



1st edition of the Madeira MaXi-Race Attention: A jewel between Ocean and Mountains is born!

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MaXi-Race Madeira is born with a first successful test edition!

This race has kept its promises and fits in the spirit of MaXi-Race around the world: explore new territories in always beautiful landscapes and discover other cultures through an event accessible to all levels and for all budgets.

In a family atmosphere and friendly under a beautiful sun, 150 pioneers from 12 different nationalities were able to explore the north coast of the island. The places, still little known by traileurs, are full of volcanic and wild landscapes and cross paths, real tunnels, and Levadas (old irrigation channels).

The three courses* offer very complete itineraries alternating between very technical trails and pleasantly rolling portions by the sea or in la Laurissilva, laurel forest classified as World Natural Heritage by UNESCO.

The steep climb of the legendary Pico Jorge and Torrinhas was the culmination of the 68 km and 103 km with breathtaking views offering a bath of colors between the blue of the sea, the azure of the sky, the white some clouds and green mountains.

For **Cyril Cointre, winner of the 68km and founder of MaXi-Race World:** *"This is an extraordinarily varied playground between mountains and ocean that is reminiscent of the steep paths of Reunion with a pleasant temperature, about 17°C in this season, as the snow arrives in the Alps.*

The organization, led by masterful hands by Patricio Fernandes, has put all his heart to offer a small jewel of adventure imbued with simplicity and sharing ... I can't wait to come back with my family to explore this multicolored island while tasting dishes prepared by Patricio's mother ".

The reactions :

Antoine Guillon (winner 103 km Male):

"I am very happy to end the season with a quality ultra that brings together what I like in this discipline: a family atmosphere and relaxed, a beautiful course and perfectly marked discovering trails and little known peaks of the island. I bring back beautiful images of volcanic landscapes, daring trash, ocean agitated, but also memories of local dishes that have nothing to envy the physical commitment required to complete the course. In short, a very good choice for the month of December :-) ".

Jamie Aarons (winner 103 km Female):

*"It was a great opportunity to visit a new destination, to explore an incredible forest, sea views, villages, mountains; and meet the charming inhabitants of Madeira!
I discovered steep paths that I have never run before, like levadas and tunnels! My balance was put to the test but I really liked that! I loved the steep climbs, including those with chains to help us get up without falling to the sea! It was lucky to be at the top of the last big climb before dark, which allowed me to enjoy a spectacular view of a cloud cover north of Madeira. The sun was setting, covering the mountain "islands" with pink and orange above the clouds. I felt like I was running on it. It was fabulous and peaceful. I hope to have the opportunity to discover other MaXi-Race and continue to travel to new Trail destinations. "*



Winners women and men

103 km - The Englishman Jamie Aarons & the Frenchman Antoine Guillon

68 km - Emma Pooley from England & Cyril Cointre from France

25 km - The Portuguese Olívia Sousa & Tiago Aires

Full results : <https://bit.ly/2QPeWDO>

*** The 3 courses:**

103 km & 6,000 m D + / 5 pts Itra

68 km & 4,000 m D + / 4 pts Itra

25 km & 1 300 m D + / 2 pts Itra

Appointment is already made for next year for this very accessible dream with a change of scenery / comfort / price absolutely eXceptionnal *.

* Flight from 55 euros from Geneva roundtrip & accommodation in 4 * from 27 euros

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