



BARRINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS

NEW YEAR IN MADEIRA

**SEE IN THE NEW YEAR ON THE
ISLAND OF ETERNAL SPRING
DEC 29TH, 2017 - JAN 5TH, 2018**

Madeira has been described as the island of eternal spring, the island where summer goes to spend winter. Famous throughout the world for its natural beauty, this exotic Portuguese island is often called “the floating garden in the Atlantic.” Captain Cook, visiting Madeira in 1768, remarked that the island was “the recipient of Nature’s most liberal gifts.”

Nature has, in fact, been wildly extravagant—Birds of Paradise flower throughout the year, magenta bougainvillea cascades over ancient walls, mimosa fills the air with its scent. Year round the temperature hovers at 70 degrees. In the hills above the capital of Funchal (where we’ll spend our nights) are two outstanding gardens—the Botanical Gardens, with terraced beds and greenhouses, and Quinta do Palheiro Ferreiro, a private estate that’s open to the public. And these are just a sample of the stunning settings and gardens we’ll explore as we crisscross the island, experiencing the full range of Madeiran landscapes, from volcanic to tropical.

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This winter, escape with us and join BCS director Sandi Tinyk on a remarkable journey into the heart of Madeira. With guided visits to the island’s legendary gardens as well as free time to explore, you’ll truly experience the full flavor of Portugal’s very own floating botanical paradise.



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MADEIRA, THE COAST

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

BARRINGTON, VIA BOSTON DEPARTURE:	\$3990
LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$2980
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 980

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- AIRFARE:** Round trip air from Boston to Madeira.
All airport taxes and customs charges included.
- HOTELS:** 6 nights accommodation at the 5 star Vine hotel.
All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 4 dinners.
- GUIDES:** Barrington Community School director Sandi Tinyk throughout the tour. Local guide for all sightseeing and excursions.
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*

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Friday, December 29th - Late this afternoon you meet at the Barrington Community School parking lot for the private transfer to Logan Airport, where you board your overnight flight. **Overnight: Plane**

Saturday, December 30th - Changing planes this morning at Ponta Delgada in the Azores, you board the short flight to Funchal. You will be met on arrival and escorted to your hotel, where there will be time to unpack and relax. In the evening we'll gather for a welcome dinner. **(D)**
Overnight: Funchal

Sunday, December 31st - This morning we take a walking tour of the city that includes the Mercado dos Lavradores, and a visit to Patricio & Gouveia to see its beautiful embroidery and tour the upstairs "factory." The Mercado dos Lavradores is a colorful, high-energy, open-air market featuring the island's specialties from fresh fish and vegetables to exotic flowers and local crafts and provides a true taste of Madeira. We'll stop for lunch in town at the marina, before heading to the edge of town to visit the spectacular orchid display at Quinta da Boa Vista. Five miles above Funchal, it has received numerous awards, most notably from the Royal Horticultural Society. In the evening, we will gather at the hotel for our Gala New Year dinner. **(B, D)**
Overnight: Funchal

Monday, January 1st - A relaxing day to discover Funchal at your leisure. A garden in itself, with beautifully planted squares, you may choose to simply roam the city, or set a destination like the Mercado dos Lavradores museum with its splendid collection of silver and antiques. Alternatively, the Museum of Natural History, housed in the old residence of the Count of Carvalhal, features marine-type species and geological samples. There will also be many street events taking place around the city today in honor of the holiday. In the evening, you are free to try out another local restaurant. **(B)**
Overnight: Funchal

Tuesday, January 2nd - An all-day excursion around the island explores the astonishing range of landscapes, from subtropical to volcanic. We begin by heading west to Camara de Lobos, where Winston Churchill came to paint, then on to Cabo Girao, the highest sea cliff in Europe and second highest in the world, surrounded by beautifully terraced farmland. Continuing on, we'll visit Ribeira Brava's 16th-century church and its lively seafront market before proceeding through Serra de Agua to Boca de Encumeada for a view of both the north and south coasts of Madeira. A leisurely stop in Porto Moniz for lunch takes us to one of the island's most colorful fishing villages. Winding our way back to Funchal, we'll have dinner at Solar da Santola, a local favorite, and a short walk from the hotel. **(B, L, D)**
Overnight: Funchal

Wednesday, January 3rd - This morning we head to the northern coast, stopping for a leisurely walk along one of the most attractive levadas (man made canals) for which Madeira is famous—the Ribeiro Frio—and admire some of the stunning scenery. Continuing on to the historic village of Santana, we'll explore its lovely old streets. After lunch, we'll return to Funchal, where the rest of the day and evening are free. **(B, L)**
Overnight: Funchal

Thursday, January 4th - We'll begin the day with a visit to the magnificent Cathedral Se, dating from the 1400s. Then, spiritually fortified, we'll visit the Madeira Wine Cellars, where we'll enjoy a wine tasting and a guided tour. We'll take the cable car up to Monte where we'll have lunch at the Quinta do Monte and then visit the glorious Monte Palace Gardens in this fashionable hill town above Funchal. Those who wish to, may return to town via the famous toboggans, operated by skillful professionals! This evening we'll have a farewell dinner at the famous O Forte restaurant. **(B, L, D)**
Overnight: Funchal



Friday, January 5th - This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flights back to Boston. On arrival at Logan Airport our private bus will be waiting to take us back to Barrington. **(B)**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner