



Madeira Archipelago Portugal



Porto Santo Island

Porto Santo marina, 33° 03'.7N 16° 18'.8W

Marina do Porto Santo is situated in the commercial harbour tucked behind a high quay and very protected against the prevailing NE winds. There are 2 floating pontoons with berths with finger pontoons and a reception pontoon where you can moor alongside. Water and electric at all berths. The reception pontoon has only electricity connections, no water. Showers and toilet bloc next to the restaurant, no washing machines but a laundry service is available (€10,=/load of 5kg and another €10,= to have it back dry). Free Wi-Fi, but no reception in the marina, only in front of the office, there are tables to sit at and 220V sockets available to hook up. Book swab (a few) in the restaurant. Hard standing for long stays, boat handling by travel lift. No chandler near marina or in town. The marina is expensive, in 2010 € 38,=/n for 14m boats. They have daily, weekly and monthly rates, even a special discount for members of a few sailing organizations. The marina provides swinging mooring buoys as well. The rates for the buoys are € 17,=/n for 14m boats. **No** weekly or monthly rates for them. In settled weather, there is an **anchorage** just outside the W-breakwater off the beach, expect no facilities from the marina when anchored off. The town is a 30 min walk away. 2 supermarkets (Pingo) in the centre and several other small stalls with veggie have and fruits. We were not able to find a butcher in town than those in the supermarkets. Every day at 14.15 hr there is an open-top bus touring the island. It starts at the bus station in the square. Tickets (€6,=/p) available in the stand to the right, duration 2,5 hours. You will see most of the island during this tour, we liked it. A daily ferry to Funchal, Madeira leaves in the commercial harbour, next to the marina. Airport, we do not know from where or where to the flights go. (Info 2010)



Madeira Island

Calheta marina, 32° 43'.0N 17° 10'.3W

Marina Calheta is situated at the SW-coast of Madeira. The entrance is a bit

difficult to survey, so do not enter when it is dark or during strong onshore winds if it is your first visit. After passing the outer breakwaters you have to make a sharp turn to port to follow the inner concrete wall. At the end of this wall, make a sharp starboard turn to reach the visitors pontoon at starboard along the inside of the concrete wall. As of lately, this pontoon is always full (2014). Boats have a permanent berth there. Part of the visitors pontoon should be a fuel pontoon, but not in 2014 anymore. No fuel facilities any longer. You have to order it by mini-tanker or get it yourself with jerry cans by car (as we did). In December 2013, during a very strong Southerly storm, parts of several pontoons were damaged and could not be used. In June 2014, the pontoons were still not repaired so there is less space for visitors at the moment. The advice is therefore, give the marina staff a call by VHF and ask if a berth is available, before entering. No anchor facilities near the marina. The marina is not cheap, but comparable with all the others at Madeira.

For us it was €30,=-/night (including VAT) but got 2 nights for free! The berths still accessible have all finger pontoons, water and electricity at every berth. Showers and toilets are basic but clean. No washing or drying machines but a laundry service. Ask at the office. The staff is friendly and welcoming. Wi-Fi (free and protected ones) is available from the restaurants near the waterfront. A large Pinco Doce for most of your provisions is situated opposite the hotel next to the marina. Rental cars can be hired through the hotel at the left side of the marina. The town is very small but nice. The car drive to Funchal is only 20 minutes.

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