

Madeira 2017



5* Belmond Reid's Palace

Saturday 16th - 23rd September 2017

Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays are delighted to host our summer Bridge holiday to the luxurious and world renowned 5* Belmond Reid's Palace on the charming island of Madeira. The hotel has an undeniably enviable location being set in subtropical gardens above Funchal Bay overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

As always, there will be two interesting excursions; the first being a tour of the Old City of Funchal and the second a boat trip to explore the coastline and maybe see some dolphins, turtles and whales. Full details on page five.

Programme: Jack Stocken will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme which will include Andrew Robson's lessons (taught by Jack), Chicago and Gentle Duplicate after dinner, 8.45pm-10.45pm. Lorna Heaton and Paddy Buckley will co-host the holiday and offer supervised rubber bridge as an alternative to Gentle Duplicate. As usual, the standard is friendly Intermediate; the Bridge is not suitable for players that are used to a serious 24 board duplicate.

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Weather: The climate in Madeira is semi-tropical, with year-round moderate weather. The average temperature in September is 24 degrees Celsius.

Madeira: Madeira is a Portuguese archipelago situated in the north Atlantic Ocean, southwest of Portugal. Madeira is known as the Pearl of the Atlantic, the floating garden and has a subtropical climate. The region is noted for its Madeira wine, gastronomy, historical and cultural value, its flora and fauna, landscapes (Laurel forest) which are classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and embroidery artisans.

Reid's Palace: 5* Reid's Palace is an elegant and stylish hotel nestled in subtropical gardens and ideally located overlooking Funchal Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Reid's Palace has a long history of Royal patronage and it was one of Winston Churchill's favourite hotels. <http://www.belmond.com/reids-palace-madeira/luxury-hotel-madeira>

Superior Rooms: Each room is unique and has been designed to offer old world charm with contemporary comforts and views overlooking the sea through the subtropical garden/trees. Rooms have either King or twin beds, balcony or patio and marble bathrooms. Amenities include: satellite television, DVD player, free WIFI, air-conditioning, bathrobes, slippers, hairdryer, private safe and a minibar offering complimentary water, juices and soft drinks.



Food: The Dining Room and William Restaurant both offer fine dining. Villa Cipriani serves authentic Italian cuisine, has an open air terrace with stunning views. The Pool terrace has specialities from the grill and light lunches are also available. Breakfast is taken in the Garden Room and the renowned afternoon tea (not included) on the charming tea terrace. Continued overleaf.

Head Chef Luís Pestana, and his dedicated team, provide a regularly changing menu of modern classic dishes created from the best seasonal and locally produced ingredients. There is an extensive wine list which perfectly complements the depth of flavours the menus offer.

Cocktail Bar: is an ideal place to relax and enjoy a light lunch or a pre-dinner cocktail.



Leisure facilities: Relax and enjoy the stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean whilst sunbathing on the pool terrace or swimming in one of the hotel's three lovely outdoor pools; two are seawater, one being heated, and the third is heated with freshwater. It is also possible to wander down to the sea level platform and jump straight into the sea.

Spa: The Spa is an oasis of tranquility, nestled within the subtropical gardens of the hotel. Each treatment room offers a sea view and private terrace. Treatments include therapeutic massage, cooling wraps and facials. It is advisable to pre-book all treatments to avoid disappointment. http://www.belmond.com/reids-palace-madeira/madeira_spa_treatments

Tennis Courts: Enjoy a game of tennis on the hotel's two hard courts. There is also a resident professional tennis coach available Monday - Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm. Pre-booking is required.

Fitness Room: Cardiovascular machines, sauna and steam room are available in the fitness room.



Golf: There are two options: Palheiro Golf is an 18 hole par 72 Championship golf course with magnificent views overlooking Funchal Bay, or Clube de Golf Santo da Serra, home to the Madeira Island Open and part of the PGA European Tour. The Championship course has been described as a true botanical garden with four beautiful lakes and scenic views. Pre-booking is highly recommended. If you would like to play golf with others, please let Jack know. Full details of the course may be obtained by looking at the websites, <http://www.palheirogolf.com/en/> OR <http://www.santodaserragolf.com>



Palheiro Golf Course pictured above

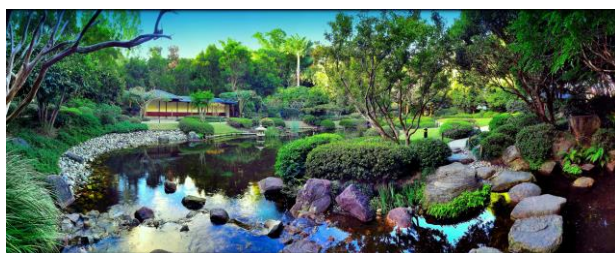
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EXCURSIONS

18th September - Funchal Old City Tour & Monte

ARB Holidays has arranged for a private guide to show us the delights of the Old City of Funchal, to include a visit to Sé Cathedral, dating from the XV Century, the lovely flower market and the well-known market hall. There will then be a visit to the village of Monte by cable car to visit the famous pilgrim church of Nossa Senhora do Monte and the tombstone of King Charles I from Austria.

Following on, our group will visit Monte Palace Tropical gardens, where a variety of exotic plants and trees from different parts of the world can be found. We will then descend to Livramento in a typical Madeira-style basket toboggan - an exhilarating ride (optional)! These toboggan's are controlled by men 'carreiros' holding ropes, dressed in white and wear straw hats and leather boots. Finally, we will visit one of the oldest wine cellars for a small guided tour and some wine tasting.



20th September - Coastal Boat Tour

The second excursion is still evolving but is likely to include a boat trip around the island; the views from the cliffs of the famous Reid's hotel and the bay of Câmara de Lobos are absolutely breathtaking. Lunch will either be taken on board the boat or at a local restaurant. Hopefully we will see some dolphins or turtles and maybe even the odd whale! This excursion will either be a half day or full day and further details will be published nearer the time.



Each excursion includes a two course lunch and will start at approx. 9.00am and finish no later than 5.00pm. Minimum numbers apply and excursions are subject to change. Prices to be confirmed.

Transport, Prices and Booking Conditions

Booking & Deposit: Please note that bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a booking form and non-refundable deposit cheque for £250. Please book early so that we can try to accommodate any requests you may have.

Transport: Scheduled flights with British Airways from London Gatwick - Funchal, Madeira. Please note that availability may be limited and flight seats will be booked on a first come first served basis.

Package includes:

- Bridge tuition and play
- Exclusive use of the Bridge room for the week
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening
- The use of facilities within the hotel
- Half board accommodation as detailed below

Accommodation: Price includes half-board accommodation as on page 2. Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays will do its utmost to ensure that requests are granted, but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis. However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.

<u>Package Price:</u>	Superior Room:	2 sharing	£1695 per person
<u>(No Travel)</u>		1 person	£1995

Flights and Transfers: **Group flights are not available until mid October 2016 when we will advise of cost and times.** ARB Holidays will book a number of British Airways flights from Gatwick to Funchal to include coach transfers to the hotel. Nb Please note package prices above do not include flights or transfers.

Insurance: It is the responsibility of individuals to ensure they have adequate travel insurance for this trip, to include any activities in which they may be participating. On booking, a signature will be required to guarantee that you have, or will have, made the arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

Money:

- The deposit is non-refundable.
- The full balance is due by 30th June 2017 (we will email a balance request in mid June).
- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro by mid June 2017, a surcharge appropriate to the fall will be charged to all clients.

Cancellation: The deposit is non-refundable and once the balance has been paid, no refunds will be given.

Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL):

Your flights are covered by ATOL licence 4013, Switzerland Travel Centre. ATOL exists to protect the public from losing money or being stranded abroad because of the failure of air travel firms. It gives comprehensive financial protection to 28 million people in the UK who buy flights or air holidays each year.

Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd - Liability:

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BOOKING FORM

Please fill in this form (or book online) and preferably pay the £250 per person deposit via online banking (email Jack for details) OR make cheque payable to "ARB Holidays" and post to Jack Stocken, 53 East Witton, North Yorkshire DL8 4SL. One booking form per person (unless a couple) and you can now book online on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk

1. I would like to book _____ persons on the trip, detailed as below:

Names including Title (Mr, Mrs etc)
(if flying, please enter Title, Christian name and Surname as on passport)

Room type (see page 2)
Superior Room – single occupancy (King or Twin)
Superior Room – two sharing (King or Twin)

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2. Insurance: Please sign below to state that you have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions as listed on our website: www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk

Name

Signature

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3. **Own travel and dietary needs etc:** Please note any supplementary requirements here, e.g. independent flights and/or transfers, vegetarian meals, allergies etc

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4. Please fully complete the section below in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Address

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5. **Next of Kin:** Please provide the following details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name:

Main Contact Number: