

ERASMUS+ INCOMING

INFORMATIVE GUIDE





Madeira Archipelago

ISAL is located in a highly touristic area, in Madeira.

Madeira Archipelago is situated in the Atlantic Ocean, 500km distant from Africa, 1000km from the European Continent, and only 1h30m air flight from Lisbon.

Madeira Archipelago also connects itself to the world by an air bridge which gathers hundreds of flights. The Madeira International Airport and the Porto Santo Airport are a point of arrival and departure of several international air companies.

Madeira Island is equally famous for its nice and kind people, for the beauty of its landscapes and for the natural patrimony, namely the Laurissilva Forest, classified by UNESCO as a World Natural Heritage.

The cultural patrimony deserves a special attention not only in what concerns its traditional products, but also its monuments, museums, churches and other relevant buildings.

Besides Madeira, the Archipelago is constituted by another inhabited Island, Porto Santo, and also by the non-inhabited Islands of Desertas and Selvagens.

Climate

There are no great variations in temperature throughout the year. The climate remains mild, with average maximum temperatures of 25°C and minimums of 16°C. The sea temperature is constant due to the Gulf stream - 22°C in summer and cooling gradually over the winter, reaching 17°C by winter's end.

Language

The official language is Portuguese, though most people are fluent in at least one foreign language - principally English.

Living in Madeira

Madeira has a large community of foreign nationals from a vast range of countries. They mostly chose the island for the following reasons:

- Safe environment, unrivalled in Europe, with a low crime rate and social and political stability;
- Exceptionally mild climate, which allows visitors to enjoy water-based activities or walks in the subtropical forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, throughout the entire year;
- Modern, sophisticated infrastructures, in addition to boasting an excellent road network and an international airport with regular connections to the major European capitals;
- Access to goods and services of high international quality;
- Friendly and cosmopolitan population;
- Housing and lodging of excellent quality, matching the highest European standards and with currently good opportunities available in the real estate sector.

Cost of living

The cost of living in Madeira is considerably lower than the rest of Europe. The majority of goods are much cheaper than in the other European Union countries, including the price of renting, food, drinks and entertainment.

Events and Attractions

Madeira is filled with tradition and great festivities throughout the year:

- Madeira Carnival Festivities
- Festival of Wine
- Madeira New Year's Eve
- Madeira Flower Festival
- Festival of the Popular Saints

Useful Information

Hour

Winter:GMT+0

Summer: GMT+1

Health

There are 67 health centres spread all over Madeira Island and one in Porto Santo. In Funchal, there are two public hospitals.

Currency

Euro. The main credit cards are accepted in most commercial establishments, restaurants and hotels.





WELCOME TO ISAL





ISAL

ISAL is a non-integrated Private Polytechnic establishment of Higher Studies.

Its genesis dates back to 1971, a period when other institutions of Teaching and Professional Studies were created in Lisbon and which developed synergies that were determinant for the organization and functioning of ISAL in Madeira. In 1984, the Regional Secretary of Education of the Autonomous Region of Madeira granted the needed permission for this Institute to function. This way, the very first private institution of pos-secondary studies was born in the Region.

The creation and functioning of ISAL were authorized by the adequate Ministry that in 1989 recognised the ISAL, being CENIL – Centro de Línguas, LDA, its Title Entity (Decree n.º 801/89), approved its study plans for the private and higher teaching and proceeded to recognising the diplomas issued by the courses learnt at ISAL

We value our performance as a positive one once it has allowed to surpass some national and regional gaps, as officially stated by the Regional Secretary of Education and the Regional Secretary of Tourism and Culture, namely in what concerns the need of these degrees in Madeira Autonomous Region.

Nowadays, ISAL offers three degrees, adequate to Bologna:

- Hotel Management;
- Management;
- Tourism.

Erasmus+ in ISAL

Besides contributing to the reinforcement of the European higher studies dimension, and to understanding the international cooperation as a relevant aspect nowadays, ISAL participation will be, without doubt, a guarantee of the quality of the activities performed at all levels in the institution.

In order to enable participation in the Erasmus+ programme, the ISAL reached a key condition:

- ISAL was awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) by the European Commission in December 2013.

Within the Erasmus+ programme, ISAL will maintain as main priority the mobility of students for periods of studies, teachers and staff, being it followed by the mobility of students doing the traineeships according to the plans for the first cycles of studies. It is equally our intention to be able to participate in multilateral projects.

ERASMUS+ Programme

Erasmus+ brings together seven existing EU programmes in the fields of Education, Training and Youth; it will for the first time provide support for Sport. As an integrated programme, Erasmus+ offers more opportunities for cooperation across the Education, Training and Youth sectors and is easier to access than its predecessors, with simplified funding rules. Erasmus+ is the new EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport for 2014-2020, starting in January 2014.



Students Mobility

Who can apply?

Students from a higher education institution holding an ECHE.

What are the goals?

The goals of student mobility for studies are:

- To allow students to benefit in the educational, linguistic and cultural plan from a learning experience in other European countries;
- To promote the cooperation between institutions and to enrich the educational environment of host institutions;
- To contribute to the development of a set of students who are well-qualified, open-minded and internationally experienced as future professionals.

Time of Mobility

Minimum: 3 months

Maximum: 12 months

Traineeship Mobility

Who can apply?

Students from a higher education institution holding an ECHE, that have finished their graduation. Students have until one year after completing the graduation to do the mobility.

Time of Mobility

Minimum: 2 months

Maximum: 12 months

Applications period

31st May for the entire academic year

31st May for the Winter Semester (October to February)

15th November for the Spring Semester (March to July)

Applications procedures

The Student's application for Erasmus+ mobility must include:

- Coordinators confirmation (home university);
- Student's grades Certificate (Transcript of Records) of the previous years (home university);
- Students Learning Agreement initial proposal.

The results of applications for Erasmus+ mobility acceptance or refusal will be formally communicated to the partner University.

Information:

European Health Card

Students are responsible for the necessary steps to obtain a European Health Card and must deliver a copy to ISAL.



European Student Card



<https://europeanstudentcard.eu/student/>

APP ERASMUS+



<https://erasmusapp.eu/>

How to get from the airport to Funchal?

The best option how to get from the airport to capital city Funchal is to take a bus. But it depends on what time you arrive. The airport bus costs 5 euros one way and 8 euros round trip. If you want to take a taxi the price is around 30 euros.

ESN – Erasmus+ Student Network



<http://www.esnmadeira.org/>

Accommodation

ISAL has a structure that helps all the international students to obtain accommodation in Madeira, in accordance with each one's options.

In terms of accommodation, students may choose the academic residence ISAL, which is few meters away from campus, thus avoiding additional costs with transportation.

Advantages of the academic residence ISAL:

- It is 2 minutes away from campus on foot
- In the centre of Funchal
- No need for additional costs in transportation
- The values are significantly lower than those charged in the mainland

Our residence has:

- Welcoming, family and pleasant environment
- Priority and special prices for ISAL's students
- Double or triple rooms
- Female/male division
- Bedding and bath linen included
- Wi-Fi Internet access, cable TV, water, electricity and gas consumption included
- Periodical cleaning of the shared areas
- Large study area
- Individual study area



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