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PLACES TO VISIT:

Forte de São Tiago
(Santiago Fort)



Forte de São Tiago is a military-style architecture building built in the early 17th century to defend Funchal's port. This fort houses a pleasant restaurant and the Museum of Contemporary Art (Museu de Arte Contemporânea). In this Museum you can observe and contemplate a collection of Portuguese contemporary art and also different art exhibitions.

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// TABLE TENNIS PRACTICES TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY IN BARTOLOMEU PERESTRELO SPORTS HALL THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



The first teams arriving to the Sports Hall were from France, University of Bordeaux and Germany, University of Duisburg – Essen. Later that morning, the Portuguese team of University of Beira Interior joined the practices, followed by the University of Kent.

The English Universities of Nottingham, Cambridge and the Imperial College London were some of the teams practicing in the afternoon.

// OPENING CEREMONY OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP



Opening ceremony of EUC
The opening ceremony of the 5th European Universities Table Tennis Championship took place yesterday in Funchal at Colégio dos Jesuítas, The Rectory of the University of Madeira.

The participants were welcomed by the chairman of the Organizing Committee, João Baptista along with the EUSA EC Delegate, Mr. Oleg Matytsin, who wished the athletes and officials all the best. Thanking the organizing committee for all their contribution.

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ALAIN COUPET, the University of Bordeaux's coach seemed pleased with the organization of the event, as well as the program. Despite the rough landing, he quickly shifted his thoughts to the wonders of Madeira, namely the plants. "People are good, kind and nice" he told us. All the players he brought have been playing table tennis for 10 to 15 years. Two of them even participated in the French nationals with great outcomes.

The University of Bordeaux team is participating in the European Universities Table Tennis Championship for the first time, thus being quite unsure about the final results.



ROSA DOMINGUES, Table Tennis' Head of Delegation from the University of Beira Interior, had already visited the Island of Madeira and always regarded the Island as a beautiful place with good facilities in general. She clearly stated that as a member of a national team, she wishes the organization all the best, and that so far, she is pleased with everything, although the accommodation is a bit dispersed.

The team is made up of two new players and two players with previous experience at European Championships. "The athletes practiced hard to be up to the challenge" she told us.



PRIYAL BUNWAREE AND CAROLINE HUANG, University of Kent players, stated that they will try their best though all the players are very good and competitive. They found the Sports hall to be fantastic as well as the rest of the facilities. "We didn't know much about it" they said, however they had already heard about Madeira as a touristic destination. Both players started playing table tennis at a very young age.

FIGURES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP:

Athletes: 129
Countries: 9
Volunteers: 40
Teams: 16 Male / 8 Female

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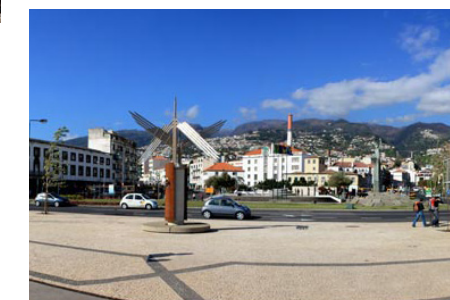
OLD TOWN OF FUNCHAL
 Funchal's Old Town, located in the civil parish of Santa Maria Maior, is the birth place of the city of Funchal. There lies the oldest street on Madeira, Rua de Santa Maria. In this edition we will advise you on some of the places you can visit in this historic old part of Funchal.



MERCADO DOS LAVRADORES (Farmer's Market)

Mercado dos Lavradores is a point of reference in the life of Funchal and an example of the New State's

architecture. In this place you will find a colourful and blazing atmosphere. Different types of flowers, tropical fruits, vegetables and spices are sold there as well as meat and fish.



CABLE CARS from Funchal to Monte
 This cable car ride takes you from Funchal to Monte in about 15 minutes while you can enjoy the surrounding landscape. In Monte you can visit Igreja do Monte, Quinta da Fundação Berardo, Quinta do Monte and experience a ride in one of the traditional basket cars (carros de cesto) down the Caminho do Monte.



MADEIRA STORY CENTRE gives its visitors and overview on nearly 14 million years of Madeira's history. It is a cultural and historical attraction which enables you to join in an amazing journey with the recreation of some of Madeira's history happenings. In this spectacular modern museum you can also find a panoramic terrace, a theme café and a souvenir shop.