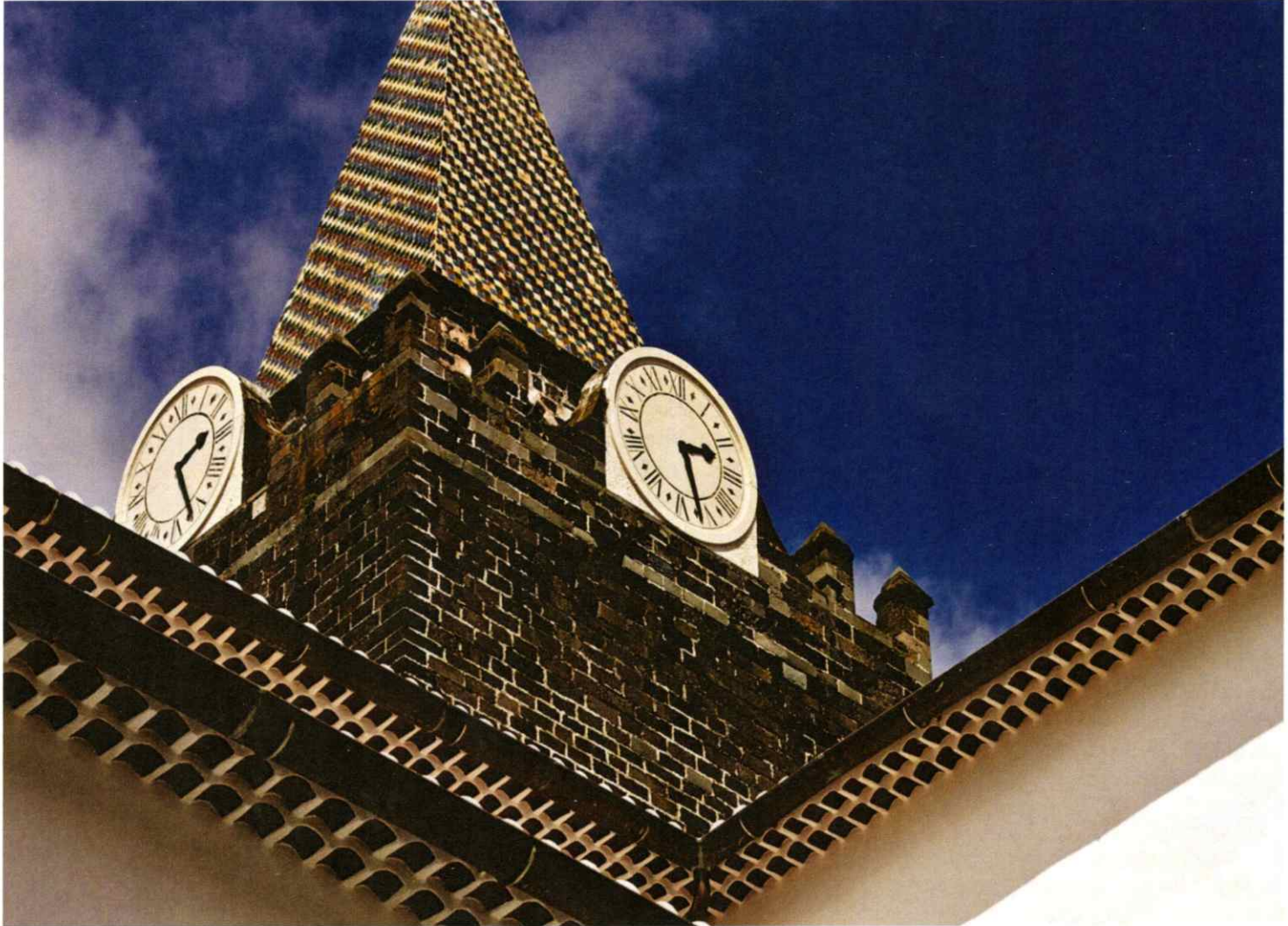


VIKING DAILY

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Weather: Partly Cloudy. 70° F / 21° C
Sunrise: 7:49 AM | **Sunset:** 8:31 PM



MADEIRA (FUNCHAL), PORTUGAL

Known as the “Garden Island” for its rich agriculture, terraced hillsides and beautiful flowers, the Portuguese island of Madeira is an enchanting Atlantic paradise. With fertile volcanic soils and a temperate year-round climate, it is a horticulturalist’s dream. The island’s ubiquitous irrigation aqueducts, or *levadas*, were dug into the steep hillsides so that early farmers could make use of every patch of land. One of the island’s most prolific crops that has long been fed by *levadas* is grapes, which produce four types of Madeira wine popular around the world. In the capital and port city of Funchal, the Old Town is adorned with blue *azulejo* tiles and elegant wrought-iron balconies overflowing with flowers.

Viking Mars

Please take me back to the ship: Por favor, me leve de volta para o navio.

Contacts

Agent: +351 913 599 559
 Ship: +1 213 583 2500

Ship Location

North Pier – Pier #6

Arrival Time

7:00 AM

Back On Board

12:00 PM

US Embassy Contact | Av. das Forças Armadas 133C, 1600-081 Lisboa, Portugal | Phone: +351 21 727 3300

UK Consulate contact (Honorary Consulate) | Lisboa, Portugal | Phone: +351 21 392 4000

Today on *Viking Mars*

MORNING

7:00 AM

Arrival: The *Viking Mars* docks in **Funchal (Madeira), Portugal**. An announcement will be made in the public areas once the ship has received clearance from local authorities. Please note that you are required to carry your **stateroom key card** when proceeding ashore today. *(To hear the announcement in your stateroom, set your TV to Live TV > Bridge Cam Channel)*

8:00 AM–8:00 PM

Wash & Blow Dry: Restore natural softness and shine, reduce frizz and add some extra volume with a beautifying wash and blow dry in our hair salon. Perfect for when you need an immediate pick-me-up. Reserve at Spa Reception.
The Nordic Spa (1)

9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Sports Deck Is Open: Sports equipment is available for use. *(Weather permitting)*
Sports Deck (9)

10:00 AM–2:00 PM

TED Talks: Sir Ken Robinson **“Bring on the learning revolution!”** Enjoy learning about the topic of the day. *(17 mins, On Loop)*
Cinema 1 (2)

AFTERNOON

12:00 PM

Back On Board: Please ensure you have embarked by this time. *Viking Mars* will be preparing to set sail for **Barcelona, Spain**. *(1135 nautical miles)*

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Scenic Sail-Away Wildlife Watch with Mr. Robin Petch: **“The Whale and Dolphin Man.”** Watch for and record marine wildlife and learn more about your sightings. *(Please bring your Quietvox headset and set it to Channel 1)*
Explorers’ Lounge (7)

2:00–2:30 PM

Interdenominational Service: Join fellow guests for service hosted by your Cruise Director, Aaron.
Torshavn (2)

2:00–11:00 PM

Opal Event: View a mesmerizing display of jewelry showcasing Ethiopian Opals only found in 1994, prized for its iridescent play of colors and a brilliance unmatched.
Juveler (2)

3:00 PM

Viking Resident Historian Iconic Lecture with Dr. John Bratzel: **“History of Navigation.”** Examine the scientific developments and tools of instrumentation allowing for the conquering of the seas prior to 20th-century advances into space.
Star Theater (2)

4:00–5:00 PM

Afternoon Tea: Enjoy tunes performed by our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie while sipping afternoon tea.
Wintergarden (7)

4:15 PM

Guest Lecture with Clive Steeper: **“Mental Strength—The Essence of Endurance Racing.”** Listen as Mr. Steeper recounts experiences in the pit lane and 24 Hours of Le Mans.
Star Theater (2)

5:00 PM

LGBTQIA+ Get Together: Join fellow Guests for an informal meet & greet. *(Un-hosted)*
Explorers’ Lounge (8)

5:00–11:00 PM

Skincare Essentials: Visit our onboard boutique for all your skincare needs. Select from world-famous brands such as Clinique and Clarins.
Kosmetiske (2)

5:30 PM

Office Hours with Viking Resident Historian Dr. John Bratzel: Stop by for a one-on-one opportunity to delve deeper into the culture and history of your destinations.
Viking Heritage Museum (2)

EVENING

6:00–6:45 PM

Munch Moments Agnes and Paulina, our Classical Duo plays traditional Norwegian music while Munch’s calm scenes and landscapes grace the Atrium screen.
Atrium (1)

6:00 PM

Feature Documentary - “A Closer Encounter, When Two Minds Meet” with introduction by Guest Lecturer Robin Petch: Enjoy Dr. Horace Dobbs’ dramatic exploration of the extraordinary mind of a Bottlenose Dolphin on the Brittany coast. *(1 hr.)*
Star Theater (2)

6:00–7:45 PM

Explorers’ Delights: Sit back and enjoy the relaxing tunes performed by our Guitar Entertainer Jobie.
Explorers’ Lounge (7)

7:00–8:45 PM

Evening Melodies: Settle in for some melodies brought to you by our Resident Pianist, Artur.
Atrium (1)

8:00 PM

Name That Tune “Classic Rock”: Join your Entertainment Team to test your musical knowledge throughout the years in teams of up to six.
Explorers’ Lounge (7)

9:00 PM

Viking Cruises proudly presents your Cruise Director Aaron Syfert in “Walk the Line”: Join Aaron as he takes you on a musical journey through the hits of iconic artists such as Sinatra, Bocelli, Bubl  and a superstar medley of country favorites. Live music provided by your Viking Band.
Star Theater (2)

9:00–10:45 PM

Relaxation & Conversation: Mingle with like-minded guests with musical accompaniment from our Classical Duo, Agnes and Paulina.
Atrium (1)

9:30–10:15 PM

Torshavn Acoustics: Our Guitar Entertainer, Jobie performs acoustic favorites in an intimate environment.
Torshavn (2)

10:00–10:45 PM

The Piano Bar: Experience the Explorers’ Lounge as our Resident Pianist, Artur closes out the evening with classical melodies.
Explorers’ Lounge (7)

10:30 PM–Closing

After-Dinner Party: Join the Viking Band, Elsa and Arlando for upbeat hits and smooth ballads in this intimate, late-night venue.
Torshavn (2)

Local Currency

The local currency in Funchal, Portugal is the Euro (EUR). The approximate exchange rate is **USD \$ 1.00 to 0.09 EUR**. We regret that Euro cannot be purchased or exchanged on board.

Shore Excursions

The following shore excursions meet Pierside (Ashore):

GROUP 1	4x4 Madeira Adventure	(4 Hours)	Meets at	7:50 AM	
GROUP 2 – 4	Picturesque Madeira (Included)	(3 Hours)	Meets at	8:05 AM	QV
GROUP 5 – 8	Picturesque Madeira (Included)	(3 Hours)	Meets at	8:20 AM	QV
GROUP 10	Levada Walk	(3 ½ Hours)	Meets at	8:20 AM	QV
GROUP 11	Monte & Toboggan Ride	(4 Hours)	Meets at	8:20 AM	QV
GROUP 12 – 16	Picturesque Madeira (Included)	(3 Hours)	Meets at	8:35 AM	QV
GROUP 17 – 20	Picturesque Madeira (Included)	(3 Hours)	Meets at	8:50 AM	QV
GROUP 21	Funchal & Monte Palace Botanical Garden	(3 Hours)	Meets at	9:05 AM	QV

- Only excursions marked above with “(QV)” require a **Quietvox** audio headset. Your local tour guide will determine the extent to which the Quietvox will be used. Please plan ahead and charge your headset.
- Excursion durations are approximations and may be subject to change due to local conditions and circumstances beyond our control.
- We kindly ask that you allow guests with limited mobility access to the front seats on all motor coaches.
- If you would like to be in the same excursion group as your travel companions (e.g. family and friends), please plan in advance to meet and disembark the ship together.
- Remember to bring your shore excursion ticket(s). They will be collected by your tour guide and only guests who are able to present their ticket(s) will be permitted to board the motor coach.
- Be sure to arrive on time at your respective meeting location. Today, departures to and from shore excursions cannot be delayed as we may experience a higher volume of traffic and your punctuality will help ensure we remain on schedule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Viking Complimentary Shuttle Bus

Viking Mars is pleased to provide a complimentary shuttle bus service today, from the port into downtown Funchal. This service will begin at **9:00 AM** from the port. The drop-off/pick-up location is at the **Praça da Autonomia Funchal**, opposite the Cable Car Station. The last shuttle bus from town back to *Viking Mars* will be **11:30 AM**. Please note space is limited, shuttle buses will depart prior to listed times once the coach is full. The final schedule is subject to change, when due to local traffic conditions beyond our control. Local shuttle bus coordinators will be available both at the port and in town to assist you, if needed.

Public Health Advisory

We remind all guests to be mindful when going ashore today. Be cautious when consuming local foods and beverages. Consuming un-bottled water, ice cubes and raw or uncooked food items pose potential health risks if not properly prepared or handled. They have been identified as likely causes of common symptoms of gastrointestinal issues and food poisoning. If you are feeling any symptoms of illness or discomfort, please report to the Medical Center immediately.

Veranda Washing

Today in **Funchal (Madeira), Portugal**, our deck and housekeeping staff will be working on **both the Starboard and Port side** of this vessel. Please ensure no items have been left on your veranda for this very important procedure. Should you wish to have this work postponed, please contact Guest Services on Deck 1.

Catholic Mass Options in Funchal

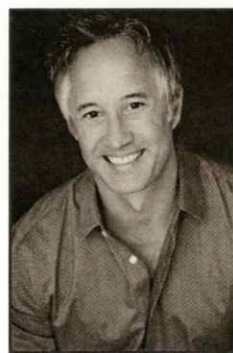
Just a few steps from the cruise terminal is the **Chapel of Penha de França**, which holds English mass at 10 AM. The **Cathedral of Funchal** holds mass in Portuguese at 8, 9, & 11 AM and is a 19 minute walk from the cruise terminal.

Credit Card Pre-authorization

If you are paying by credit card for your onboard charges, please be aware that during the course of the day, your credit card may be submitted for pre- authorization to be processed by Viking Cruises ON-BRD Woodland Hills CA; Viking reserves the right to secure a pre-authorization equivalent to 110% of the current balance to allow for charges incurred between the date of the pre-authorization and settlement. Note that a pre-authorization is not a charge.

Introducing your Cruise Director:

Aaron Syfert



A native Texan with a degree in vocal performance from the University of North Texas, Aaron began his professional acting career in musical theatre in 1994, eventually performing in over 20 musicals including classics such as *West Side Story*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Oklahoma!*, *Camelot* and *South Pacific*. After moving to NYC, he made consistent appearances for six years on ABC-TV's daytime Soap Opera's *All My Children* & *One Life to Live*. Aaron's

Favorite role was portraying the lead character *Sportacus* for five years in live productions of the hit kids TV show *Lazytown*, filmed in Iceland. He appeared on stage at Carnegie Hall in Beethoven's 9th Symphony, was the original baritone of the NYC “popera” group *Adesso* and can be seen in the Wes Anderson film *Rushmore* with Bill Murray. Aaron had the privilege of opening the first three *Viking* ocean ships, *Viking Star* in 2015, *Sea* 2016 and *Sky* 2017, and previously our very own *Viking Mars* in 2022. When not sailing the seven seas, he lives with his wife in Stockholm, Sweden. **Join Aaron tonight for his vocal cabaret “Walk the Line” at 9:00 PM in the Star Theater.**

Dining

Early Risers

The Living Room	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 AM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	6:30–7:30 AM

Breakfast

The Restaurant	Deck 2	8:00–9:30 AM
World Café	Deck 7	6:30–10:00 AM

Late Risers

Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	7:30–11:00 AM
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Lunch

The Restaurant	Deck 2	Closed
Pool Grill	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
World Café	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	11:30 AM–2:30 PM
Aquavit Terrace (Paella Station)	Deck 7	12:00–2:00 PM

Teatime

Wintergarden	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
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Dinner

Manfredi's*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Chef's Table*	Deck 1	6:00–9:00 PM
The Restaurant*	Deck 2	6:00–9:00 PM
World Café	Deck 7	6:00–9:00 PM

Reservations can be made during opening hours for breakfast or lunch in the World Café or by calling Ext 2052.

*Dress code: elegant casual.

Coffee and tea are available 24 hours from the World Café.

Snacks

Pool Grill	Deck 7	2:30–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	4:00–5:00 PM
Mamsen's (Explorers' Lounge)	Deck 7	10:00 PM–Midnight

Lounges & Bars

The Viking Bar	Deck 1	6:00 AM–Midnight
Torshavn	Deck 2	9:00 PM–Closing
Aquavit Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–10:00 PM
Explorers' Lounge	Deck 7	10:00 AM–Midnight
Pool Bar	Deck 7	10:00 AM–7:00 PM

Directory

Boutique & Shops (1/2)	Ext 9321	2:00–11:00 PM
Travel Consultant (2)	Ext 9710	By Appointment
Guest Services (1)	Ext 9710	24 Hrs.
Fitness Center (1)	Ext 9300	6:00 AM–10:00 PM
The Nordic Spa (1)	Ext 9300	8:00 AM–8:00 PM
Medical Center (a)	Ext 9206	8:00–9:00 AM
		5:00–6:00 PM
Room Service	Ext 6502	24 Hrs.
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	Ext 999	24 Hrs.

To make an appointment with our Travel Consultant, please call 9710 or visit Guest Services on Deck 1.

Port Map

Madeira Funchal, Portugal



To view the port map, scan QR code with your camera.

Available on board MORGANITE

Browse the collection of this beautiful gemstone that has fascinated many with its different shades of pink, featuring purple, orange and salmon hues.

To learn more, visit Juveler on Deck 2.



NORDIC TREATMENTS

Enjoy unique Nordic spa treatments that allow your world to slow down for a moment, leaving you refreshed and rejuvenated.

See Spa Reception for details.

