

# Portugal – Algarve



## Trip Summary

Lose yourself in the activities, history, food and wine, and hospitality of the southernmost region of continental Portugal. Hike, bike, boat, and paddle your way through picturesque towns, undulating coastlines, dramatic sea caves, and up to the highest point in the region. Relax at a cliffside resort's rooftop bar or on a secluded beach. Relish well-earned summit picnic lunches, traditional Portuguese foods, honey tastings, traditional piri piri dishes, and samplings of the traditional fruit brandy medronho. Enjoy the flexibility and spontaneity of multiple free nights on your own and the chance to choose adventures such as a Jeep safari, horseback ride, or coastal walk.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Vila Gale Albacora

Transfer from the airport to your hotel • Welcome dinner with your guide • *Overnight at Vila Gale Albacora (D)*

### Day 2: Vila Gale Albacora / Praia do Barril / Tavira

Guided walk from hotel to Praia do Barril, with a support vehicle tailing the group with drinks, snacks and ready assistance • Lunch at Beach Restaurant, a museum depicting the life of the tuna fishermen • Bicycle exploration of Tavira and surroundings • Dinner in Tavira center with guide • *Overnight at Vila Gale Albacora (B, L, D)*

### Day 3: Olhão / Farol Island / Culatra Island / Ria Formosa Natural Park

Transfer to the village of Olhão to visit the local market and taste some of the local delicacies • Ferry to Farol Island for lunch, then explore the island on foot, making our way to the island of Culatra • Private boat tour to the islands of the Ria Formosa Natural Park, a prime birdwatching location and home of the biggest seahorse population in Europe • Dinner on your own in Tavira • *Overnight at Vila Gale Albacora (B, L)*

### Day 4: Tavira / Praia Grande / Carvoeiro

Transfer from Tavira to Praia Grande's Ferragudo beach • Kayak with a marine biologist into the most beautiful sea caves in the region, discovering sea species along the way • Swim, tan, and lunch away on a secluded beach before being towed by motorboat back to your start point • Walk from the beach back to your hotel following the Seven Hanging Valleys trail in Carvoeiro, exploring the beautiful coastline as you go • Dinner at a typical chicken piri piri restaurant • *Overnight at Tivoli Carvoeiro Algarve Resort (B, L, D)*

### Day 5: Monchique Mountain / Picota / Foia / Carvoeiro

Transfer to Monchique Mountain • Hike from Picota to Foia, the highest point in Algarve • Picnic lunch at the summit • Downhill cycle tour, stopping for tastings of honey and medronho (a traditional fruit brandy made in the mountains) • Dinner on your own in Carvoeiro • *Overnight at Tivoli Carvoeiro Algarve Resort (B, L)*

### Day 6: Lagos Harbor / Praia do Barranco / Sagres Coast

Transfer to Lagos harbor for your dolphin adventure • Lunch on your own in downtown Lagos • Transfer to Praia do Barranco beach for your caving adventure • *Overnight at Memmo Baleeira (B, D)*



# Portugal – Algarve

## **Day 7: Sagres Coast / Vicentina Coast**

After a power breakfast at your hotel, choose between half-day Jeep safari along the beautiful cliffs of the Sagres coast, horseback riding, or a coastal walk • Lunch on your own in Sagres • Afternoon free to explore on your own! • Dinner at Hotel • *Overnight at Memmo Baleeira (B, D)*

## **Day 8: Departure**

Following another delicious breakfast, bid farewell to Algarve • Transfers back to Faro Airport for your onward flights • *No overnight (B)*

*\*Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

## **Our Partner – AllTravel**

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with AllTravel, a local Portuguese travel agency based in the City of Portimão. AllTravel was established in 2003 and combines tourism with cultural, educational and natural history. This destination agency offers a long list of services ranging from holiday transfers to tailor made custom trips and more in order to provide guests with an unforgettable experience. Austin Adventures and AllTravel look forward to providing you with top notch customer service in some of Portugal's most beautiful places. You'll be sure to take home memories of the tasty Portuguese dishes, inspiring scenery, incredible beaches, and cave formations which the Algarve is famous for.

# Portugal – Algarve



## Activities

**Hiking:** Up to 14km over moderate terrain and with support vehicle tailing, with drinks, refreshments, snacks and assistance if needed.

**Biking:** Up to 10km over moderate terrain and with support vehicle tailing, with drinks, refreshments, snacks and assistance if needed.

**Horseback riding (optional):** No prior experience needed.

### **Options at Vila Gale Albacora:**

Free small museum, pool, playground, game room, spa, and gardens.

### **Options at Tivoli Carvoeiro Algarve Resort:**

Celebrity-chef standard restaurants (three total), Tivoli Spa, fitness area, pool, three bars (including one on the rooftop), and kids' activities.

### **Options at Memmo Baleeira:**

Restaurant, bar, lounge, swimming pool with ocean views, an area for spa treatments and massages, sauna, gym, heated indoor pool, playroom, kids' activities (even a kid's surf class), bike rental, jeep trips, and water sports like surfing, windsurfing and diving.

### **Discovery:**

Spot spoonbills, flamingos and other wading birds in the Tavira salt plans. Explore Tavira Castle and the tombs of seven knights killed by the Moors. Absorb the seafaring history and traditions of generations of tuna fishermen. Engage with Portuguese water dogs and learn the history of this delightful breed. Taste local delicacies at a town market that dates from the early 1900's. Enjoy endless, practically deserted sands bathed by a gentle clear sea on Farol Island. Explore the flora and fauna of Ria Formosa Natural Park, a key protected area for migrating and local birds (often more than 20,000 birds during the wintering period) and one of the largest seahorse populations in the world. Join a marine biologist to kayak into fabulous local sea caves, spotting oceanic wildlife along the way. Taste local honeys and the traditional fruit brandy made in the mountains called medronho. Sample local, peppery piri piri chicken dishes. Explore the beautiful cliffs of the Sagres coast via Jeep safari, horseback, or coastal walk. Learn about dolphin behaviors during an encounter in Lagos harbor.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

## Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



# Portugal – Algarve

## Distinctive Accommodations

### **Nights 1 – 3: Vila Gale Albacora**

A restored former tuna fishing camp, where the “people of the sea” historically lived from March to September, the hotel is both accommodation and museum. Set within the Ria Formosa Natural Park, the old fishermen houses, workshops and warehouses we converted into 162 rooms with beautiful views of the Ria Formosa. The chapel was preserved and is now adapted for hosting events and the old school is now a kids’ club. What was once the bakery is now a free small museum. There is a pool, playground, game room, spa, laundry service, gardens, and Wi-Fi.

### **Nights 4 & 5: Tivoli Carvoeiro Algarve Resort**

For 25 years, the landmark Tivoli Carvoeiro Algarve Resort has been perched overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on the Vale Covo cliffside. The fully-refurbished, family-friendly 5-star hotel in Carvoeiro offers 248 refurbished bedrooms, suites with balconies and new Family Rooms for larger groups. Facilities include celebrity-chef standard restaurants (three total), Tivoli Spa, fitness area, pool, three bars (including one on the rooftop), complimentary Wi-Fi, and kids’ activities.

### **Nights 6 – 7: Memmo Baleeira**

Characterized by a relaxed, contemporary design, this 4-star hotel offers 144 rooms and family-friendly suites with views of the sea and the Baleeira harbor. Facilities include a restaurant, bar, lounge, swimming pool with ocean views, an area for spa treatments and massages, sauna, gym, heated indoor pool, playroom, kids’ activities (even a kid’s surf class), bike rental, jeep trips, water sports like surfing, windsurfing and diving, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Situated in Costa Vicentina Natural Park, the hotel is surrounded by stunning deserted beaches and the beauty of wilderness.

# Portugal – Algarve



## Arrival & Departures

Please plan on arriving early on the day of your trip departure (or, to be safe, at least one day prior to your trip departure). Day one of your itinerary starts with a pick-up at Faro Airport (AKA Algarve Airport) depending on your arrival time. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Faro Airport or your Faro hotel.

## Trip Price

\$3,698 per person  
\$680 single supplement

## Trip Length

8 days/7 nights

## 2020 Dates

May 3 – 10  
September 6 – 13

## Host City

Faro, Portugal (FAO)

## Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

*Immerse yourself in the coastal culture of southern Portugal – with the perfect blend of structured tour and flexible ‘me time’*



# Portugal – Algarve

## Trip Reservations

### Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$750 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

**Toll free:** 800-575-1540

**Phone:** 406-655-4591

**Online:** [austinadventures.com](http://austinadventures.com)

**Email:** [reservations@austinadventures.com](mailto:reservations@austinadventures.com)

**Mail:** Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

\* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

\*\* We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

### Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

### Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures / Alltravel guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

### Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

# Portugal – Algarve



## Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

## Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. *\*some restrictions may apply*

## Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

## Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

\*\*\*As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

**Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure** – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

**Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure** – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

**Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure** – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

**Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure** – No refund is given

## Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.