



**NEWSLETTER**  
**November, 2015**

November is a month full of many cultural and sporting events, one of the most notable of which is yet another edition of the Funchal International Film Festival. You can even take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the São Martinho festival, or enjoy the sun that still shines around these parts.



**Vote for your favorite holiday destination!  
until November 8<sup>th</sup>**

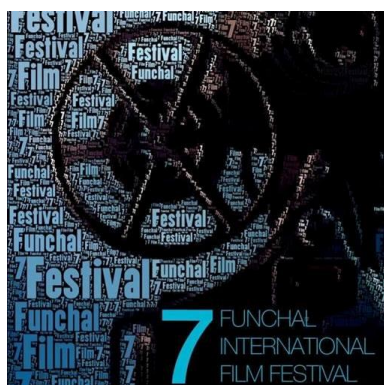
A unique Nature, breathtaking landscapes, activities that anyone can enjoy, the feeling of comfort that embraces you with an invisible and safe hand, a good atmosphere and friendly people...

Yes, there is a destination that matches your dreams of a perfect holiday! The world's best destination has a name, and that name is Madeira Islands.

You can contribute to its international recognition by voting on the category World's Leading Island Destination from World Travel Awards, the so-called tourism "Oscars".

Your vote makes all the difference and Madeira Tourism invites you to

enter this competition on the page dedicated to Madeira, by accessing <http://www.worldtravelawards.com/award-worlds-leading-island-destination-2015>



**7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Funchal International Film Festival  
10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of November**

After a 3 year break, FIFF is back to delight all lovers of the silver screen!

Between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, Baltazar Dias municipal theatre will host the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of a festival known for its high quality. Its main aim is to show films unknown to audiences from Madeira, including some which were directed in the region.

Previous editions of this event have featured big names from the movies, namely actresses Victoria Abril, Susannah York, Cláudia Cardinale and Geradline Chapline, actor and director Terry Jones, as well as the eternal Madeiran heartthrob, Virgílio Teixeira.

Films, documentaries and the recognition of great careers in cinematography are the main ingredients for the comeback of the Funchal International Film Festival, which promises to display new cinematic trends. Find out more at [www.funchalfilmfest.com](http://www.funchalfilmfest.com)



**The Essence of Wine – Madeira  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of November**

The major wine experience is back in Funchal, for the fourth year running, bringing together, in the island's capital, the biggest names in the Portuguese wine-making scene.

This renowned event is well-known among consumers and professionals from Madeira who will, once again, meet at the Madeira Casino's Congress Centre, during the last weekend of the month.

Fine wine and haute cuisine dinners, free tastings, show cooking sessions, workshops and guided tastings are included in the Essence of Wine experience taking place in Madeira, hosted by professionals and specialists of the area.

Don't miss yet another edition of an event that is becoming a highlight of the annual wine calendar of Madeira Islands. More information at <http://www.essenciadovinhomadeira.com/>



### **Christmas illuminations Until January 6th, 2016**

Early December defines the beginning of the preparations for Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

The main streets in the centre of Funchal are decorated with multi-coloured lights, with a variety of Christmas designs.

The downtown area is decorated with seasonal flowers such as poinsettia, holly, orchids (commonly known as "lady slippers"), amongst others, becomes a stage for the traditional Nativity scenes which tenderly recreates Jesus' birth.

The music and joyful atmosphere is contagious and helps create a spirit of peace and harmony.

Book your trip now and visit us on this special time of year!



### **Museum of Contemporary Art has a new home in Calheta**

The museological and artistic collection of the Madeiran Museum of Contemporary Art has been permanently relocated to the modern building of *Casa das Mudanças* Cultural Centre, in the municipality of Calheta, which will be designated as - MUDAS - Madeiran Museum of Contemporary Art.

This project aims to enhance the promotion of the contemporary art collection of the Autonomous Region of Madeira, totalling 490 pieces spanning from the 60s to the present day.

This artistic collection depicts the works of several notorious national and regional artists some of which were born in Madeira.

The international award-winning building of the Casa das Mudanças Arts

Centre is a project by Madeiran architect Paulo David, inaugurated in October 2004, it is located on the site of the old Casa das Mudanças manor house, which dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.



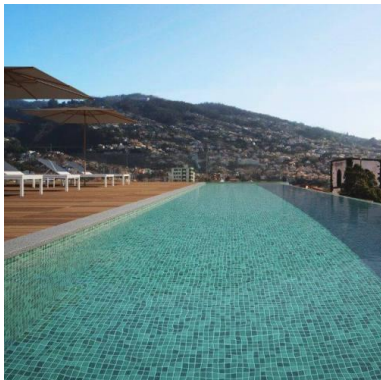
### **Visit Porto Santo Island this winter**

After having experienced one of the best summer periods in history, Porto Santo Island is preparing to welcome several charter flights from various European destinations.

Denmark, United Kingdom, Germany and Portugal, are some of the countries that will have direct flights to the golden island during the IATA winter season.

Some of the flights are part of a pioneer cooperation project involving several entities, aimed at attracting new tourist flows to this destination, which has a pronounced seasonal trend.

Visit ANA's official website for full information on flights: <http://www.ana.pt/>



### **New hotel opens in Funchal**

Later this month, a new boutique hotel will open at Rua do Castanheiro, as the result of the refurbishment and enlargement of the old apartment hotel Castanheiro: the Castanheiro Boutique Hotel.

Creating 35 new jobs, it will have 81 rooms, of which 6 will be suites and 12 junior suites.

It will also include a lobby bar, a restaurant, a roof terrace with magnificent views over the bay of Funchal, a heated panoramic swimming pool and solarium, as well as a deck-lounge pool & bar.

Additional services such as a Spa, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Turkish baths, fitness room and a beauty treatment/massage room will be available. A multi-purpose room suitable for conferences, business centre, exhibitions and

parking for customers are other services offered by this establishment.

Castanheiro Boutique Hotel will be located in a space of approximately 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>, steeped in the architecture and history of five properties dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, located on Rua do Castanheiro and Rua das Pretas; it will have a superior four star rating.