
Mercado dos Lavradores

ABOUT



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Situated in the historic Santa Maria area, in the centre of Funchal, the Farmers' Market is one of the landmarks that Madeira's capital has to offer its visitors and of course the entire population, where the colours, aromas and tradition join together to enchant and delight anyone visiting it.

It was built in the 1930s to a design by Edmundo Tavares (1892-1983), and is a graceful combination of 'art deco' and modernism. Here, you can find the best and freshest exotic fruits, vegetables and flowers that the lush 'Garden of the Atlantic', as the beautiful island of Madeira is often dubbed, has to offer.

The market has a covered area with two floors. On the ground floor you will find fish and meat stalls, while upstairs tropical fruits, vegetables and a multitude of spices fill the entire space with new aromas.

There are several panels of tiles, produced in Lisbon's once-famous but now defunct Fábrica de Loiça de Sacavém (cookware factory), that decorate both the main entrance and the interior.

Another most charming feature of this Farmers' Market is the tradition and folklore that still exist, and you will find many of the saleswomen dressed in the typical, joyful Madeiran costume in bright colours.