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# *Algarve Coastal Walk*

FROM WEST TO EAST ALONG THE WILD ATLANTIC COAST.

Not only can you spend a wonderful beach holiday in the Algarve, the magnificent and above all varied region is the perfect domicile for a hiking holiday. Of course, you can (and should) swim too! Fantastic beaches and bays are just as much a part of this part of Portugal as wild nature and historic fishing villages.

## *Details of the tour along the Algarve*

After your arrival, the beautiful old town of Lagos awaits you with numerous shops, cafés and restaurants - get in the mood for the tour, which begins with two round trips, with a cool drink. On the west coast you hike over wild rock formations and breathtaking bays to beautiful Figueira and on the way to the impressive coast "Ponta de Piedade" you feel the power of the Atlantic with all your senses.

From Lagos, the route continues via the bathing mecca of Carvoeiro to Albufeira and on to Faro. If you feel like a shopping spree, you are guaranteed to be in good hands in the capital of the Algarve. But the city also has a lot to offer. The longest stage of the tour leads 19 kilometres through the Ria Formosa Nature Park, from where you can take a boat to Tavira. Finally, another round trip awaits before it's time to say "Adeus, Portugal!".

## *Highlights of the 8-day hiking tour*

- **Impressive rock formations of limestone and sandstone:** One or two rocky climbs makes the tour a real adventure, but it's worth it. The wildly romantic nature along the reddish-brown cliffs – a spectacle!
- **Lonely hiking trails along the south coast:** The extensive beaches make this part of the Algarve something very special. Forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life and soak up the tranquillity!
- **Paradisiacal bays and endless sandy beaches:** Hiking here is simply paradisiacal - and above all, not bound to any season. The mild climate makes it possible!

- **Unique flora and fauna in the Ria Formosa Nature Park:** In the 18th century, a seaquake formed the lagoons between Faro and Tavira. Numerous animals under and above water find their habitat here, e.g. the nature park is considered an important breeding ground for sea birds.
- **Romantic alleys in the historic overnight towns:** Besides many small villages and pretty towns, Tavira is certainly one of the highlights. Be sure to start an exploration tour from the "Praça da República".

## *Useful information about coastal hiking with Eurohike*

The excellently prepared hiking routes provide a lot of variety in addition to unbelievably beautiful views. While the rocky paths are quite demanding, you can relax along the coast. We stay in great hotels with pools, where you can relax wonderfully after the stages.

- Several regions in the land of explorers and seafarers are waiting to be explored by you - browse through our [Portugal hiking tours](#) here.
- Here you can find more [hiking tours along the Algarve](#).

### *Walking*



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour

### **To the online version**



# Itinerary

DAY  
1

## *Arrival in Lagos*

The little coastal town of Lagos welcomes you with its mediterranean flair in the lively alleyways of the historic centre. The bustling crowd at the harbour and the dreamy sandy beach will get you in the right mood for a stupendous holiday.

Hotel example: [Marina Rio](#)

DAY  
2

## *Circular walk wild west coast*

Black, red and yellow rock formations, sparse plateaus, long drawn-out sandy beaches and breathtaking headlands offer the perfect backdrop for a very special hike. From tranquil Sagres deserted trails lead you on gently undulating terrain along the coast through the fragrant Macchia. Over rocky steep trails and through glistening bays you finally reach the little village of Figueira.

Hotel example: [Marina Rio](#)



approx. 5 hours



14 km



400 m



400 m

DAY  
3

## *Circular walk Ponta da Piedade*

In the coastal village Burgau you start a fabulous tour totally under the banner of the sea: high cliffs, jagged rocky landscape, cozy bays and gurgling grottos are testimony to the tireless power of the deep-blue waves. The sound of the waves and the distinctive fragrance of the Atlantic accompany you to the lighthouse situated high up above the spectacular rock cliffs of Ponta da Piedade.

Hotel example: [Marina Rio](#)



approx. 5 hours



16 km



400 m



400 m

DAY  
4*Lagos – Albufeira*

From Ferragudo you proceed on an impressive cliff path over steep cliffs, hollowed out limestone formations and hidden sandy beaches all the way to Carvoeiro, where you reward yourself with a break in a beach bar. Afterwards you continue through the seven hanging valleys, a marvelous coastal trail leading through seven bays past countless rock sculptures all the way to the Praia da Marinha.

Hotel example: [Sol e Mar](#)



approx. 5.5 hours



15 km



500 m



500 m

DAY  
5*Albufeira – Faro*

Always along the beach through dunes and lagoons on winding paths through the nature reserve on the coast, where you get to marvel at numerous bird species, the mudflat and the ocean from the viewing towers. On the renowned Ludo-Trail you cross the bridge over to the island of Faro, a long drawn-out sandy strip, which invites you to an extensive rest and pitstop.

Hotel example: [Hotel Faro & Beach Club](#)



approx. 4 hours



11 km



50 m



50 m

DAY  
6*Faro – Tavira*

A short train journey takes you into the fishing village Fuzeta, the start of the tour. Glistening salt basins, little villages with colorful houses and blooming orchards line your path. At the shores of the slowly flowing river Ria Formosa you proceed on the edge of the lagoon through the nature park until the island of Tavira. Past the 'Anchor Cemetery' via the fine sandy beach all the way to the Northern end of the island, from where you take a boat into the 'Venice of the Algarve', the historic little town of o Tavira.

Hotel example: [Maria Nova Lounge](#)



approx. 5 hours



19 km



150 m



150 m

DAY  
7

## *Circular walk Vila Real de Santo António*

You embark on an idyllic route along the coast to the Eastern end of the Algarve to the Spanish border. Over gentle dunes, through fragrant pine forests and on deserted beaches you proceed to the Rio Guadiana estuary, which separates Portugal from Spain. Day Finish of the route is the charming little hamlet of Vila Real de Santo António, which will delight you with its historic background and enchanting architecture.

Hotel example: Maria Nova Lounge



approx. 4 hours



15 km



100 m



100 m

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DAY  
8

## *Departure or extra days*

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# *Tour character*

Throughout you walk on well-maintained paths, on sandy and rocky trails, as well as on steep paths along the cliffs, partly also on gravel roads. For the hiking tours with a walking time of up to 5.5 hours a good basic fitness level and surefootedness for the, in parts, rocky paths along the cliffs are necessary. Along stunning coastal paths, you discover the diversity of the East- and West coast of the Algarve.

# Prices and events

Place of arrival: Lagos

	<b>Season 1</b> 05.01.2023 - 25.03.2023   29.10.2023 - 09.12.2023   Arrival thursday and saturday	<b>Season 2</b> 26.03.2023 - 27.05.2023   01.10.2023 - 28.10.2023   Arrival thursday and saturday	<b>Season 3</b> 28.05.2023 - 30.09.2023   Arrival thursday and saturday
<b>Algarve Coastal Walk, 8 days, PO-AGWLT-08X</b>			
Base price	699.00	849.00	989.00
Surcharge single room	499.00	499.00	499.00

Category: nice 4\*\*\*\* hotels with pool

# Additional nights

Place of arrival: Lagos

	<b>Season 1</b> Jan 5, 2023 - Mar 25, 2023   Oct 29, 2023 - Dec 9, 2023   Arrival thursday and saturday	<b>Season 2</b> Mar 26, 2023 - May 27, 2023   Oct 1, 2023 - Oct 28, 2023   Arrival thursday and saturday	<b>Season 3</b> May 28, 2023 - Sep 30, 2023   Arrival thursday and saturday
<b>Lagos</b>			
Double room p. P.	69.00	89.00	119.00
Surcharge single room	69.00	69.00	69.00
<b>Tavira</b>			
Double room p. P.	59.00	79.00	109.00
Surcharge single room	69.00	69.00	69.00

Prices per person in EUR

# Services and infos

## Services

### Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Transfers according to program
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- App for Navigation and GPS-data available
- Service hotline

### Optional:

- Airport transfer Faro – Lagos EUR 110 per ride (up to 4 people), Tavira – airport Faro EUR 55 per ride (up to 4 people), reservation is necessary, to be paid for in advance.

## Infos

### Arrival / Departure:

- Faro Airport. By bus to Faro train station and then by train ([www.cp.pt/passageiros/pt](http://www.cp.pt/passageiros/pt)) to Lagos in approx. 2 hours.
- Return journey by bus or train from Tavira to Faro airport in approx. 1.5 hours (1x change) or taxi ride approx. EUR 40, duration about 30 minutes.

### Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Fares for public transport, approx. EUR 10 per person
- Boat trip Tavira Island – Tavira, approx. EUR 2 per person
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)