

60 Mountain And Levada Routes On Madeira And Porto Santo International Walking

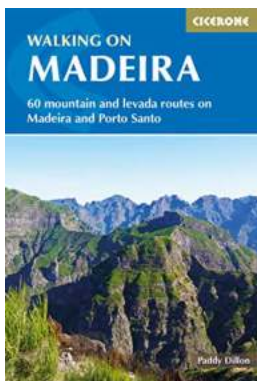
Hiking enthusiasts from all around the world flock to the stunning islands of Madeira and Porto Santo for their international walking trails. With a total of 60 mountain and levada routes, these islands offer breathtaking landscapes, diverse ecosystems, and a chance to immerse oneself in nature like never before.

Exploring the Mountain Routes

The mountain routes on Madeira and Porto Santo are a paradise for hikers seeking an adrenaline rush and awe-inspiring views. From challenging terrains to majestic peaks, these trails cater to all levels of fitness and experience.

1. Pico Ruivo Circular Trail

Reaching an altitude of 1,862 meters, the Pico Ruivo Circular Trail offers a remarkable hiking adventure. As you conquer its steep climbs and rocky paths, you will be rewarded with panoramic vistas of lush valleys and rugged coastlines.



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2. Ponta de São Lourenço Trail

If you're a fan of dramatic coastal scenery, the Ponta de São Lourenço Trail is a must-visit. This challenging route takes you along towering cliffs, through scenic bays, and unveils the island's rugged beauty in all its glory.



The alt attribute for the image above: Ponta de São Lourenço Trail - Magnificent coastal views of Porto Santo

3. Ribeiro Frio - Portela Trail

For a mesmerizing walk through local forests and charming villages, the Ribeiro Frio - Portela Trail is an excellent choice. Along the way, you'll encounter crystal-clear streams, awe-inspiring waterfalls, and the opportunity to witness the local flora and fauna.



The alt attribute for the image above: Ribeiro Frio - Portela Trail - Tranquil forest pathway in Madeira

Discovering the Levada Routes

A levada is a unique irrigation system created centuries ago to distribute water across the islands' agricultural lands. Today, levada routes have become popular among walkers due to their tranquil pathways and captivating landscapes.

1. Levada do Caldeirão Verde

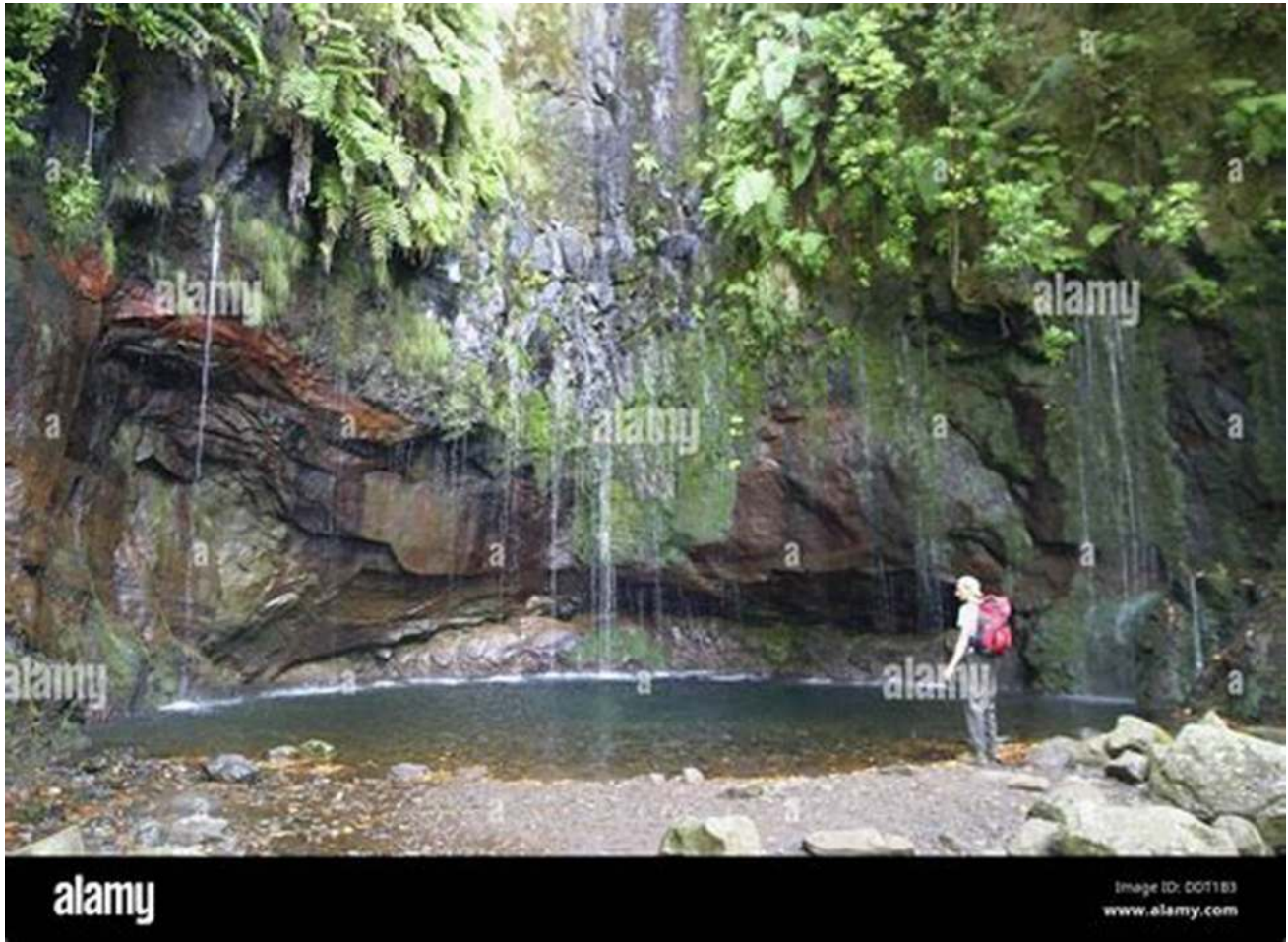
The Levada do Caldeirão Verde trail delivers an unforgettable experience as you wander through lush vegetation, tunnels, and steep cliffs. The highlight of this route is the breathtaking waterfall, cascading down into a vivid green pool.



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2. Levada das 25 Fontes

The enchanting Levada das 25 Fontes path leads you to the hidden gems of Madeira's nature. Along the way, you will encounter a sequence of 25 sparkling fountains, adding a magical touch to your hiking experience.



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3. Levada do Furado

Immerse yourself in the untouched beauty of Madeira with the Levada do Furado trail. This scenic walk takes you through breathtaking valleys, striking cliffs, and emerald-green landscapes, offering an unforgettable glimpse into the island's natural wonders.



The alt attribute for the image above: Levada do Furado - Captivating view of Madeira's untouched landscapes

The 60 mountain and levada routes on Madeira and Porto Santo offer an unrivaled experience for international walkers. Whether you seek challenging climbs, coastal panoramas, tranquil forest paths, or magical waterfalls, these routes will take you on a remarkable journey through the islands' diverse ecosystems and awe-inspiring landscapes.

So, pack your hiking gear, explore these routes, and witness the breathtaking beauty of Madeira and Porto Santo!

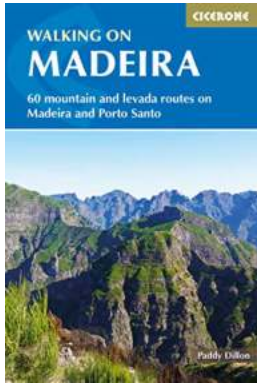
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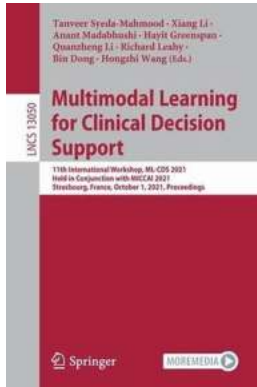


This guide describes a varied selection of 57 walks on the Portuguese island of Madeira, exploring the dramatic cliff coastline, scenic levadas (irrigation channels), dense laurisilva 'cloud' forests and high mountain peaks, plus three walks on neighbouring Porto Santo. There are routes to suit all abilities, from easy, level levada walks to steep and rugged mountain paths - some with exposed sections calling for a sure foot and good head for heights. Since the steep terrain of Madeira does not easily support circular walks, many of the routes are linear, however most can be accessed by public transport and there is the option to link routes to create longer outings and multi-day hikes.

With a favourable climate and striking scenery, Madeira is a fantastic walking destination. The routes in this guide are spread across the whole island, and visitors may choose to base themselves in the capital, Funchal, or in one of the many smaller towns and villages. Regular flights and ferries link Madeira with Porto Santo, which boasts an exceptional sandy beach and pleasant, easy walking. The guide also outlines a day-cruise to the nearby uninhabited Ilhas Desertas.

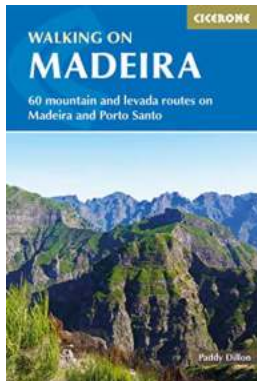
Comprehensive route description, overview statistics and sketch mapping are provided for each walk. There is practical advice on travel and transport, a basic

map of central Funchal and fascinating notes of Madeira's geology, history, plants and wildlife. Useful contacts and a Portuguese-English glossary (including a menu decoder) can be found in the appendices.



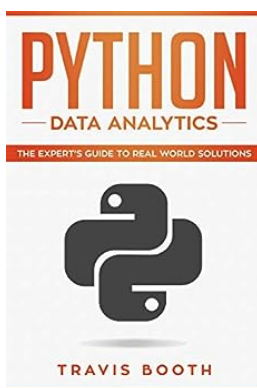
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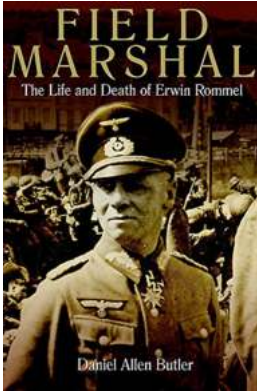
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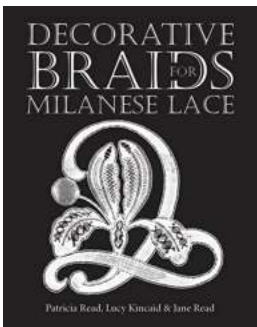
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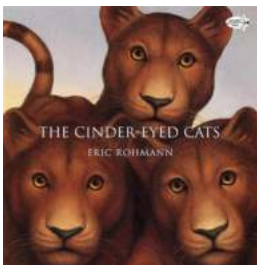
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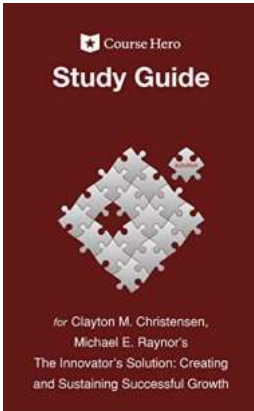
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