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ABOUT



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The archipelago of Madeira is synonymous with charm and sophistication, making it the ideal place for a holiday tour filled with romantic possibilities.

In **Funchal**, let yourself be charmed by the bright colours of the **Mercado dos Lavradores**, a market where flowers, fruit and the typical island costumes of the stallholders all combine to provide a mosaic that is full of life. Only a short distance away, you can take the **cable car up to Monte** and the hilltop from where, in the company of your loved one, you can look out over the bay dotted with yachts bobbing up and down on the open sea. When you arrive at the top, make sure to prolong your peaceful stroll through the superb Monte Palace Tropical Garden.

In the heart of the **Madeira Natural Park**, at **Ribeiro Frio**, it's time to take a brief pause and enjoy lunch in good company, the two of you surrounded by the lush and exuberant landscape of the **laurisilva (laurel) forest**, almost unchanged since it was first seen by the discoverers of the island more than five centuries ago.

Either before or after this, make your way up to the **Pico do Areeiro**, the island's third highest point at an altitude of 1818 metres. Here, you and your loved one can stand above the clouds and enjoy a spectacular view, right in the very heart of Madeira.

Return to Funchal for an entirely different panoramic view, this time observing the island from a helicopter. Or perhaps seeing how the sun paints Madeira in various shades of orange, by taking a boat ride at dusk. And why not sleep in an old summer estate, now specially converted for tourist purposes and providing just the right atmosphere for making the most of a great love?

For your second day, we recommend a **mini-cruise to Porto Santo**, the ideal solution for enjoying that special moment. In this Atlantic haven, take a stroll along the **golden sandy beach** and discover the island's unique character. Make the most of this paradise of peace and quiet to spend a morning close to heaven by trying one of the relaxation treatment programmes at the Thalassotherapy Clinic.

In **Calheta**, the view over the beach provides an excellent setting for lunch and for enjoying some pleasant moments together. Continue your discovery of Porto Santo, by travelling to the easternmost tip of this small island and making your way up to the Miradouro das Flores, from where you can end these dream-like days spent with your partner with an entirely different view of Madeira, now floating before you in the distance like a garden growing in the middle of the sea.

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