











Algarve: Sagres - Tavira

Cycle along the Algarve coast to Tavira

Explore the diverse beauty of the Algarve on a cycling holiday that takes you from Cape St. Vincent, Europe's southwesternmost point, all the way to Vila Real de Santo Antonio, a charming Portuguese-Spanish border town. Along this captivating route, you'll encounter a rich tapestry of experiences, including breathtaking landscapes, quaint fishing villages steeped in tradition, vibrant historic centres, hidden coves embraced by dramatic cliffs, panoramic sea vistas, and endless sandy beaches beckoning you to relax and swim. Relish the warm embrace of Portuguese hospitality, savor the exquisite local cuisine, and uncover the multifaceted charm of this stunning coastal journey from west to east.

The Algarve, known as the land of seafarers, explorers, and perpetual sunshine, offers cyclists an ideal setting for an unforgettable bike excursion. With its stunning beaches, picturesque villages lining your cycling path, secluded bays, a profusion of sunshine, and an infectious sense of joy, few places can rival the seamless blend of activity and relaxation found on a bike tour through the Algarve's captivating beauty.

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Details about the cycling holiday from Sagres to Vila Real

The small, charming coastal town of Sagres with its impressive fortress is the starting point of our cycle tour along the Algarve. From here you will explore what is probably the sunniest coast in Europe and come across stage locations that are well worth seeing, secluded bays and romantic sunsets.

Take every opportunity that presents itself to you to dare a cooling dip in the sea on a kitschy-beautiful beach. Via Lagos, Portimao, Albufeira, Faro and Tavira you finally reach Vila Real de Santo Antonio, near the border with Spain.

The highlights of the Algarve cycling holiday at a glance:

- **Lagos:** In the 14th and 15th centuries, the small port town of Lagos was the starting point for many voyages of discovery, such as those by Vasco da Gama.
- **Capela dos ossos:** The small chapel in Faro, which was built from bones and over 1200 monks' skulls, is intended to remind us of the transience of man.
- **Squid in Tavira:** The area around Tavira is known for its delicious squid dishes.

Worth knowing about the cycle tour along the Algarve

Our bike tour on the sunny Algarve can be classified as moderate. The daily stages vary between 30 and 50 kilometres and lead you to your wonderful destination over slightly hilly bike paths.

This tour has been graded as **Medium**. Find out more about our **cycling holiday difficulty levels**.

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Tour information



Medium



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included



Total cycling distance: approx.
265 km

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Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Sagres

Explore the coastal town with its impressive fortress or enjoy the nearby beaches.

DAY
2

Sagres – Lagos approx. 45 km

The very first bike tour takes you to a special highlight, the famous lighthouse at Cape St. Vinzenz, the most southwestern point in Europe. From the cliffs rising vertically out of the Atlantic, almost 75 meters high, you have a spectacular view of the sea and can hear the crashing waves.

You cycle over gentle hills to the fishing village of Salema and on to the Burgau beach. You will be impressed by the famous Ponta da Piedade just outside Lagos, a magnificent natural monument and one of the most famous postcard motifs in the Algarve. In the lively port city of Lagos, you can review the exciting day with a good glass of wine.

DAY
3

Lagos – Portimao approx. 35 km

The beach of Meia offers you today the first opportunity to take a dip in the refreshing sea. At low tide, you can observe countless shellfish collectors in search of delicacies. In Odiáxere it is worth visiting the 16th-century church and in Alvor, it is worth strolling through the Morabito de São Pedro city market and through the narrow streets of the old town.

Here, treat yourself to a break in a typical restaurant with freshly caught fish. With fantastic views over the sea, you continue cycling along the coast. Spend some time on the beautiful sandy beach of Praia da Rocha before arriving in Portimao, your overnight accommodation, in the afternoon.

DAY
4**Portimao – Albufeira** approx. 35 km

To start, the cycle path accompanies you along the Arade River to the village of Ferragudo with its beautiful church and magnificent views over the estuary. We continue past olive, cypress, orange, fig and cork oak trees to Lagoa. There you should try traditional Portuguese pastries and visit the Senhora da Rocha chapel, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the sea. Extensive sandy beaches are on the way to one of the most famous holiday resorts in the Algarve. Albufeira is also your stopover point.

DAY
5**Albufeira – Faro** approx. 50 km

In the fishing village of Olhos de Água there is a beautiful beach where you can take a break. Breathe in the fresh sea air and enjoy the fine sand under your feet. In Vilamoura you pass one of the largest marinas in the country and then cycle through the pine forests towards the Ria Formosa Nature Park, one of the seven natural wonders of Portugal. Faro, the capital of the Algarve, appears in the distance. Discover the famous old town with its nice restaurants and lively streets.

DAY
6**Faro – Tavira** approx. 40 km

The cycle path continues through the Ria Formosa nature park. The offshore islands are always in view, and the few clouds over the Atlantic are reflected in the salt lakes. In Olhão, you can stop for coffee at the busy market while watching the locals go about their daily errands. Afterwards you cycle comfortably to the fishing village of Fuseta with its typical white houses. Today's cycling day ends on the venerable Roman bridge in the city center of Tavira. Enjoy the evening in one of the most beautiful and typical towns in the Algarve.

DAY 7	Excursion to Vila Real de Santo Antonio	approx. 60 km
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The Ria Formosa Natural Park with its lagoons is still your companion today. You roll through the pine forest of Monte Gordo beach and the dune forest of Vila Real de Santo António to the border of Portugal and Spain. Follow the river Guadiana a bit north before you cycle back towards Tavira over gentle hills, past orange and olive groves. At the latest now you should toast to a successful and very eventful bike tour.

DAY 8	Departure or tour extension
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Route information

An overall gently hilly route with mostly only short climbs. Often on bike paths, service roads and side roads with little traffic, short sections also on busy roads. Longer sections can also be cycled on gravel paths.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Algarve: Sagres to Tavira**

Place of arrival: **Sagres**

	Season 1 06.01.2024 - 22.03.2024 02.11.2024 - 07.12.2024 Saturday	Season 2 23.03.2024 - 10.05.2024 28.09.2024 - 01.11.2024 Saturday	Season 3 11.05.2024 - 27.09.2024 Saturday
Algarve: Sagres - Tavira, PO-AGRST-08X			
Base price	839.00	959.00	1,189.00
Single room surcharge	509.00	509.00	509.00

Hotel information: You will stay in 4**** hotels.

Additional nights

Place of arrival: **Sagres**

	Season 1 Jan 6, 2024 - Mar 22, 2024 Nov 2, 2024 - Dec 7, 2024 Saturday	Season 2 Mar 23, 2024 - May 10, 2024 Sep 28, 2024 - Nov 1, 2024 Saturday	Season 3 May 11, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024 Saturday
Sagres			
Double room p.p	75.00	75.00	115.00
Single room surcharge	69.00	69.00	69.00
Tavira			
Double room p.p	79.00	79.00	109.00

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Single room surcharge	69.00	69.00	69.00

Our rental bikes

	Price
Unisex E-Bike	239.00
21-Speed Unisex Bike	99.00
21-Speed Men's Bike	99.00
27-Speed Bike PLUS	159.00

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Included:

- Overnight stays as stated
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Well-planned route guidance
- Detailed travel documents 1 x per room (DE, EN, PT)
- Navigation app and GPS data available
- Service hotline

Optional:

- Rental bikes including rental bike insurance
- Transfer by minibus every Saturday morning from Tavira to Faro airport, costs €45 per person, an additional €29 for your bike, and reservation is required, payable in advance.

Information

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Faro Airport

Important information:

- Visitor's tax, if due, not included in the travel price!