

Portugal - Algarve Hiking Tour 2023
Self-Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



On this walking tour you get the chance to explore the vast landscape of the Algarve region with its picturesque villages, art historical monuments and extensive nature reserves. The Algarve is famous for beautiful beaches and marvelous coastal scenery, next to all of that it is also a true walking tour paradise! Discover sleepy little villages surrounded by olive groves, come across an abundance of almond and fig trees during your walks through this placid landscape. Sheer nature awaits, fragrant lemon and orange groves, birds singing and the occasional bell-jingling from grazing goats and sheep. Each tour is packed full of a unique blast of color of the diverse fauna and flora.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Tavira

Arrival at Faro and transfer to Tavira. This little coastal town has a very long and beautiful sandy beach to offer, the town center is full of interesting buildings and is home of a fish market, which we highly recommend.



Day 2: Circular walk to Cacela Velha & Cabanas 14 km + 50 m - 50 m
A comfortable walk along the coast, starting in the old village of Velha, takes you along deserted paths to the charming fishing village of Cabanas. There fishing is still in full swing and an ideal lunch place to enjoy observing the busy life on the water. Through several salt pans, in which numerous wild animals dwell, you walk back to Tavira.

Day 3: Circular walk "Ceramica" 15 km + 100 m - 230 m

Today's tour takes you into a fertile village, which is well-known for the production of traditional ceramic tiles. You walk across small cultivation areas for various types of vegetables, olive, carob, almond and fig trees. Continue through lush lemon and orange groves, as well as along fragrant flowering meadows.

Day 4: Day off in Tavira

A perfect opportunity to relax in the hotel or to visit the sights of Tavira. A very special experience is the bird watching in the moor and swamp area of the Reserva Natural do Sapal, which is famous for its flamingoes.

Day 5: Circular walk to Vila Real de Santo António 11 km + 10 m - 20 m

This idyllic walk leads you along the coast to the Spanish border. From Altura you walk through pine forests on narrow snaking paths and after that on deserted unspoiled beaches to the Rio Guadiana estuary, the river which separates Portugal from Spain. Your finish today is the charming town Vila Real de Santo António, which offers plenty of interesting cultural history and architecture.



Day 6: Circular walk "Fishing Village Fuzeta" 16 km + 20 m - 20 m

To the west of Tavira you find the fishing village Fuzeta, the starting point of your tour. You walk through salt pans, past little villages with colorful houses and gardens. We recommend you enjoy a nice break in one of the little cafés along the banks of the quietly flowing river Ria.



Day 7: Circular walk "Ilha de Tavira" 17 km + 10 m - 10 m

For the finale of your week of walking along the Algarve, you discover the island of Tavira, home of the region's most beautiful sandy beaches and the extensive nature reserve Ria Formosa. It is true holiday bliss to amble along these beaches and marvel at little fishing villages like Santa Luzia, where countless fishing boats are bobbing gently up and down on the waters of the canal.

Day 8: Individual departure or extension



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Medium. Daily tours with a walking time between 3 and a maximum of 4.5 hours can easily be managed with a good basic fitness level. You walk on walking paths and forest trails through unspoiled nature in the Algarve region and its nature reserves.

Total Distance: 73 km

Travel Season: Departures daily from January 7 to December 10, 2023

Season 1: January 7 – March 26 and October 30 – December 10

Season 2: March 27 – May 28 and September 25 – October 29

Season 3: May 29 – September 24



Price per person:

Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 599.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 729.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 959.00
Single Occupancy Surcharge Season 1	€ 279.00
Single Occupancy Surcharge Season 2	€ 389.00
Single Occupancy Surcharge Season 3	€ 539.00
Surcharge Pool View	€ 169.00
Surcharge Half Board 7x	€ 185.00
Extra Nights Double or Single Occupancy B&B	On request

Accommodation:

Hotel Maria Nova Lounge 4*: The hotel is situated in a quiet and slightly elevated location above Tavira, only 5 minutes walking away from the old part of town offering an amazing view over the idyllic town, the beaches and the Atlantic. The hotel offers all amenities of a 4* hotel with in-house restaurant and Panorama Bar, as well as a garden with indoor and outdoor pools. The rooms with a modern interior invite to linger and relax and feature a private balcony.

Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast
- Transfers according to program
- Transfer from/to airport or train station Faro
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel and tour documents 1x per room
- App for navigation and GPS data available
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Any visitor's taxes, payable locally