

WALKING ON MADEIRA

60 mountain and levada routes on Madeira and Porto Santo

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Situated in the Atlantic Ocean some 400km north of the Canaries, Madeira boasts a favourable climate and breathtaking mountain scenery that have long attracted visitors. This guidebook describes 57 half-day and day walks on Madeira, plus 3 routes on neighbouring Porto Santo. From gentle strolls alongside the ubiquitous levadas (irrigation channels) to exhilarating – and sometimes exposed – mountain walks, there are routes to suit all abilities and ambitions, ranging from sea-level to the highest peaks. The vast majority of routes can be accessed by public transport and walks can be linked to create longer outings.

Clear route description is provided for each walk. A route summary table and overview boxes presenting the key statistics and notes on transport and refreshments make it easy to select the ideal route. With comprehensive advice on travel, accommodation and bases, the practicalities are all covered, and background notes on the island's history, geology and rich plantlife will further enhance any visit.

The carefully selected walks showcase Madeira's captivating landscapes, taking in spectacular volcanic rock formations, dramatic cliff coastline and dense subtropical laurisilva 'cloud forest' – the largest surviving forest of its kind in the world. Paddy Dillon's guide is an ideal companion to discovering the delightful and varied options for exploring this beautiful island on foot.

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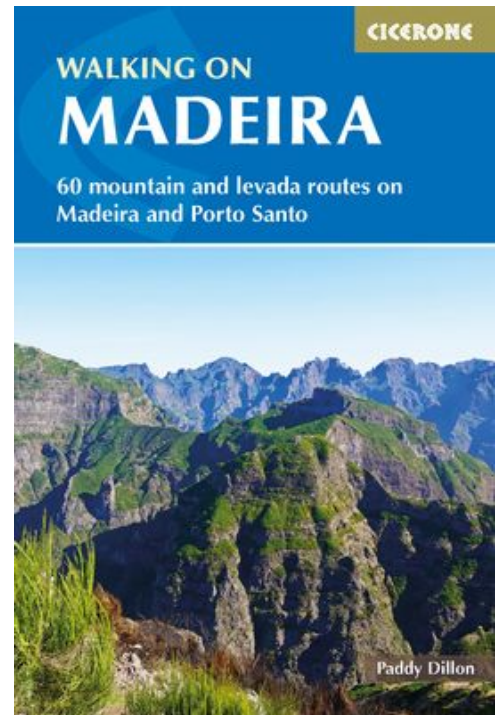
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About the author

Paddy Dillon is a prolific outdoor writer with over 90 guidebooks to his name, and contributions to 40 other publications. Paddy has visited Madeira several times over the years, exploring extensively and enjoying the vast variety of walking routes and landscape types around the islands.

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