

# The British Senate 2027 Club Holiday



## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2027

- Depart London Gatwick Airport on EasyJet flight at 14:00
- Landing at Funchal, Madeira at 17:55 pm  
Transfer from the airport to the Royal Savoy resort
- Reception in the Chairman's Suite  
Private dinner at the Royal Savoy Mezzanine floor

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

- Breakfast and morning Swimming if only to keep the weight off eating and drinking...
- Walk to Blandy's for a premium tour and tasting starting 10:30 am
- To give you a sense of where you are we thought of a trip on one of the Hop on Hop off buses around Funchal, with a brief stop to see the fantastic view at the top.
- Continue on the hop-on-off bus to Câmara de Lobas, where Winston Churchill used to paint.
- Alight and walk to view and have a photo taken with a small statue of Winston.



- Then walk up the hill to have Lunch in a local restaurant, Vila do Peixe, a fantastic fish restaurant with a view of the harbour. When we first came to Madeira 25 years ago, the still wines here were not very good, but there are now some very nice still wines. We will try a white wine to go with the fish, Columbo Justino's, made with Verdelho and Sauvignon grapes.
- As we are out for dinner tonight, we suggest just a main course.
- Get the hop-on hop-off bus back to the resort or the town centre and explore the area.
- 6:45 pm drinks, in the Chairman's suite.
- 7:30 pm Dinner at Dona Amelia, one of our favourite restaurants and only a short walk from our resort.
- Retire to the bar, drinks **at extra cost**, and watch the ballroom dancing

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## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

- Morning swimming in the pool/sea and breakfast
- Depart 10 am tour around the south of the island, including the highest cliff, and if time permits, visit the bird zoo, Ilha das Aves
- Lunch Visit Barbusano winery at the farm and beef lunch
- Continue the tour around the west of the island



- Dinner at Neptunus restaurant by the resort pool (lunch will be heavy)
- Retire to the resort bar **at extra cost**,

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

- Morning swimming in the pool/sea and breakfast
- Depart at 10:00 am tour around the island.
- Lunch NE coast Quinta do Furão – another of our favourite restaurants with a nice view.
- Return to the resort and relax/swim
- Walk down to Dinner at Gaviã Novo, Rua de Santa Maria n° 131, Funchal



## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

- Morning swimming in pool/sea
- Walk into town, for Madeira tasting at D'Oliveiras. [11am]
- Visiting the Cathedral for a brief look inside
- Passing through the Main Market since it shows the energy and the wonderful aromas that Madeira has to offer, then



- Beer & sandwich lunch at the market
- Walk to the departure point of the Cable car, which will take you on a trip with breathtaking views over Funchal, up to Monte (1,677 ft / 550m). Monte is a village

notable for its many fine properties and gardens, and it is perched on a hill above Funchal. After visiting Monte Palace Gardens [also now as the tropical gardens] and Monte's famous



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Church, return on cable car to central Funchal OR you will have the possibility to experience a unique and typical basket car ride down to Livramento an option, **at extra cost**, for those brave enough. The ride downhill in the wicker sledges is an exciting one, providing you with a taste of the Madeira of the past decades, when this was the established form of transport. You could walk back after the basket ride down to central Funchal or get a taxi

- Relax or swim before dinner
- Dinner, walk to near the harbour for dinner at Il Vivaldi [7:30 pm] - Mediterranean Cuisine [Again, one of our favourites, and the service should be good with excellent food]
- Walk back to the resort and retire to the bar **at extra cost**, with entertainment

### Saturday 10th September

- Lavada walk & lunch. We can do the Jasmine Tea House walk. Curran dos Romeiros to the JTH. 7km. Flat alongside Levada. The 29 bus from the central bus station on the way and the 48 from the bottom of the Tea House drive will bring us back. Tim McNally will warn Nick the proprietor to expect us.
- Dinner at Abrigo Do Pastor via taxi, this is a typical Madeiran restaurant, frequented by the locals – excellent food.
- Retire to the bar **at extra cost**, with entertainment

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

- 11 am English church with coffee and Madeira afterwards in the Church Grounds or visit the Cathedral (Catholic, but will be in Portuguese)
- Meet for light lunch in town for 12:45 pm Golden Gate [this is a personal request from Stephen Osborne, but we have not eaten here before]



- Afternoon dolphin watching (and possibly whales) departing 2:30 pm – suggest wearing swimming wear at lunch and putting clothing into a bag. **Bring a waterproof jacket and sunscreen.**

- Reception in the Chairman's Suite,
- Private dinner in the Royal Savoy Mezzanine floor

Here are a few of the whale species you might see and when:

- Blue whale (rare, from April through September)
- Fin whale (common, from March through October)
- Pilot whale (common, present year-round)
- Sperm whale (somewhat common, present year-round)
- Sei whale (uncommon, from March to October)
- Minke whale (rare, from June to August)
- Humpback whale (uncommon, from April to May and October to November)

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## **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

- Check out of the resort
- Transfer to the airport at 9:30
- Depart Funchal airport, EasyJet flight at 12:15 pm, landing in Gatwick at 18:00 pm