

Columbus Festival

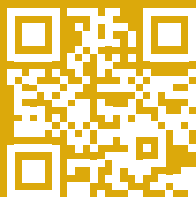
September 17 to 20



When you're into
new discoveries,
you're into Porto Santo.



PORTO SANTO ISLAND



Digital Columbus Festival

This festival can be followed in digital format, including the detailed programme of all the activities, namely on the official Madeira Tourism website, Madeira Events, and on social networks at:

www.visitmadeira.com

www.facebook.com/visitmadeiraofficial

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www.eventsmadeira.com

You can also watch various moments of the event live via live stream including festival-related reports and interviews at the following address:
www.naminhaterra.com



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17 to 20 September

Timetable

Days 17, 18 and 19

19:00 – 00:00 | Restaurants open until 02:00

Day 20

19:00 – 22:00 | Restaurants open until 00:00

7 Vila Baleira

Entertainment in the festival area with live music, theatre, medieval dances, acrobats, masqueraders, stilt walking, juggling, storytellers, fire acts, among other artists.

12 Avenida do Infante D. Henrique (North)

19:00 – 23:00

Crafts and regional products

5 Largo das Palmeiras, Alameda do Infante D. Henrique and Court Gardens

Food and beverages

The Columbus Festival consists of a series of entertainment activities which portray the era when this famous merchant lived on Porto Santo Island, recalling his experiences in the Archipelago of Madeira and the epic of the Portuguese Discoveries.

The event evokes the Genoese navigator's visit to the 'golden island' and features a craft

market, street performances, circus acts, theatre, plenty of music and medieval dances, ensuring non-stop entertainment and a constant buzz amongst the various characters typical of the period.

10 Atrium of the Porto Santo City Hall

Exhibition: Images and Memories of the Municipality of Porto Santo

The tenth edition of the project - 'Images and Memories of Madeira's Municipalities', presents a significant collection of photographs documenting various aspects of the history and identity of the island of Porto Santo through photography. Organised into seven thematic sections - Coastal Landscapes, Arrivals and Departures, The Town, Inland, Summer and Seaside Island, Water, as well as Religious and Civil Buildings - this exhibition brings together over 130 photographs, spanning a period from the late 19th century to the 1970s.



7 **Alameda Infante D. Henrique and Praça dos Descobrimentos**

19:00 – 23:00

Organised by the EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School, this camp area invites you on a journey into the past offering activities for all ages. Visitors can explore ancient weapons and artefacts exhibitions, participate in various activities namely archery, craft workshops, traditional games, theatrical performances and dances, storytelling for the little ones and henna painting. The entertainment is enriched by themed settings from the period and music by the percussion group Ostinatos, creating a fun, educational and engaging environment for the whole family.

enriching moments of interaction and sharing. The story exploration sessions are free for groups, but require booking in advance.

For more information and reservations, contact the Porto Santo Municipal Library, by telephone, at 291 985 273.

3 **Porto Santo Municipal Library and Casa Colombo – Porto Santo Museum**

ACTIVITIES

The Regional Directorate for Archives, Libraries and Books (DRABL) will once again be present at the Columbus Festival, presenting a set of proposals specifically designed for schools, families and the entire local community. Over three days, there will be a range of activities inviting participants to relive memories and take real journeys through time through reading, writing and imagination, providing

1 **Casa Colombo – Porto Santo Museum**

10:00 – 12:30 | 14:00 – 21:00

This is a must-visit for anyone wishing to learn more about the history of the island of Porto Santo. The building that houses this museum is believed to have been the residence of the navigator Christopher Columbus during his stay in Porto Santo, following his marriage to Filipa de Moniz, daughter of Bartolomeu Perestrelo, the island's first donatary captain. During the event, the house museum will remain open until later, offering a deeper insight into Columbus to all those visiting the island during the festival.

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Thursday

1 Atrium of the Porto Santo City Hall and Porto Santo Municipal Library | DRABL

15:00 and 16:00

"Images and Memories of the Municipality of Porto Santo"

This activity offers a guided tour of the photography exhibition, which brings together over 130 photographs dating from the late 19th century to the 1970s.

Target audience: secondary school pupils and other members of the public

Registrations at the Porto Santo Municipal Library

2 Square in front of the Porto Santo Cultural and Conference Centre

19:15

The streets of Vila Baleira are transported back in time as the parade by the EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School joins the delegation to welcome Columbus.

22:15

Historical Parade – The Columbus Delegation

Featuring nobles, sailors, merchants, musicians and ordinary folk, the parade recreates the atmosphere of the Age of the Discoveries, evoking Christopher Columbus's presence on the island and its connection to Portuguese maritime history.

23:30

Performance: "O Sopro do Novo Mundo" (The Breath of the New World)

The audacity of the 16th-century navigators meets the timeless energy of pop/rock. An epic journey through time, where the winds of discovery guide modern chords and aerial acrobatics in a celebration of humanity's great milestones.



3 Porto Santo Pier – Beach

19:00

Alma Negra

19:30

Arrival of Bartolomeu Perestrelo's delegation to welcome Christopher Columbus

19:45

Disembarkation: "The Arrival"

The disembarkation is one of the festival's most iconic moments, evoking Christopher Columbus's return to the island where he found inspiration, family and a new horizon for his dreams. This production, which aims to re-enact historical events, features music, theatre and emotion. It is a performance that celebrates Porto Santo's connection to the sea and to the legacy of the epic Age of the Portuguese Discoveries.

20:15

Performance by Associação Cultural e Recreativa Rodopio Pitoresco



4 Largo do Pelourinho

20:15

'Andars & Macetitas'

A fusion of dance and drums, in a perfect symbiosis of medieval music.

20:30

Show "Adubamento na Vila Baleira" by Teatro Bolo do Caco

21:30

Alma Negra

22:00

Music: Porbatuka

22:30

Music: Curinga – An energetic blend of diverse Portuguese music styles, and from around the world, capable of instantly bridging the gap between the past and the future.

23:00

Associação de Dança e Artes Recreativas "SKazka"

7 Alameda Infante D. Henrique

20:15

Juggling, Fire-eaters, Stilt Walkers, Belly Dancers

20:30

Ostinatos - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

21:00

Christian / Moorish Dances - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

21:30

Archery / Games - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

23:00

Music: Curinga

6 Praça do Barqueiro

21:30

"(EU)phoria": circus arts with Paradise Circus

Featuring dance, song, acrobatics and fire, this show offers a bold and poetic take on the 16th century, not through a literal historical reconstruction, but through an emotional, symbolic and sensory evocation of the spirit of that era.

22:30

Performance by Associação Cultural e Recreativa Rodopio Pitoresco

Through its minstrels and a cast of versatile dancers, Rodopio Pitoresco explores European folk music, medieval rhythms and historical circle dances.





18 and 19

September

Porto Santo Golf Course
9th Edition of the Columbus's Golf Trophy

Set against a unique backdrop, combining the island's natural beauty with a world-class course designed by the legendary golfer Severiano Ballesteros, this competition offers a memorable experience for golf enthusiasts. The tournament brings together national and international golfers, fostering camaraderie, healthy competition and the discovery of one of the Atlantic's most exceptional golfing destinations.

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Friday

3 Porto Santo Municipal Library | DRABL

10:30 and 11:30

The workshop 'Little adventurers, big discoveries' invites participants to explore books through imagination, exploration and taking part in fun activities.

Target audience: pre-school pupils from schools in Porto Santo

Registration at the Porto Santo Municipal Library

1 Atrium of the Porto Santo City Hall and Casa Colombo House Museum| DRABL

14:30 and 15:30

Through old photographs, the activity 'Between Images and Stories' invites pupils to discover the island's landscapes, traditions and everyday life in past times.

Target audience: Year 4 pupils in primary schools in Porto Santo

Registration at the Porto Santo Municipal Library

4 Largo do Pelourinho

19:30

Music: Macetitas

20:00

Belly Dancers

20:30

Music: Macetitas

21:00

Performance by Associação Cultural e Recreativa Rodopio Pitoresco

21:40

Alma Negra

22:00

Parade by the Columbus Delegation, accompanied by Porbatuka

22:15

Show "Adubamento na Vila Baleira" by Teatro

Bolo do Caco

23:15

Alma Negra

23:30

Music: Porbatuka

7 Alameda do Infante D. Henrique

19:45

Music: Macetitas

20:00

Associação de Dança e Artes Recreativas

"SKazka"

20:30

Ostinatos - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

21:00

Archery / Games - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

23:15

Christian / Moorish Dances - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

23:30

Performance by Associação Cultural e Recreativa Rodopio Pitoresco

2 Square in front of the Porto Santo Cultural and Conference Centre

20:15

Parade by the EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

23:00

Port of Affection: Where Worlds Meet

Embark on a journey where the history of the Columbus Festival blends with the magic of the contemporary circus. Vila Baleira comes to life in a vibrant show featuring solo dances, aerial acrobatics, the mystique of fire and juggling.

23:50

Fire Show: Sparkles of the Night





6 **Praça do Barqueiro**

21:00

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22:30

Music by CURINGA

Formed in Santa Maria da Feira in late 2008, CURINGA began with the idea of performing at historical events, drawing inspiration from medieval characters such as the Court Jester, the Minstrel and the Troubadour, as well as from medieval melodies found in existing historical records. Creating original themes and their own compositions has always been one of the group's aspirations, which has resulted in a very distinctive sound.





3 **Porto Santo Municipal Library | DRABL**

11:00

This year, under the theme 'Sea, books, let's get creative', this workshop, featuring activities for families, invites participants to explore book pages, partake in games, and challenge the creativity of children and adults alike.

Target audience: children and adults

Free entry

13 **Parque da Cidade (former campsite) Columbus Archery Tournament**

10:00

This traditional archery and crossbow competition, organised by the Archery Club of the EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School, is held within the annual calendar of the Portuguese Federation of Archers and Crossbowmen.

4 **Largo do Pelourinho**

19:00

Music: Macetitas

19:30

Dance performance: Belly Dancers

20:00

Music: Macetitas

20:30

Cocktail Festival with the Madeira Barmen Association (ABM)

21:40

Parade by Porbatuka

22:00

Performance by Associação Cultural e Recreativa Rodopio Pitoresco

22:40

Show "Adubamento na Vila Baleira" by Teatro Bolo do Caco

23:30

Music: Curinga

7 **Alameda do Infante D. Henrique**

19:15

Music: Macetitas

19:30

Associação de Dança e Artes Recreativas "SKazka"

20:30

Ostinatos - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

20:45

Christian / Moorish Dances - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

21:45

Parade by Porbatuka

23:00

Alma Negra

23:30

Music: Porbatuka

2 **Square in front of the Porto Santo Cultural and Conference Centre**

20:15

Parade by the EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

23:50

Fire Show: Sparkles of the Night

5 **Praça do Barqueiro**

20:30

Awards ceremony of the Columbus Archery Tournament / Games - EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco School

22:00

'SETE MARES' (SEVEN SEAS) - A musical theatre production

Some are born to protect the land, and others are born with the sea within their hearts. 'SETE MARES' is a journey through the Portuguese soul, where theatre, music and dance give voice to the sailors who set sail, the women who stayed behind, the seas that tested their courage, and the peoples who met. A show about the Age of the Discoveries, but, above all, about the eternal human desire to go further. Artistic direction, playwriting and staging by Miguel Vieira.

Produced by Associação Avesso in partnership with Associação Cenas&limitadas.

23:00

'Faiscas da Noite' (Sparkles of the Night)

Fire Show: street performers, jugglers and fire-eaters create choreographed displays of light and mysticism in the dark. To the beat of intense, primal rhythms, the outdoor square bursts into life in a spectacular display of sparkles and flames, promising to mesmerise the audience and bring the festivities to a close with truly overwhelming energy.



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Sunday

3 Vila Baleira (city centre)

20:00

Alma Negra

4 Largo do Pelourinho

19:00

Music: Macetitas

19:30

Associação de Dança e Artes Recreativas
"SKazka"

20:00

Show "Adubamento na Vila Baleira" by Teatro
Bolo do Caco

21:00

Music: Porbatuka

21:30

Music: Curinga

2 Square in front of the Porto Santo Cultural and Conference Centre

19:15

Parade by the EBS/PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de
Freitas Branco School

7 Alameda Infante D. Henrique

19:30 – 20:15

Activities and events organised by the EBS/
PEC Prof. Dr. Francisco de Freitas Branco
School: Ostinatos, Christian and Moorish
dances, archery and games.

6 Praça do Barqueiro

21:00

Echoes of Columbus: The Odyssey of the New World

Out of the perfect blend of the daring 16th-century navigators and the timeless energy of pop/rock culture, 'Echoes of Columbus: The Odyssey of the New World', is born. This large-scale show, designed specifically in the spirit of the Columbus Festival, takes the audience on an epic journey through time, where the winds of discovery guide modern melodies, circus arts and breathtaking visual effects in a celebration of humanity's greatest milestones.

22:00

Closing

