# Cycling Tour along the Algarve

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 280 KM BOOKING CODE: ES-POST7 DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ••••

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#### Your tour

The Algarve is a mystical attraction for surfers, dropouts, artists and, for some years now, also for cyclists. The wildly romantic coast can be wonderfully explored on and by bike within a week. The tour starts at the end of the world, the legendary south-westernmost point of Europe. You cycle past beautiful landscapes, romantic fishing villages and picturesque old towns to the Spanish border.

## Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Sagres
Day 2	Sagres – Lagos, approx. 45 – 55 km
Day 3	Lagos – Portimão, approx. 35 km
Day 4	Portimão – Albufeira, approx. 35 km
Day 5	Albufeira – Faro, approx. 50 km
Day 6	Faro – Tavira, approx. 40 km
Day 7	Excursion to Vila Real de Santo Antonio, approx. 60 km
Day 8	Individual departure

## Travel time

Season A	16.01. – 20.03.	31.10. – 05.12.
Season B	21.03. – 08.05.	26.09. – 30.10.
Season C	09.05. – 25.09.	

The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

- → 7 nights with breakfast, national 4\*-level
- → Digital travel documents and route navigation via app
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel to Tavira, max. 20 kg / piece
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)

# Not included services

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# Basic price per person

Do	oubleroom, Season A	959,-
Do	publeroom, Season B	1159,-
Do	publeroom, Season C	1389,-
Ad	lditional fee single room	629,-

## Additional night prices per person

Sagres DBL / BB	95,-
Sagres SGL / BB	169

# Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	289,-
Airport Faro – Sagres excl. bike (from 2 persons)	75,-
Rental bike (21-gear)*	99,-
Transfer Tavira – Airport Faro excl. bike (from 2 persons)	29,-

<sup>\*</sup>including rental bike insurance

#### **Exemplary hotel list**

Sagres	Memmo Baleeira, Sagres	https://www.memmohotels.com/baleeira/
Lagos	Tivoli Lagos	https://www.tivolihotels.com/en/tivoli-lagos
Portimao	Turim Presidente Portimao	https://turim-hotels.com/en/ turim-presidente-hotel-en/
Albufeira	Vila Gale Cerro Alagoa Albufeira	https://www.vilagale.com/de/hotels/algarve/ vila-gale-cerro-alagoa
Faro	AP Eva senses Faro	https://ap-hotelsresorts.com/eva
Tavira	Ozadi Hotel Tavira	https://www.ozaditavirahotel.com/
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#### Child reduction on basic price

Due to the challenging stages, we do not recommend this trip for children.

## Additional night prices per person

Tavira DBL / BB (Season A + B)	75,–
Tavira DBL / BB (Season C)	115,-
Tavira SGL / BB (Season A + B)	139,–
Tavira SGL / BB (Season C)	179,-

#### **Languages Travel documents**

→ German, English, French

# Additional note

- → All bookings are on request.
- → Optionally bookable: Printed travel documents incl. maps, per room  $\stackrel{\textstyle \leftarrow}{}$  20
- → Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

#### Equipment of our rental bikes

- → Bike lock
- → Odometer
- → Handlebar bag
- → Air pump
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- → Waterproof pannier

# **Journey to Sagres**

→ Nearest airport: Sagres

# Luggage transport

→ Luggage pick-up from 09.00 a.m., delivery to the next hotel by 06.00 p.m. at the latest, labeling of luggage is 1 x for the whole tour. No restriction on the number of pieces of luggage, but max. 20 kg per piece of luggage.

# Stages description

# Day 1: Individual arrival in Sagres

Your bike tour in the Algarve begins in Sagres. The small town has a fortress, the Fortaleza de Sagres, which you should visit immediately after check-in at the hotel. Numerous myths entwine around the fort, which was originally built in the time of Henry the Navigator. Or how about a short trip to the Cabo de São Vicente? The lighthouse, located above the 60-meter-high barren cliffs, marks the southwestern point of the European mainland. Hundreds of years ago, the end of the world was thought to be here. In the evening, at Praia do Tonel, you can watch not only the expansive beach, but also the sunset.

# Day 2: Sagres – Lagos, approx. 45 – 55 km

If you didn't have a chance to visit Cabo de São Vicente on yesterday's bike tour in the Algarve, you'll have plenty of opportunity to do so today. Over gentle hills you will reach the fishing village of Salema, on whose beach a longer bathing break is worthwhile. Via Burgau we continue towards Lagos. On the headland south of the city, a grandiose landscape awaits you: jagged rocks form a labyrinth of caves and rock needles jutting out of the water. It is amazing what has been created solely by the power of nature. Ponta da Piedade is particularly worth seeing. The tip of a headland is one of the most beautiful rock formations in the Algarve and makes an excellent photo opportunity. You will spend the night in the harbor town of Lagos.

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#### Day 3: Lagos - Portimão, approx. 35 km

Cycling towards the morning sun, you will first reach the beach of Meia. Take a refreshing dip in the sea before getting back on the saddle. Via the small town of Odiáxere with its church worth seeing in the style of Emanuelism and Baroque, you will head to Alvor. In this town, which is not far from the coast, it is worthwhile to stop for lunch, which you can spend in a typical restaurant with freshly caught fish. Portimão is the largest city in the western Algarve. The most famous beach of the town is Praia da Rocha. It offers golden rock formations and a wide range of leisure activities.

#### Day 4: Portimão - Albufeira, approx. 35 km

After crossing the Arade River, you will pass olive, cypress, orange and cork oak trees and return to the sea via Lagoa. About halfway, it is worth stopping at the Capela de Nossa Senhora da Rocha. The chapel is located on a narrow headland and offers a beautiful view of the roaring waves of the Atlantic. Continue on to your overnight destination of Albufeira. The city center nestles picturesquely on a spacious bay. Not far from the center is the Praia dos Pescadores. Formerly a place for fishermen, today it is one of the city's most popular beaches.

#### Day 5: Albufeira – Faro, approx. 50 km

Your bike tour today takes you to Faro, the capital of the Algarve. On the way you can stop at the many sandy beaches, which invite you to take a break and sunbathe. Via Vilamoura, which was established as a vacation resort only a few decades ago, you will reach Faro. Just outside Faro is the Ria Formosa Nature Park. It is one of the seven

natural wonders of Portugal. The lagoon-like park provides a protected habitat for fish and birds among the numerous channels, mudflats and sandbanks. In Faro, a walk through the Centro histórico with its city gates and old churches is a must.

#### Day 6: Faro - Tavira, approx. 40 km

Today's stage first takes you a few more kilometers through the Ria Formosa Nature Park to Olhão. Take a coffee break in the lively market hall before cycling via the fishing village of Fuseta to your destination of the day, Tavira. Palaces, churches, the ruins of the castle as well as the river Gilão flowing through the middle of the town determine the townscape. Spend the evening at the Gilão with a typical Portuguese meal and delicious wine.

# Day 7: Excursion to Vila Real de Santo Antonio, approx. 60 km

Not far from the sandy beaches of the Atlantic Ocean, you will cycle to the small town of Vila Real de Santo Antonio on your Algarve bike tour. It lies on the Guadiana, the border river between Portugal and Spain. Built in the 18th century in just a few months, the neighboring Spain should be impressed. As you stroll through the city, you will certainly notice the chessboard-like arrangement of the streets. You will then follow the Guadiana north for a few kilometers before cycling back to Tavira.

# Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.

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