

# Carnival

February 11 to 22

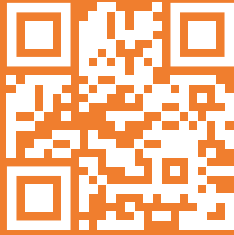
When you're into  
feeling the rhythm,  
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2026



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February

## Entertainment in downtown Funchal

### 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

### 2 Largo da Restauração

- Ambient music
- Carnival decorations
- Carnival Market
- Performances by philharmonic bands and concerts
- Diverse animation for children
- Avenues' Carnival

From the 11th of February, the centre of Funchal takes on a new rhythm and fills with colour, music and good cheer. The Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga becomes the centre stage of the celebrations, welcoming the traditional Carnival Market and becoming a mandatory meeting point for those who visit the city at this time of the year.

Music, street shows, parades and diverse performances fill this spot over these days, creating a festive atmosphere for both locals and visitors alike. An outdoor celebration where the joyful spirit of Madeira's Carnival can be felt at every turn.

### 1 Carnival Market

Discover the charm of the Carnival Market, where you can find a selection of regional products such as fresh fruit, lush plants, the emblematic Madeira Wine, sugarcane honey and its byproducts, as well as the typical delicacies of the carnival season.

Carefully selected ambient music surrounds the stalls decorated with carnival motifs, creating the perfect setting for the celebrations. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in an atmosphere filled with conviviality, excitement and joy which marks the Madeiran Carnival.

#### **Schedule**

Sunday to Thursday  
10:00 – 00:00  
Friday and Saturday  
10:00 – 01:00  
14 and 16 February  
10:00 – 02:00





### **Diverse performances**

#### **1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga**

#### **2 Largo da Restauração**

Largo da Restauração and the Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga become daily vibrant scenarios of entertainment and joy. These locations offer a diverse programme of performances which include live concerts, performances by philharmonic bands and energy-filled shows.

The street entertainment is enhanced with visual and circus performances, featuring giant walking puppets, activities with the public and workshops on puppet construction and manipulation. Throughout the programme, there are also circus arts shows and fire performances, combining contemporary circus, pyrotechnics and visual effects, intensifying the festive atmosphere, more so at the end of the day.

Let yourself be captivated by the sounds, rhythms and the contagious atmosphere which fills the air. This is a must-see for those who seek to dive in the magic of the Madeiran Carnival.

### **Entertainment for children**

#### **2 Largo da Restauração**

Largo da Restauração is transformed into an entertainment area aimed at families, forming part of the daily Carnival programme in the centre of Funchal. Throughout the festivities, there are fun and creative activities for children, including games, workshops, face painting and much interaction. This is a colourful and safe environment, created to provide moments of fun for the little ones, while visitors enjoy the festive atmosphere of the city.



**11** February  
Wednesday

**1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga**

16:00

Aliança Velha Philharmonic band

**Concert Stage**

18:00

Concert by XPTO Band

21:00

Concert by Trio Va Voices "Grandes Del Pop-Lírico"

**12, 16, 18,  
19 and 20** February

**1 Carnival Workshops  
Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga  
Palco dos Concertos**

16:00

Participate in the Carnival Workshops and discover the essence of the most genuine Madeiran traditions of this festive season. In these moments of learning and sharing, you can join in the confection of typical delicacies, thus preserving the know-how which characterizes the local culture.

Next to the stage in the Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga, on scheduled days and times, you can learn how to make delicacies such as the delicious Bolo do Caco (traditional bread), the traditional Malassadas (Madeiran doughnuts), the irresistible Sonhos (fried dough balls), amongst other traditional recipes, at no charge. Besides this, other elements, characteristic of Madeiran traditions, will be explored in an experience which combines flavor, history and joy.



**12** February  
Thursday

**1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga  
Concert Stage**

16:00

Carnival Workshop – Casinha do Bolo do Caco –  
Bolo do Caco (traditional homemade bread)

18:00

Concert by Alma Brasil

21:00

Concert by Balaio Brasil Lidiane

**3 Municipal Garden**

22:00

Show Old School Generation Circus

A show inspired by the world of Carnival, where acrobatics, balancing acts and classic characters from the traditional circus come together filled with colour, music and fantasy. An engaging visual and performative experience, designed to surprise audiences of all ages and celebrate the Madeiran festive spirit.

**13 and 16** February

**1 Silent Beats Disco  
Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga  
Concert Stage**

Silent Beats Disco adds a different and fun experience to Madeira's Carnival, where music is enjoyed in a unique and personalized way.

With the use of special headphones, each participant can tune into their favourite station and dance to the music that inspires them most, without interfering with the surrounding environment.

Within this dynamic concept, there are three music stations available, each with a different style: vibrant Carnival songs, popular hits for all tastes and nostalgic hits from the 80s and 90s. Each one is free to create their own sound experience, immersing themselves in the Carnival spirit at their own rhythm, while dancing the night away.

This is a celebration of joy, music and freedom, where the dance floor is tailored to each reveler!



**13** February  
Friday

### **Children's Carnival** Municipal Garden

**11:00**

On the morning of the Friday before Carnival, the Municipal Garden will be the meeting point for approximately a thousand young revelers, who gather there in a magical atmosphere of entertainment and fantasy. The celebration begins with much fun provided by the clowns, Axé and Fininho, who seek to provide moments of laughter and good cheer. The children's parade, which includes children from various schools, will go along Avenida Arriaga until the Cathedral, enthusiastically parading their colourful and creative Carnival costumes. The parade is accompanied by the vibrant sounds of the Ribeira Brava and Câmara de Lobos municipal bands, as well as the contagious energy of characters, mascots and artists who make this moment even more special.

**Itinerary:** Municipal Garden, Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga until the Cathedral.





## Solidarity Carnival

**14:30**

Downtown Funchal is transformed into a stage filled with creativity and animation with the Community Carnival Parade. Hundreds of revelers from the Funchal Community Development Association – Garouta do Calhau, parade along Avenida Arriaga, spreading joy and contagious energy, to the vibrant sound of three philharmonic bands.

The Caniço and Eira Philharmonic Band, will lead the parade, followed by the Funchal District Band, whilst the Faial Philharmonic Band closes this fun-filled display.

**Itinerário:** Cathedral, Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga until the Municipal Garden.

## Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga Concert Stage

18:00

Concert by Os 4 da ILHA

21:00

Concert by Galáxia

23:00 - 01:00

Silent Beats Disco – DJ Afonso Freitas & Pedro Pestana with Fabiano Cassani – Bem Brasil



Calçada do Pico

Rua 5

Via à Cota 40

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Tv Capuchinhas

Calçada de St. Clara

R. S. Pedro

Rua dos Netos

Rua dos Castanheiros

Rua das Cruzes

R. Duas Casas

Rua da Mouraria

R. do Suro

Rua das Pretas

Cota 40

Rua Calouste

Rua Dr.

Rua Major Reis Gomes

Rua dos

Carreira

R. João Távila

VET Funchal

S.A.M.

Brita Câmara

Gulbenkian

Rotunda do Infante

Rua Ivens

R. S. Francisco

Avenida

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Infante

Avenida do Mar e das

Praça do Povo

Marina

Rotunda Sá Carneiro

Avenida

Sá Carneiro

Praça do Mar

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- 2 Largo da Restauração
- 3 Municipal Garden
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# 14

February

Saturday

## Allegoric Carnival Parade

20:00

The highlight of the Carnival Festivities takes place on Saturday night, with the dazzling Allegoric Carnival Parade, which transforms the centre of Funchal into an unforgettable spectacle of colour, sparkle and excitement. This grand parade brings together around 1,700 revelers, wearing impressive costumes adorned with rhinestones, feathers and glamour, accompanied by more than a dozen floats which fill the avenue with grandeur and creativity.

To the sound of samba and vibrant rhythms, this carnival parade attracts thousands of residents and visitors, who let themselves be enveloped by the contagious energy and unique beauty of the event, in a true celebration of Madeiran revelry and culture.

19:45

Before the parade begins, the public can enjoy moments of pure fun and creativity with entertainment provided by the Sweet Dancers.

**Itinerary:** Departure from Avenida Francisco Sá Carneiro, Francisco Sá Carneiro roundabout, Avenida do Mar e das Comunidades Madeirenses (south lane), until Praça da Autonomia.

### Order and theme of the groups participating in the Allegoric Parade:

- João Egidio Rodrigues - "50 Anos Dourados" (50 Golden Years)
- Animad - "Cosmos"
- Império da Ilha - "Arautos do Futuro" (Heralds of the Future)
- Fitness Team - "Rose Glow"
- Tramas e Enredos - "TerraMaréa"
- Batucada da Madeira - "50 Anos de Glória e Luz" (50 Years of Glory and Light)
- Palco D'Emoções - "Madeira, Filha do Vulcão, Mãe da Autonomia" (Madeira, Daughter of the Volcano, Mother of Autonomy)
- Cariocas - "Revolução do Samba na Madeira" (Samba Revolution in Madeira)
- Nuvem d'Affectedos - "Raízes da Liberdade: A Labuta" (Roots of Freedom: The Toil)
- Caneca Furada - "Guardiões da Liberdade" (Guardians of Freedom)
- Malta do Furor - "Madeirensidade"
- Poeira D'Enigmas - "Um Eco para a Libertação" (An Echo for Liberation)
- Geringonça - "Mil e uma Noites no Atlântico" (A Thousand and One Nights in the Atlantic)
- Sorrisos de Fantasia - "Madeira, nas Asas da Liberdade" (Madeira, on the Wings of Freedom)

### 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

11:00

Performance by the Machico Municipal Band

#### Concert Stage

16:00

Concert by the Bruna Band











# 15

February  
Sunday

## 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

11:00

Performance by the Santana Municipal Band

16:00

Performance by Banda Recreio Camponês

22:00

Show "Fire Circus"

A travelling contemporary circus and pyrotechnics show, combining fire-breathers, trapped fire manipulation and dramatic visual effects that elevate the energy and spectacle of the event.

### Concert Stage

18:00

Concert by Roda de Samba Bem Brasil

21:00

Concert by ABBA Songs

# 16 to 22

February

## 1 The Avenues' Carnival Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

20:00 and 21:00

Various troupes, including those which paraded in the Allegoric Carnival Parade, perform along the Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga, putting on a vibrant show of colour, dance, rhythm and euphoria.



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February

Monday



**Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga**

20:00

Avenues' Carnival – Sorrisos de Fantasia

**Concert Stage**

16:00

Carnival Workshop – QUEROO – Sonhos  
(Traditional Fried Dough Balls)

18:00

Concert by Agridoce

22:00 – 02:00

Silent Beats Disco – DJ SIL and Pedro Pestana  
with Fabiano Cassani – Bem Brasil – with the  
participation of the giant puppets “Tartaruga  
and Cardume”









# 17

February

Tuesday

## “Cortejo Trapalhão”/Slapstick Parade

16:00

On Carnival Tuesday, Madeira becomes the stage for a true celebration of satire and irreverence with the iconic “Cortejo Trapalhão”/Slapstick Parade. This parade, marked by the cultural heritage, vibrantly revives the carnival spirit of the first half of the 20th century, with endless creativity and a touch of irony.

The imagination-filled and talented participants bring to life themes ranging from social and political satire, traditional sketches, to the most hilarious caricatures. To the rhythm of a philharmonic band, the Funchal District Band “Os Guerrilhas” opens the parade along with a group of entertainers who seek to awaken laughter and the spirit of revelry, in a true ode to humor. Participation is open to all, nationals and foreigners, with the Slapstick Parade challenging the most daring to participate, whether individually, in pairs or groups. Some of the categories include Adults, Children, Groups, Best Theme, Animation, School Animation, Solidarity Animation, Best Sustainable Costume, Trapalhão (fumbler) and Transvestite. Not only can you have fun, you will also be able to compete for prizes for the most creative and entertaining presentations. Let yourself be carried away by the satire, humor and fun in the most genuine and hilarious parade of the Madeiran Carnival!

**Registration:** On the parade day, between 14:00 and 15:30, in Avenida Francisco Sá Carneiro, in front of the Vespas Nightclub.

**Itinerary:** Departure from Avenida Francisco Sá Carneiro, Francisco Sá Carneiro roundabout, Avenida do Mar e das Comunidades Madeirenses (south lane), until Praça da Autonomia.

### Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

11:00

Performance by the Funchal Municipal Band - Os Artistas

20:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Caneca Furada

21:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Império da Ilha

### Concert Stage

18:00

Awards Ceremony – Slapstick Parade

# 18

February

Wednesday

## 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

20:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Os Cariocas

21:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Poeira D'Enigmas

### Concert Stage

16:00

Carnival Workshop – Casa do Povo de São

Jorge – Bolo de Noiva Tradicional (Traditional Madeiran Bride's Cake)

18:00

Concert by Lab Project



# 19

February

Thursday

## 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

20:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Malta do Furor

21:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Batucada da Madeira

### Concert Stage

16:00

Carnival Workshop – Casa do Povo da Quinta

Grande – Malassadas (Traditional Madeiran Doughnuts)

18:00

Concert – Atlantic Vibes

# 20

February

Friday

## 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga

20:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Tramas e Enredos

21:00

Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Fitness Team

### Concert Stage

16:00

Carnival Workshop – GESBA/BAM – Madeir Ba-

nana Museum – Queijada de Banana (Traditional Madeiran Banana Cheese Tart)

18:00

Concert by Banda 3D





**21** February  
Saturday

- 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga**
- 11:00  
Performance by the São Lourenço da Camacha Parish Band
- 16:00  
Performance by the Santa Cruz Municipal Band
- 20:00  
Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Animad
- 21:00  
Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Palco D'Emoções
- Concert Stage**
- 18:00  
Concert by El Corazon Mariachi

**22** February  
Sunday

- 1 Central Walkway of Avenida Arriaga**
- 11:00  
Performance by the Câmara de Lobos Orchestral Band "Os Infantes"
- 16:00  
Performance by the Ribeira Brava Municipal Band
- 20:00  
Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Nuvem D'Affectedos
- 21:00  
Avenues' Carnival – Grupo Geringonça
- Concert Stage**
- 18:00  
Concert by Júlia Ochôa

# AND STILL...

05, 12, 21 and 22 February

## Compadres Festival

### City of Santana

This traditional festival marks the transition from winter to spring, representing the regeneration of the local community. The atmosphere is marked by the confrontation between the local men and women, in a celebration which comes to life with the creation of satirical puppets representing the “compadre” and the “comadre”.

The highlight is the public judgement of these caricatures, during which social criticism and humor is made of the events and actions of the community during the year. The ritual culminates with the symbolic burning of the puppets, ending their “flaws” and promoting collective renewal. This final act purifies the community and prepares it for a new cycle of harmony and growth with the arrival of spring. This is a unique celebration where tradition, satire and community unity come together to create a moment of true joy.

## Theme Parties

Various nightlife spots also organize themed parties, such as “Hippy Night” and “Transvestite Night”, inviting partygoers to have fun while disguised with a mask alluding to the theme.

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Events alluding to the Carnival in the various municipalities of the Region.

## Digital Carnival

Follow the various events on the official website of the Madeira Tourism Board, Madeira Events and on social networks at:

[www.visitmadeira.com](http://www.visitmadeira.com)

[www.facebook.com/visitmadeiraofficial](https://www.facebook.com/visitmadeiraofficial)

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