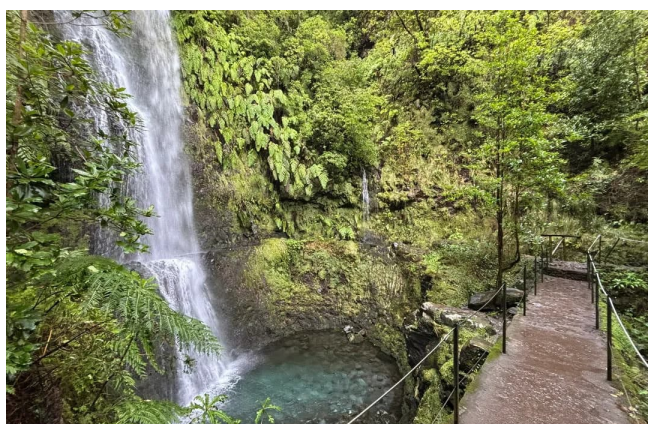
A nice stop on the way home.



3 • PR 9 Levada do Caldeirão Verde

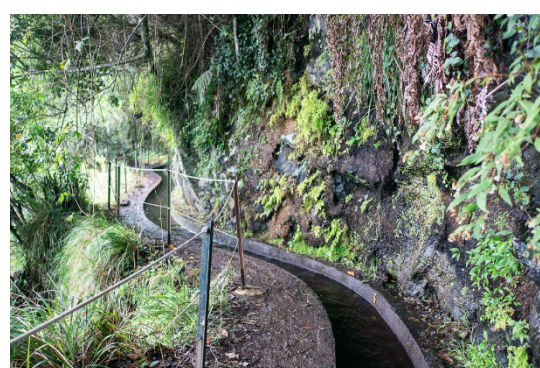
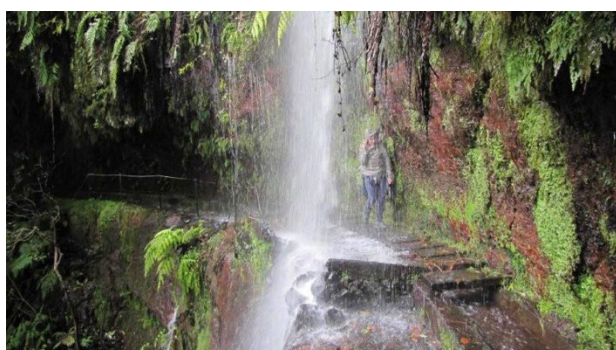
A gorgeous walk through the forest along a levada — well worth the early alarm.

- The car park at the entrance fills up quickly; try to be there by 8:30.
- Your reward for getting up at 7:00 is a trail that is not yet full of people. On Madeira in high season, the early riser is the happier walker.
- If you arrive after 10:00 you probably will not get in — the police turn cars back. In that case it is better to come after 14:30.
- The levada is 16 km there and back and passes through several tunnels. A torch is useful, though our children simply say “Hey Siri – Lumos”.



4 • Levada do Rei

A beautiful, easy 10 km walk through the forest. It can be done on the same day as PR 9. There is a restaurant at the start of the levada that serves hamburgers.





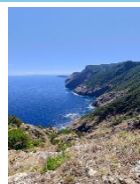
5 • PR 8 Vereda da Ponta de São Lourenço

A walk with wonderful views out to sea — and you can come back by boat.

- We usually recommend starting this walk around 14:00.
- Beforehand you can fit in a short trip to a nearby viewpoint (see below).
- Be careful with the parking — the access road is one-way.
- Down in Porto da Cruz there are good restaurants specialising in shellfish, among other things. Always ask whether the shellfish are in season so you are not disappointed. There is also a liqueur distillery in the village.

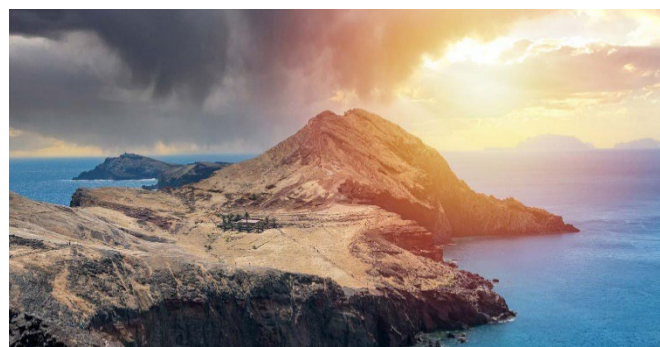
Viewpoint Cape Lorenzo before the walk

A short stop with a great outlook over the peninsula.



Parking – Ponta de São Lourenço

Mind the one-way access road.



6 • Ribeiro Frio — Levada dos Balcões (PR 11)

By the Faísca restaurant — which cooks, among other things, excellent octopus — you will find steps down to the levada. A short way to the right there is a beautiful viewpoint, and if you have a few seeds in your pocket, which you can also pick up at the viewpoint, you can try feeding the little birds from your hand. It is a lovely experience.





Swimming in the Sea

After years of thorough research, we have agreed that the best swimming is the one right here at home, in Ponta do Sol.

- Ponta do Sol beach – our favourite, right below the house.
- Calheta – if you prefer sand, this is the beach to go to.
- Machico – very popular beaches, but a long drive away.
- Along the PR 8 route – beautiful spots for a swim.
- Porto Moniz and Seixal – natural volcanic pools.



Calheta



Porto Moniz



Machico



Ponta do Sol Beach



Where to Eat

A few places we come back to. In Câmara de Lobos you will find lively restaurants and bars — including one serving every kind of poncha — and the Baía viewpoint just after it.



Poncha



Bolo Do Caco



Espetada

Restaurants

Socalco Nature – Calheta	Fine dining, multi-course tasting menu. \$\$\$\$
Kampo by Chef – Funchal	Excellent local cooking, with a sushi bar.
Quinta Estação – Funchal	A relaxed Funchal favourite.
Armazém do Sal – Funchal	Classic Madeiran cuisine in an old salt warehouse.
Casa de Pasto Justiniano – Seixal	Bolo do caco, espetada and poncha after a day on the north coast.
KAMOSHI bakery – west coast	Our breakfast stop before the western viewpoints.
Restaurante Caravela	Take your pick from the restaurants along the street.
Calheta marina	A row of restaurants for every taste.
Laranjinha	The Cristo Rei viewpoint is on the way there.
Pizzeria Sorrento Camara Da Lobos <i>Lots of nice restaurants and poncha bars nearby</i>	The children sometimes long for pizza — this is one of the few pizzerias on Madeira.

Enjoy Madeira — and enjoy Villa Saudade.
Anything missing or not working? Write to info@casasaudade.pt
or see www.casasaudade.pt

Thank You!!


Petr