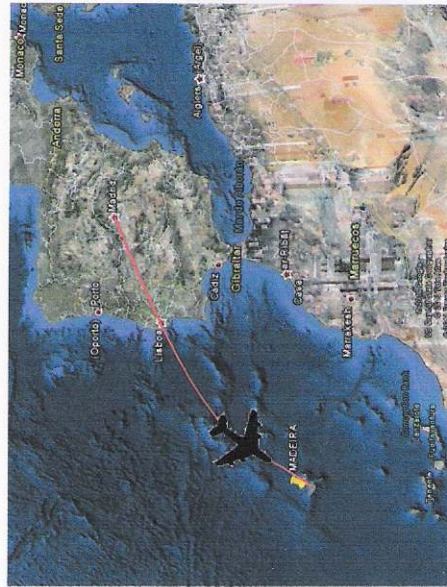


MADEIRA

SITUATION

The Portuguese Archipelago of Madeira is situated in the Atlantic Sea, it's 500 kilometers from the African coast and 1000 kilometers from the European continent. 2 hours 15 minutes from Madrid by plane.

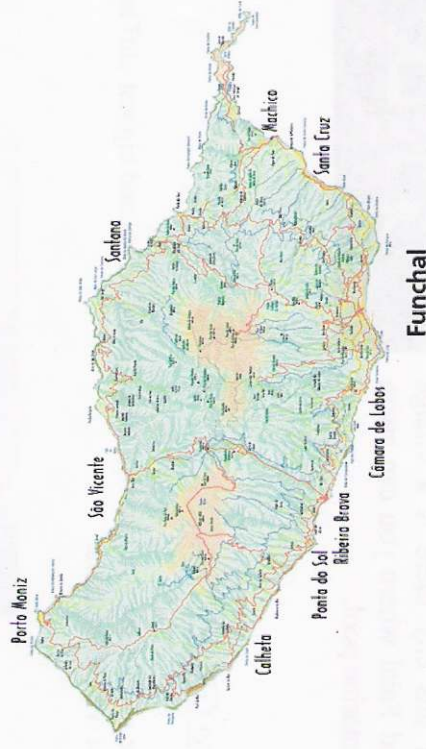


The archipelago is made up by the islands of Madeira, Porto Santo and the uninhabited islands of Chao, Deserta Grande y Bugio.

HISTORY

Madeira was discovered in 1419 by Joao Gonçalves Zarco when he was travelling to Morocco. The island was uninhabited, so Portuguese early founded news villages in the islands. Today, Madeira has his own regional government

MADEIRA ISLAND



Madeira is the most important island of the archipelago. It has a surface area of 741 km². The origin of the island is volcanic; there is only a small beach in Madeira, if you want to rest in a typical beach you have to travel to the island of Porto Santo.

Madeira has a mild sub-tropical climate. The maximum temperature is about 30 ° C and the minimum about 17° C.