

Funchal

Distance to town:

Around a 20 to 25 minute walk

Shopping:

Alfândega Street is lined with fashion boutiques, charming shops, restaurants, and cafes

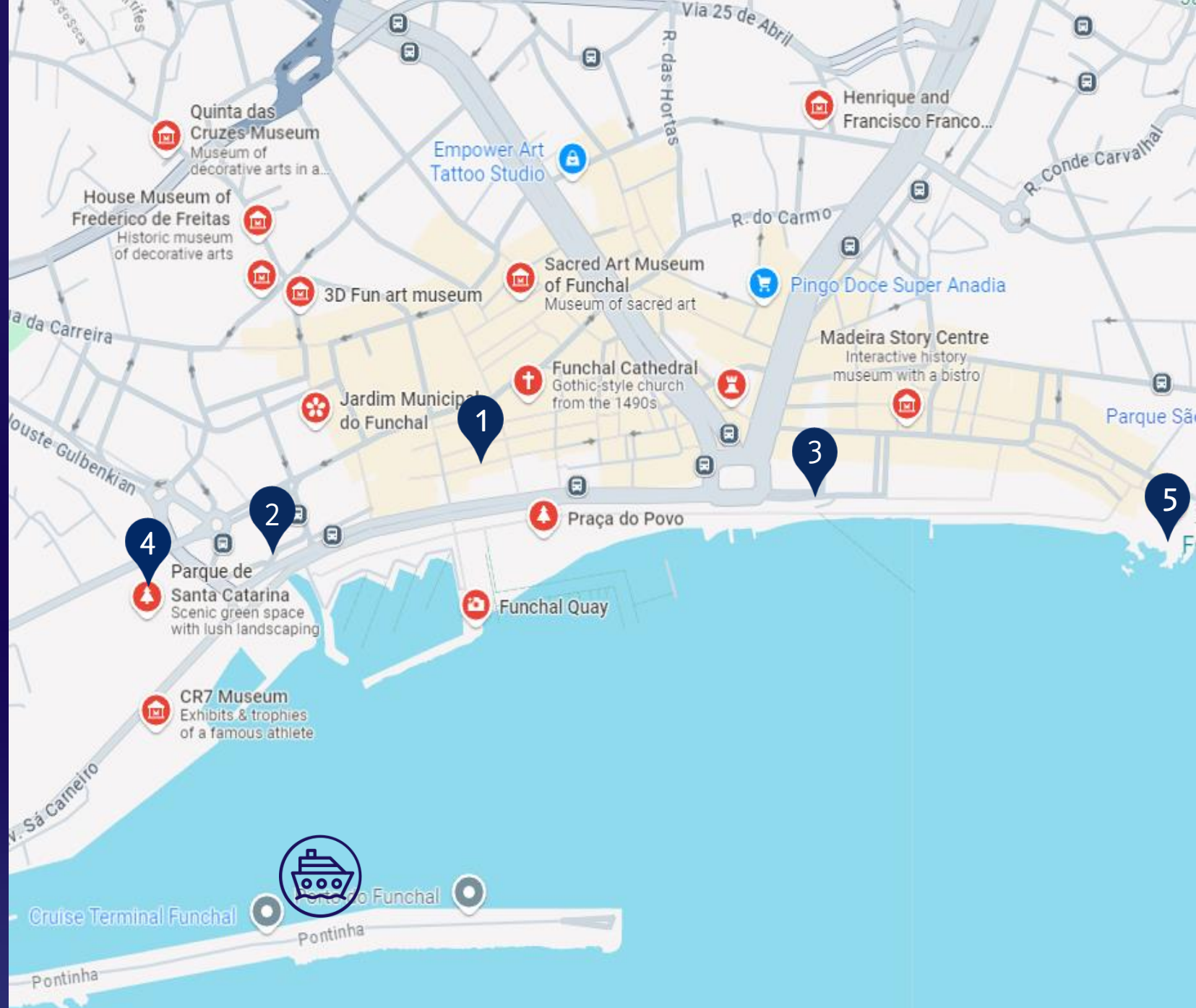


Docking Location

Top Sights:

- 1 Town Centre
- 2 Town Transfer Drop Off
- 3 Cable Car Station
- 4 Santa Catarina Park
- 5 Sao Tiago Fort

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DISTANCE TO TOWN
AROUND A 15 TO 20 MINUTE WALK

AT A GLANCE

Sweeter than wine, Madeira's a fine excuse to binge on beautiful scenery to your heart's content. Funchal is the island's capital, a bewitching collection of cobbled streets, quaint museums and buzzing café and restaurant life.

There are two docking locations - the closer berth is around a 15 to 20 minute walk, or the further berth is around a 50 minute to 1 hour walk. Taxis are generally available in the port area. If the ship is docked at the further berth, a chargeable City Transfer service will operate and tickets can be purchased via the kiosks.

See **Cruise News** for the exact distance to town.

OUT AND ABOUT

Botanical Gardens: If you're really into blooms, meander around Funchal's tranquil Botanical Gardens admiring their dazzling displays of orchids, cacti and Madeira's iconic dragon trees. The most popular way to reach the gardens is by cable car. A return ticket along with an entrance ticket to the garden is €32. The garden ticket on its own is €6-7.50.

Cabo Girao: Gaze in awe at one of the world's largest coastal cliffs. Then take in the simple charms of the quaint fishing village, Camara de Lobos, one of Winston Churchill's favourite retreats.

Toboggan Ride: Rides from Monte village down to Livramento are great fun and a must-do in Funchal. The cost per toboggan is around €17.50 per person for 2 people and €27.50 for 1 person. Only cash is accepted, directly to the Toboggan operator.

BEST BUYS

High quality, hand-stitched Madeiran embroidery dates back hundreds of years and is a great gift to take home. There's also a daily market in Funchal if you happen to be looking for wicker keepsakes, trinkets or antiques.

SHOPPING

You can find local markets and shops in the Old Town of Funchal. There are also high-street brands located in the main city centre area.

DO IT LIKE THE LOCALS

Food fans will be in their element in Madeira. The island is famous for two top treats – wine and cake. A slice of traditional lemon-flavoured Madeira cake pairs perfectly with a good glass of sweet Madeira wine. The intense cask-aged tippie became popular all over the world when Portuguese explorers in the Age of Exploration took it to every corner of the globe.

If your sweet tooth still isn't satisfied, pastel de natas are rich and creamy custard tarts. You'll find many bakeries on the seafront do a good line in these tasty tarts and Madeira cake, too.

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Pick-pockets can operate in crowded areas, so please be mindful of your possessions.

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