



BICENTENNIAL OF THE RESTAURATION CROSSING | 1825-2025

U.S. Emigration, Madeira Wine, and Norwegian Delicacies Across the Atlantic



The Restauration is a vessel of great historical significance and a powerful symbol of emigration to the United States. In 1825, it carried the first group of Norwegians to New York on one of the most emblematic transatlantic crossings of the 19th century. During the voyage, the ship made an unexpected stop at the port of Funchal. This unlikely detour would become one of the most memorable episodes of the entire journey.

According to various historical accounts, as the vessel approached the island, the crew came across a barrel of Madeira wine floating in the sea — a curious and symbolic moment that became part of the voyage's enduring legend. When the Restauration arrived in Funchal on 28 July, the intoxicated passengers were initially seen as a potential threat. However, they were soon welcomed with generosity by the local population, who offered them food — including an abundant supply of fresh grapes.

This unexpected stopover highlights Madeira's enduring role as a cultural crossroads and a safe harbour in times of uncertainty. Two hundred years later, the Restauration's commemorative journey from Stavanger to New York once again includes Madeira on its route, celebrating this historical and cultural connection. It is a tribute to the courage of those who set sail, the generosity of those who welcomed them, and the flavours — such as Madeira wine, Norwegian cod, and other delicacies — that continue to unite both sides of the Atlantic.

EXTENDED PROGRAMME

28 July

Funchal/Porto Moniz/Funchal

12:30 Lunch at Restaurant The Fort

16:00 Visit to Vêu da Noiva vineyards

19:30 Dinner at The Views

29 July

Estreito de Câmara de Lobos / Funchal

10:00 Visit to Ribeira do Inferno vineyard

11:00 Tasting at Pinto Figueira Vineyard

14:00 Lunch at Quinta Magnólia

16:00 Meeting at the Jesuits

17:00 Visit to the Blandy's Wine Lodge

20:00 Dinner at 1811 Bistro - Restaurant

PUBLIC EVENT

30 July

Funchal Harbour

11:30 Meeting in front of the Restauration (Cais nº8, Marina) and walk to the **Community Centre** (Marina facilities)

11:40 Welcome by the Norwegian Consul, Andrew Zino

11:45 Speech by the Captain of the Restauration

11:55 Speech by Chris Blandy, CEO of the Madeira Wine Company

12:05 Speech by the Representative of the Wihelmsen Company

12:15 Speech by Sílvio Fernandes, Rector of the University of Madeira

12:25 Speech by José Rodrigues, Regional Secretary for the Economy

12:35 Madeira wine and Norwegian finger food by Chef Bjarte Finne (Slow Food Bergen) and students (Madeira Hospitality and Tourism School)

Jesuit College

15:00 Meeting "By sea and by land – Food & Beverage, Cultural Heritage, Integrated Regenerative Tourism"

19:30 Madeira wine and Norwegian finger food by Chef Bjarte Finne (Slow Food Bergen) and students (Madeira Hospitality and Tourism School)

21:30 Closing

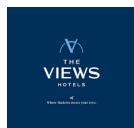
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