

Maison Relawista Winter  
2016-2017

10-18 FEB 2017

WHAT A GREAT WEEK AND WHAT A FANTASTIC LOCATION. THE MORNING VIEWS ARE BREATHTAKING. IT RAINED EVERY MORNING BUT THAT DID NOT STOP US FROM COOKING OVER. 700KM IN THE CAR WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE IN PHOTOS ALMOST ALL THIS ISLAND WAS TO OFFER. OUR HIGHLIGHTS HAD TO BE THE LIGHTHOUSE 'FAROL' IN PONTA DO PARAGO AND THE STUNNING VIEWS IN MACHICO CANICAL. ALL PLACES ARE A SHORT DRIVE AWAY AND ARE WORTH THE TRIP. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A GREAT EVENING OUT WITH A NICE PINNAC AND WINE I WOULD SUGGEST ESPETUS - BRAZILIAN STEAK HOUSE IN FUNCHAL. GO HUNGRY AS WE DID NOT MAKE IT THROUGH THE ENTIRE MEAL. THE RODIZIO DEPARTED US OVERALL A FANTASTIC STAY IN A VERY WELL KEPT CHALET. ENJOY YOUR WEEK IN MADEIRA, WE CERTAINLY DID. DON'T LET THE ROADS INTIMIDATE YOU.



28 Feb - 04 Mar 17

Arrival is an amazing feeling as you cannot believe the route into the villa is actually trafficable. In the morning on your way out you will be even more shocked that you made it.

Grocery store in Calheta is 10 minutes away and has everything you need including alcohol.

The island is incredible and will remind you of Jurassic Park!!

Things you must do

- Lave Tubes "Caves" at SAO VICENTE
- Cliff at CABO GIRAU
- South-East corner of Island - Fantastic walk along the cliffs of the island
- Drive to Pico Pedra - highest point on island
- Drive the outer roads of the island!!!

Great restaurants & cheap prices everywhere  
so ENJOY!!

For improvements - pillows need replacing.

Villa is fantastic & clean.

HAVE FUN



March 11 to March 14, 2017

Well everyone agree that the landing is... wow... and even if I said I wouldn't do it again I took it back after seeing the paradise this island is.

We weren't planning on doing a lot of activities, this trip was more about relaxing. First day we arrived late so no time for shopping for breakfast on Sunday. There is an Hotel walking distance where they serve buffet breakfast for 10€ with an amazing service and a beautiful view. It's called "QUINTA ALEGRE", you can enter the name on Google Maps.

There is SPA (massage service) in the Hotel in Calheta in front of the grocery store. You go down to the round about turn left in to the tunnel. You pass the second tunnel to the second round about and then go down towards the beach.

There is a shopping center called FORUM about 30 min driving where you can find clothing stores, hair salons and even the football soccer star "Ronaldinho" store.

And then there is FUNCHAL is about 40 min away. There you can find the part with tons of little stores including the Market, all in a kinda downtown way.

In this market you can find local vendors of the passion fruit, they will give you all the six kinds to try, and a lot of places with local food.

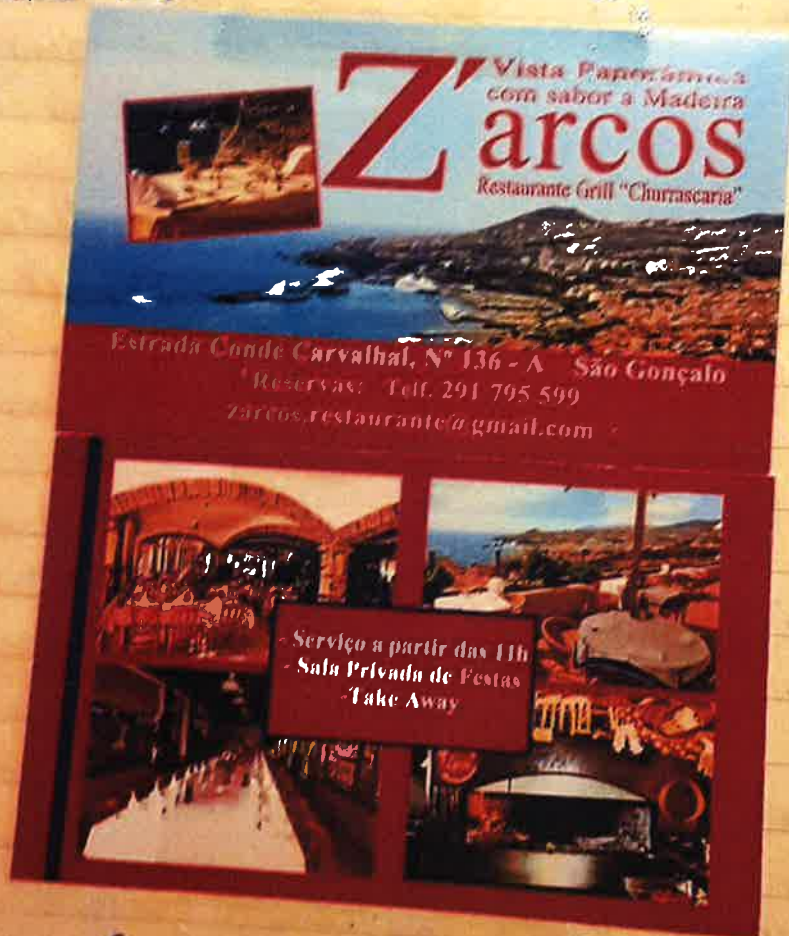
We got a tattoo as a souvenir of this beautiful paradise in ANATOMIC TATTOO & BARBER... amazing!!



25 March - 1 April 2017

Comments about the landing onto the island are very true. Just when you think you can't go any further, the plane stops. It certainly is wow

We found a restaurant called Zarcos. It has spectacular views of Funchal. The food was delicious and the menu has english + french. Cost for 2 40€



If you love flora and fauna, Jardim Botânico has it all. As well you can catch the gondola from here and go back down. Again the views are ~~spect~~ spectacular. The gardens themselves are sectioned off ie desert plants, medicinal plants, etc

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VISITED PORTO MONIZ, THE LAVA POOLS WERE 12°C WHEN WE WERE THERE BUT GOT OUR FEET WET JUST TO SAY WE DID. I SUGGEST GETTING THERE EARLY AS THE BUS TOURS START ARRIVING BETWEEN 1030-1100. OUR INTENSIONS THAT DAY WAS TO DRIVE AROUND THE ISLAND BUT WITH ALL THE STOPS WE MADE FOR PICTURES MADE IT AS FAR AS FAIAL THERE'S A HIGHWAY THAT ~~CROSS~~ CUTS ACROSS THE ISLAND YOU HAVE TO CHECK IT OUT IT'S A SPECTACULAR DRIVE. THE CLIFFS IN CABO GIRAO ARE WORTH SEEING AS WELL CASA DO SARDINHA. BRING HIKING SHOES YOU'LL WANT TO DO THE WALKING PATHS. PICO DO ARIEIRO IS WOW... DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE SOME OF THE ROADS OFF THE MAIN ROAD IT'S WORTH IT.

FYI/A: - FEED THE CAT PLEASE THERE'S FOOD IN THE LAUNDRY RM.  
- WE LEFT A BIT OF GROCERIES I.E: COFFEE, LAUNDRY SOAP, TOILET PAPER, DISH SOAP, BBQ SAUCE, SOME FRESH VEGGIES/FRUIT.  
THERE WASN'T ANYTHING HERE WHEN WE ARRIVED SO HOPEFULLY THE STUFF WE LEFT IS STILL HERE FOR YOU. 😊



Passing 17

Arrived at 5. TKO to Connie who gave us The GPS  
so we would not have found it. Went for a  
nice walk and found 2 bars & 2 groceries.  
at the top close to the church 1 grocery & 1 bar  
Cafe. at the bottom one cafe & small bar  
left & one grocery right. We had a good  
frozen pizza & beer & wine. Cat was waiting!  
Views incredible! Let's see what we will do tomorrow.

Day 2 took us to Rabacal and Porto Moniz. Rabacal is the  
most beautiful walk in the world, we walk through  
a very long & dark tunnel. It was great, you need a  
light. Then we walk along Levada for just km. Under  
trees that covered the area. I thought I was in  
another world. Then we went to a beautiful  
fall. That took about 2 hours. We drove to  
Porto Moniz & went to visit the small town. You  
can swim in man made lava Sea Pool. It is so nice.  
Some people were swimming, me no! We spent day 2 in  
Funchal and visited all sites & took hop on/off yellow bus  
& it is worth it. Don't miss the farmer's & fresh market in  
The yellow building (hop off there), walk the streets  
behind, lovely. Day 3, we went to Paul do Mar. We

went to Hotel Jardim Atlantico (4\* hotel) we parked there  
& walked down 900m to sea level & eat at Paul do Mar  
before walking back up the same trail. It was amazing!  
Don't go there with children! Day 4 was nice, cool, sunny, sun  
etc. We went for a nice long walk at the top of a mountain.  
We went on Ph 21+17 Today, down, down, down to a small village  
& 17 we walk on a Levada. We did not go in the tunnel.  
Today is our last day & we will walk again near Levada  
A boat tour to finish it all. TKO



15. 22 April 2017

A beautiful island!

We had perfect weather all week. The chalet is very comfortable for four persons. We explored Casheira, Funchal and the north coast, Sercial.

We did a sailing cruise (3h) Santa Maria Colombo from Funchal, a lovely time on the water. In the summer, you can swim with the dolphins.

We did an escape room, the outdoor version. The Breakout Funchal room is a nice way to explore the Old city of Funchal, but a bit more challenging than a regular version indoors. We loved the north coast, Sercial has natural pools and breath taking views. There is a road going up the mountains from Sercial

and doing a round circuit back to town, going thru small summer homes area, very typical.

The highlight of the week was our tour with Green Devil Tours, to the markets and village. Our tour guide Val was so so nice + informative. We would come back for sure!

The little cafe up the road from the villa, was super cute, view ++, Sem Idade Cafe just sandwiches but lovely staff!

The store in the village has lots to offer & staff very helpful! 😊

Just loved our week here!

Paula