

# PORTUGAL / ALGARVE



## ALGARVE - THE SUNNY SOUTH OF PORTUGAL

It is not only the more than 3000 hours of sunshine that attract visitors to the Algarve in spring and fall, but above all the wonderful contrast between the stunning coastal landscape and the mountains. Cork oaks and eucalyptus forests, the aromatic herbs of the maquis, the blossoming nature and the simple and historic farming villages that complement the azure blue sea - a cycle tour for the senses and also for the palate, as you stay in pousadas and resort hotels with lots of charm and comfort.

LEVEL



KM

228

DURATION

8 Days  
7 Nights

TRAVEL DATES

30.03 - 06.04.2025  
04.10 - 11.10.2025

### Day 1

Joint flight to Faro. From here we take a short transfer to our dreamy palazzo, which will be our home for the next 4 nights. Opportunity to refresh in the hotel's own pool and dinner.

### Day 2 Estoi - Loulé - Faro 42 km

From the hotel, our first cycling stage takes us into the Algarve hinterland. Our first stop is the excavation site of a Roman trading town. The ruins of Milreu are one of the most important examples of Roman residential and economic culture at the beginning of the 1st century AD. From here, our cycle route continues to Loulé. Its beautiful mercado is worth a visit and reminds us that it's time for lunch. In the afternoon, we cycle through beautiful lemon and orange groves to Faro. Visit the old town and return to our palace hotel.



### Day 3 Estoi - Fuseta - Tavira 64 km

Tavira is today's destination. On the way, we pass through the Formosa Nature Park. A grandiose landscape that was first formed by an earthquake and seaquake in the middle of the 18th century. With a protected area of 170 km<sup>2</sup>, the associated lagoon is one of the largest lagoon conservation areas in Europe. With a bit of luck, we may see black-winged stilts and flamingos, as well as various seabirds.

The town lies on the banks of the Gilão, a river that flows leisurely along. Tavira offers an impressive mix of traditional Portuguese heritage and profound Moorish influences. Tucked away in a labyrinth of cobbled streets are traditional tiled houses, small restaurants and numerous small, beautifully decorated churches.

### Day 4 Alcoutim - Border river Guadiana 36 km

Transfer from the hotel to Alcoutim. From here we follow the border river Guadiana with a view of the Spanish bank. Along the way we pass small villages with their traditional farmhouses, some still built of slate. Settlement in this area goes back a long way, as evidenced by the 4000-year-old menhirs that keep appearing along the way. A magnificent mountain panorama opens up on the way to Corte da Seda. The cork oak forests are numerous here, as is the still active fabric production with traditional weaving techniques.







### Day 5 Silves and coastal landscape 46 km

The old town of Silves was once an important art center and still has a strong Moorish character today. This is not least due to the Arabic castle wall that surrounds the town. After the tour, we cycle back towards the coast with plenty of energy.

On the program is the magnificent coastal landscape of the Algarve, which offers a magnificent backdrop of cliffs and small bays, interrupted by small villages.

### Day 6 Serra de Monchique - Lagos 40 km

After a transfer up to Mount Fóia, we ride our bikes through shady forests and along winding paths back down to the valley. Along the way, we see the familiar cork oak forests, which are slowly being replaced by eucalyptus trees? We have lunch in a rustic village inn. Then we continue through a beautiful landscape with a view of the Algarve coast ahead of us. At the end of the day, the beach and swimming are worthwhile.



It was another all-round successful trip, even the rainy day turned into a fun experience!

Claudia & Reni



### Day 7 Coastal hike and kayak excursion

Today we stay off the saddle and hike along the stunning coastal scenery on foot. We spend about 3 hours marveling at the breathtaking panorama, which can only be seen from the hiking trail. Picnic with the most beautiful view. In the afternoon we offer free time with the option of swimming or taking part in our spectacular excursion on the water. The red-yellow sandstone caves can only and best be viewed from the water. So get in your kayak and glide for 3 hours through the grottos and caves formed over millions of years. A magnificent spectacle!

### Day 8

Departure.

Connecting flights within Germany on request  
Half double room on request

Surcharge Rail & Fly within Germany 80 €  
Extension stay possible

#### GUIDED BIKE TOUR



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#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- Scheduled flight from/to Frankfurt to Faro
- 4 nights in an exclusive 5-star Pousada Palace Hotel
- 3 nights in 5-star BeachResort-Hotel
- 7 x breakfast
- 6 x lunch or picnic
- 7 x dinner
- Drinking water during the bike tours
- Cycling tour guide from FRANCE A VELO
- Local cycle tour guide
- Support vehicle during the entire trip
- City tours as per program
- All transfers mentioned
- Entrance fees
- Map material
- 24-speed touring bike rental
- Luggage transfer and bike transfer
- Spa and local taxes

#### PER PERSON

##### ROOM

DBLE/DU/WC	2140 €
SGL/DU/WC	2580 €

##### BIKE RENTAL

Surcharge e-bike equipped with pannier bag	120 €
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