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# Madeira

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Luxury Yacht Charter in Madeira
Region: Atlantic
Gateways: FNC - PXO
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MADEIRA

# Overview

Madeira (Atlantic) rewards captains who protect swim mornings at Funchal day anchorage and hold tables early at Funchal Harbour Table. Embark via FNC / PXO, berth with intent at Marina do Funchal, and leave mileage for weather - the working charter view.

Crewed Madeira yacht charter - Funchal bay cruising, marina nights and yacht charter cost clarity. Live fleet with Blue Ocean Club.

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| **REGION** | Atlantic |
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WHEN TO GO

# Season & rhythm

- How a Madeira week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Marina do Funchal, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Marina do Funchal.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Funchal day anchorage, held lunch, short reposition through Funchal bay, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Funchal Harbour Table and Funchal Shore Club confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Madeira, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Marina do Funchal, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Funchal day anchorage - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

# Cruising grounds

**Funchal bay**
Capital marina and cliff-coast days.

**Porto Santo**
Sand-island overnight passage.

**West Calheta**
Sunset-coast marina culture.

**East Lorde**
Natural-pool coast staging.

QUAY NIGHTS

# Marinas & berthing

### Marina do Funchal
Marina do Funchal - primary Funchal yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway FNC - Transfer 15-25 min from FNC - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Marina do Porto Santo
Marina do Porto Santo - primary Porto Santo yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway PXO - Transfer 10-20 min from PXO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Marina da Calheta
Marina da Calheta - primary Calheta yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~35 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway FNC - Transfer 40-60 min from FNC - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Machico / Quinta do Lorde corridor
Machico / Quinta do Lorde corridor - primary Machico yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway FNC - Transfer 25-40 min from FNC - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

### Madeira Hub Berths
Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Madeira ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway FNC - Transfer 15-25 min from FNC - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

## Anchorages

### Funchal day anchorage
Protected day-stop captains favour near Marina do Funchal.

### Madeira overnight roadstead
Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Atlantic.

### Porto Santo lee cove
Weather-aware swim cove on the Madeira circuit.

### Calheta quiet hook
Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

### Madeira weather alternative
Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

SHORE TABLES

## Restaurants

### Funchal Harbour Table
Funchal
Walk-ashore dining near Marina do Funchal - book peak weeks ahead.

### Porto Santo Shore Kitchen
Porto Santo
Local plates after a day on the water around Madeira.

### Madeira Quay Classic
Funchal
Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.

### Calheta Waterfront
Calheta
Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

### Machico Concierge Table
Machico
Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

DAY ASHORE

## Beach clubs

### Funchal Shore Club
Funchal
Signature shore stop near Marina do Funchal - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

### Porto Santo Day Shore
Porto Santo
Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

### Madeira Sunset Deck
Funchal
End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

TRANSFERS

## Airport to gangway.

We choreograph FNC / PXO arrivals into Marina do Funchal transfers.

### Helicopter / GA
Private hops from FNC / PXO when Madeira supports coastal helipads or GA strips. FNC corridor PXO corridor

### Chauffeur
SUV / S-Class briefed on Marina do Funchal gates - timed to embarkation. To Marina do Funchal (15-25 min from FNC) To Marina do Porto Santo (10-20 min from PXO)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - MADEIRA

## VAT & APA - Madeira short version.

On a Madeira charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

### VAT / tax
Portuguese Madeira EU VAT - confirm charter licensing and Atlantic swell buffers in APA.

### APA
For Madeira in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of base fee covering fuel, berths, permits and held tables - confirm against LOA and itinerary.

### What we send PAs
A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

# Local guides

### Funchal

Funchal is a core Madeira charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina do Funchal - Day-anchor: Funchal day anchorage - Table: Funchal Harbour Table

### Porto Santo

Porto Santo is a core Madeira charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina do Porto Santo - Day-anchor: Madeira overnight roadstead - Table: Porto Santo Shore Kitchen

### Calheta

Calheta is a core Madeira charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina da Calheta - Day-anchor: Porto Santo lee cove - Table: Madeira Quay Classic

### Machico

Machico is a core Madeira charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Machico / Quinta do Lorde corridor - Day-anchor: Calheta quiet hook - Table: Calheta Waterfront

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# Child destinations

- Funchal - Crewed yacht charter in Funchal - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Madeira.
- Porto Santo - Crewed yacht charter in Porto Santo - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Madeira.
- Calheta - Crewed yacht charter in Calheta - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Madeira.
- Machico - Crewed yacht charter in Machico - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Madeira.

BEFORE YOU FLY

# FAQ

### What does it cost to charter a yacht in Madeira?

How much to charter a yacht in Madeira: we quote live fleet against your dates, then layer APA guidance and Marina do Funchal berth strategy. Ranges are indicative until the yacht and week are locked.

### Which marina should we embark from in Madeira?

Boarding for Madeira is typically coordinated around Marina do Funchal; captains confirm approach and tender logistics before wheels-down.

### Can you charter a superyacht in Madeira?

Private superyacht charter in Madeira works when the harbour can take the LOA - otherwise we embark nearby and tender in for shore nights.

### How far ahead should we book berths in Madeira?

For peak season and event weeks around Madeira, 4-12 weeks is typical for larger yachts; shoulder season is more flexible. We open the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist.

### What does APA usually cover on a Madeira charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Madeira: Portuguese Madeira EU VAT - confirm charter licensing and Atlantic swell buffers in APA. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

**Can you arrange airport transfers into Madeira?**

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from FNC / PXO, timed to the embarkation slot at Marina do Funchal.

OPERATIONAL

# Mooring notes

**Marina do Funchal**

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**Marina do Porto Santo**

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**Marina da Calheta**

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*Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.*

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## Begin a conversation.

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