

News

Extra weekly flights between Praia and Maio in the New Year

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TACV, the Cape Verdean airline is now advertising Wednesday flights between Praia and Maio starting on 11 January. This will be a very welcome addition to the flight schedules, as currently there are only flights on this route on Mondays and Fridays, which limits the possibilities for visitors and residents.

Travel from Europe to Maio in a day!

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A change in flight schedules means that it is now possible to travel from Europe to Maio in a day, with no need for an overnight stay in Praia. For example, there is a TAP flight at 06:00 from London Heathrow, arriving in Lisbon at 08:35. Then there is a TAP flight from Lisbon to Praia, leaving at 09:30 and arriving at 12:50. The TACV flight from Praia leaves at 15:00, arriving in Maio at 15:20. This also applies to all other European cities serviced by TAP.

President visits Maio before Elections

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Jorge Carlos Fonseca, president of Cape Verde is currently seeking re-election. In a recent visit to Maio Mr Fonseca told people that both the air and sea transport to and from Maio needed improvement. He also said that the island needed more developed eco-tourism and that opportunities for young people should be improved. The election takes place on 2 October. If successful, it is to be hoped that Mr Fonseca will see that the improvements for Maio are brought to fruition.

Good news - boat back in Maio!

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After several months undergoing maintenance we understand that the 'MS Sotavento' is back serving the island of Maio. The inhabitants of Maio have been concerned over their relative isolation while the boat was out of action, as they rely on it for supplies. It is also good news for people that prefer the boat to flying. The newly maintained boat now has a different colour scheme, being white not blue!

EU Ambassador visited Maio

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

The EU Ambassador, José Manuel Pinto Teixeira visited Maio last month. This important visit was a follow up on the redevelopment projects to promote Vila do Maio and strengthen the local economy and focus on Maio's wish to be a sustainable tourist destination. The three year project includes the exploiting of the salt to create a facility including salt baths and creating employment opportunities for women. In addition some regeneration including painting buildings in the main street and supporting the people of Maio in tourism and environmental issues amongst other

things. It is hoped that the result of the project will be the creation of Vila do Maio as a significant tourist destination.

New crafts being learnt on Maio

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A event on the small island of Maio has been training local people in some new crafts. Twelve people took part in the event where they have been learning new techniques for working with local materials, such as stone, metal, acacia kernels and fabrics to make varying attractive pieces. The exhibition in Vila do Maio ends on Friday 2 September. The course was run by a team from the University Institute of Arts on São Vicente. Following this event is expected that local people will be able to produce and sell a more varied and extensive range of items.