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## Adventure

## Trail-running in Madeira

While Madeira previously had a reputation for attracting visitors of an older vintage, it is now attracting a younger audience seeking trail running, cycling and hiking adventures. There's hardly a flat bit to be found in Madeira, and this terrain has now been recognised as the perfect location for the sport of trail running, which has boomed in recent years with big-name athletes coming to compete on the Portuguese archipelago. For thrilling activities that require less effort, visitors to the Monte neighbourhood can zoom down the steep streets to the capital, Funchal, in wicker sledges, steered by straw-hatted carreiros. Often referred to as 'the floating garden' due to its outstanding natural beauty, Madeira has reinvented itself as a desirable hotspot for younger, trendy travellers looking for a lively restaurant and bar scene. Stay at the new Savoy Palace hotel, opening in June 2019, which has a destination spa, rooftop lounge with panoramic views, terraced gardens and multiple pools. www.lhw.com