



Welcome to Algarve

Let us introduce...

- With the **capital of Faro**, Algarve is the most sunny region of Portugal South, over 300 sunny days annually
- Over **200 km of Atlantic coast**, from sandy to rock beaches as you go west from Faro
- Number of tourist in 2024. exceeded **5,2 mil**
- Just **2h away from Seville**, perfect for daily getaways and exploring area
- Mediterranean specialties, affordable meals and shopping prices makes this region first choice of West European and USA visitors
- **Ria Formosa Nature Park** occupies 17,900.77 ha, and is the **most important wetland on the south of Portugal**. With 2 peninsulas, 5 islands, 6 piers, marshlands and a scent of salt it is, on one side, the sea, on the other and before land, the "ria", a laguna system.



Faro

- As of Roman foundations and Moorish rule to pirate attacks and royal reconquests, **Faro has played a central role in shaping southern Portugal.**
- Faro is often translated to lighthouse (Farol, Pt), but its name actually derives from the **Arabic word harūn**, related to the given name **Aaron**
- Excellent location, long beaches and local charm would describe this city located by the airport and with great ocean view
- Beautiful churches, green markets and numerous restaurants and cafes make this town attractive and highly charismatic



Algarve cities/villages to visit

- **Tavira** is a small city on Portugal's Algarve coast. It straddles the Gilão River, which reaches the sea through the inlets and lagoons of Ria Formosa Natural Park. Tavira Island has a long, sandy beach, plus salt pans that attract flamingos, spoonbills and other wading birds. In the center, medieval Tavira Castle has city views.
- **Portimão** is a port city in the Algarve region of southern Portugal. It's known for its old quarter, busy marina and proximity to many beaches. Museu de Portimão is housed in a restored 19th-century cannery, with displays on local history. The Gothic-style Nossa Senhora da Conceição church has azulejo tiles. To the south are Rocha Beach, backed by ochre cliffs, and the medieval Fort of Santa Catarina de Ribamar.
- **Lagos** is a town in southern Portugal's Algarve region. It's known for its walled old town, cliffs and Atlantic beaches. Steep wooden steps lead to the sandy cove of Praia do Camilo. The nearby cliffs of Ponta de Piedade offer sweeping headland views and a lighthouse.
- As one of the country's great fishing ports, **Olhão's** local mercado is the place to shop for the freshest fish, clams, mussels, oysters and crab.



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- **Loulé** is a historic city offering a true immersion in Portuguese culture. Between its bustling market, medieval monuments, and authentic atmosphere, it's a must-visit stop in the Algarve. Entrenched between Albufeira and Faro, Loulé's best beaches attract thousands of visitors. Sport center and green market are must see in this city.
- **Vilamoura** is a resort known for its large marina, golf courses and casino, and for sandy Vilamoura Beach. Cerro da Vila archaeological museum has a ruined Roman villa with bathhouses and mosaics.
- **Monchique** is a small town located amidst the highest mountains of the Algarve. The views from the Fóia peak are breathtaking and you can hike up to the mountains or relax in the nearby thermal springs of Caldas de Monchique.
- In the village of **Estoi**, 7 km north of Faro, you can take a beautiful walk through a 1st century Roman street, surrounded by orange trees. It is known for its rococo Palace of Estoi, while nearby Milreu has evidence of a Roman Vila.
- The village of **Silves** is located in a fertile valley populated by orange trees, vineyards and olive trees. This town boasts a castle, which was built in the eleventh century on the remains of a Roman fortress.



Bucket list

- **Benagil caves** - This gigantic, beautiful cave is sometimes referred to as the Benagil Cathedral because of the various arches it forms, which, viewed from the outside of the cave, give it the appearance of a cathedral.
- **Fortaleza de Sagres** - Sagres' fortress offers breathtaking views over the sheer cliffs, and all along the coast to Cabo de São Vicente.
- **Cabo de São Vicente**, well known as **The end of the world**, as the most south-west spot in Europe. Its strategic location, where the turbulent waters of the Atlantic meet the tranquillity of the Mediterranean, has given it a crucial role during the era of Portuguese discoveries .
- **Ponta da Piedade** is famous for its golden cliffs, turquoise waters, and sunsets. Experience of 1.5 km scenic hike ending with 182 steps down to the grottos to access the mini harbor.
- **Zoomarine Algarve** - with full-day access to the park, you can see dolphin, sea lion & bird shows, go on thrilling rides&water slides, enjoy a 4D cinema&an ocean-themed aquarium.



Must see beaches and islands

- Ilha da Armona
- Ilha Deserta
- Praia de Faro
- Praia Verde
- Praia da Marinha
- Praia da Rocha
- Praia Dos Paradinha
(Pirate beach)
- Praia Da Arrifana
- Praia Do Carvalho



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