



Faro

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Many people say that Faro - the capital of the Algarve - is located on Europe's most scenic coast, offering beautiful, long sandy beaches that stretch away into a horizon framed by rocks on either side. Faro is a charming old town with cobble streets and leafy parks. Its location in the centre of the Algarve makes Faro the perfect starting point for day-trips and extensive exploration of this wonderful region.



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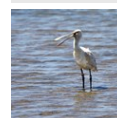
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THE CITY



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Faro's old town is not so old (it was burned down by English troops in 1596, later rebuilt, and then destroyed by the earthquake of 1755), but still beautiful and pedestrian-friendly. Next to the citadel's ring-wall is the small harbour where the newer and livelier town stretches to the north and east.

The gardens next to the harbour, Jardim Manuel Bivar, are a good point to start exploring. At the upper-end, the city's main shopping area begins - a little network of pedestrian streets with all kind of shops, cafés and restaurants. North of here, you find some of Faro's famous churches - for example, Igreja do Carmo - or going north-west via the Largo 25 de Abril roundabout, you arrive at the fresh produce market.

Going straight to the west, you will eventually reach the slightly uphill Avenida 5 de Outubro, which ends in front of Faro's magnificent Liceu (grammar school). Here you are rewarded with a broad vista of Faro, the wetlands of Ria Formosa and the sea.

DO & SEE



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The capital of Algarve is one the most typically Portuguese cities in the country. In Faro you have the chance to enjoy an amazing marina, cobblestone squares and green parks, as well as an old town sprinkled with cosy cafés and tiny traditional restaurants. But Faro can also be discovered by night, thanks to its massive student population that lights up every bar and plaza of the city, not to mention all the cultural activities you will be able to enjoy, including theatres, art exhibitions, majestic churches and historic monuments. Last but not least, do not miss the natural beauty of the Parque Natural da Ria Formosa and the numerous islands scattered a few kilometres from Faro's pristine beaches.

Museu Municipal



Museu Municipal, also called Museu Arqueológico, contains mainly archaeological finds. Located in the former Nossa Senhora da Assunção monastery inside the ring-wall, the gardens date from 1540 with beautiful, two-storey cloisters which form the heart of the museum. Among the most remarkable items is a Roman floor mosaic from the 4th-century with the head of the Roman god Neptune in exquisite

detail.

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Faro Cathedral



From the outside, Faro's cathedral is low and squat, a mixture of Renaissance and Baroque as a result of protracted renovations and additions following the devastation of war and natural catastrophes. The interior is equally mixed but with interesting features, including a large organ from the 18th-century with Chinoiserie decoration.

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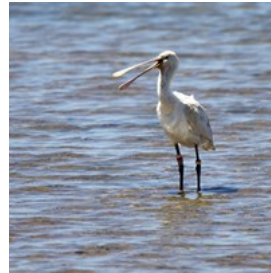
Igreja do Carmo



Igreja do Carmo is the most popular of Faro's churches, but not so much for its fantastically overly-elaborate, gold-leaf laden, Baroque interior as for its Capela dos Ossos - "bone chapel", which was added in 1816, and is entirely decorated with the skeletons of monks.

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Parque Natural da Ria Formosa



The Ria Formosa wetlands area was declared a protected natural area in 1987 because of its unique conditions as a breeding place for wetland birds being threatened by the expansion of tourism. This way, the entire coast from Faro to Cacela Velha was able to avoid exploitation. A boat trip to one of Faro's islands is perhaps the best way to visit Ria Formosa.

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The Palácio de Estoi and Roman Remains of Milreu



The Palácio de Estoi, unique in Algarve, is situated in the town of Estoi, just north of Faro. It is a private palace built in the Rococo style during the second half of the 19th-century. This miniature version of the King's palace in Queluz, outside Lisbon, is surrounded by very beautiful gardens that are open to the public. In Milreu - just outside Estoi - are the Algarve's chief Roman remains.

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 Address: Rua do Jardim, Estoi

Diving



There are many reasons to visit Faro, but one of the city's biggest draws is the prolific diving scene. Whether it is your first time diving or you have

been doing it for years, the numerous diving schools, such as Hidroespaco, will suit your needs and provide everything you need.

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Address: Rua dos Malmequeres, Urbanização das Gambelas, Loja, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 3pm-8pm

Phone: +351 289 862 500

Internet: hidroespaco.blogspot.se

Email: mail@hidroespaco.com

Deserta Island



At Deserta Island you have the opportunity to spend a day on a deserted island and enjoy the white sand and crystal blue water. Arrive either

by boat or water taxi and do not forget to bring water, since it is very hot under the sun. As there is only one restaurant on the island, it is a good idea to bring a snack, as well.

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Address: Rua Comandante Francisco Manuel, Faro

Phone: +351 918 779 155

Internet: www.ilha-deserta.com

Email: animaris@animaris.pt

Estádio Algarve



Estádio Algarve was built for the European football championship of 2004, but this does not mean that the sight is only for football fanatics. Here

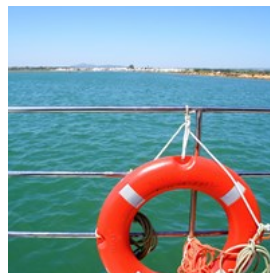
you can see different sporting events year-round, so make sure to check if there is anything of interest during your visit.

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Address: Estádio Algarve/Parque das Cidades, Almancil

Phone: +351 28989 3200

Boat Trips in the Algarve



Cruise the Ria Formosa waterways in the lovely and tranquil blue boats available to rent. It is a great way to see the area and to indulge in a bit of

bird-watching. You also have the option of stopping at one of the beautiful beaches and have a picnic lunch.

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Sailing



If small fishing boats are not for you, maybe you would prefer a bigger sailing boats. There are several companies offering day tours, and

they even provide the possibility of attending a sailing school if you wish to be more active and learn how to handle yourself on the water.

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Address: Edifício Ginásio Clube Naval, Faro

Phone: +351 289 817 466

Internet: www.lands.pt

Email: mail@lands.pt

More Info: Doca de Recreio de Faro

Kayaking



For many, kayaking constitutes one of the highlights of their trip to Faro. Admire the flocks of beautiful flamingos and the stunning views over

the Atlantic Ocean as you make your way over the gentle waves. There are numerous places where you can rent kayaks along the coast.

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Phone: +351 918 720 002

Internet: www.formosamar.com

Parque Aventura - Albufeira



Push your limits at Parque Aventura, an adventure park located ten minutes walking from Oura Beach. Transfer yourself from tree to tree

with zip lines and rope bridges and choose between different levels of height and difficulty. This is fun for all ages.

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Address: Estrada de Santa Eulalia, Albufeira

Phone: +35 191 318 5782

Internet: www.lusoaventura.com

Email: albufeira@parqueaventura.net

Ponta da Piedade



About a one-hour drive from Faro lies Ponta da Piedade, with its unique rock formations and grottos. The water here is crystal clear and makes

for the perfect place to watch the sunset. There are boat tours for those who wish to see the caves and cliffs from the water.

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Praia Da Rocha



Praia Da Rocha, located 70 km from Faro Airport, is a lively beach town and provides its guests with sun beds, a range of activities, small shops,

cafés, restaurants and hotels. The stunning coastline and the beautiful sandy beaches make it a perfect place for a day-trip or an overnight stay.

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Golf

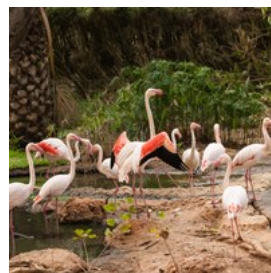


Golf is a popular sport in the area of Algarve, and the beautiful surroundings are the perfect backdrop for a memorable round of golf.

Boasting an impressive number, almost 40 different golf courses, there is something for players of every level and preference.

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Parque Zoológico de Lagos



Parque Zoológico de Lagos is fun for the whole family, boasting hosts of monkeys, birds and other beautiful animals. There is even an area where you

actually can meet some of the animals and interact with them. Additionally, at the snack bar

you can enjoy a light lunch or a refreshing drink.

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Phone: +351 282 680 100

Internet: www.zoolagos.com

Email: geral@zoolagos.com

Vilamoura Marina



Visit Vilamoura Marina for a stroll among the luxurious yachts and enjoy the gentle sea breeze, and when you are tired, sit down at one of the cafés or restaurants and enjoy the view over a meal or drink. The town of Vilamoura lies 30 minutes away from Faro.

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DINING



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Food in Faro revolves around seafood, mainly fish and shellfish. The Ria Formosa area is famous for its oyster and clam breeding, making mollusks an unbeatable choice. Meat dishes can also be exceptional, but in particular, chicken, lamb and black pig, porco preto, can satisfy any meat-lover's cravings.

Dois Irmãos



Dois Irmãos has a long history as one of Faro's best and most popular fish restaurants. Founded in 1925, it is a Faro institution. They serve traditional local cuisine prepared using modern methods, focusing mainly on seafood, but the menu also features fantastic meat dishes.

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Address: Praça Ferreira de Almeida 13-14, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +351 289 823 337

Internet: www.restaurantedoisirmaos.com

Taska



Taska has a high proportion of local customers and a simple pub environment. The food is traditional Portuguese, with emphasis on seafood. Try the classic carne de porco com ameijoas, pork with cockles, or something more unusual like eel or whitebait.

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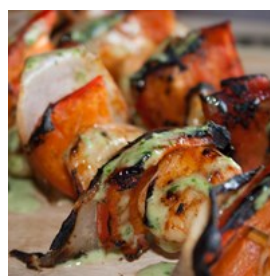
Address: Rua do Alportel 38, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3pm and 7pm-11pm

Phone: +351 969 441 381

Email: taskaalgarvia@hotmail.com

Adega Nova



Adega Nova is a family friendly restaurant with a varied menu consisting of amazing Portuguese food. It is a popular restaurant among tourists because of its generous portions and value for money. The restaurant also offers a typical Algarve

atmosphere.

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Address: Rua Francisco Barreto, 24, Faro

Phone: +351 289 813 433

Internet: www.restauranteadeganova.com

Email: info@restauranteadeganova.com

Gengibre e Canela



If you are a vegetarian it can be a bit of a struggle to find a restaurant that has a menu with a good range of vegetarian alternatives in Faro.

Gengibre e Canela is without a doubt one of the city's best vegetarian restaurants, specialising in high-quality and expertly prepared vegetarian cuisine.

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Address: Travessa da Mota, 10, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-3pm

Phone: +351 289 88 24 24

Internet: www.gengibreandcanela.blogspot.se

Email: gengibreandcanela@gmail.com

Centenario



Centenario serves a varied menu consisting of traditional Algarve cuisine, which includes a mix of fresh seafood and meat dishes. One of

Centenario's biggest draws, however, is the regular fado performances. The restaurant also has a pleasant terrace, an aquarium and a fireplace.

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Address: Largo Terreiro do Bispo, 4, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-3pm and 6pm-11pm

Phone: +351 289 823 343

Internet: www.restaurantecentenariofaro.com

Email: restcentenario@hotmail.com

Ria Formosa



This restaurant is located on the rooftop of Hotel Faro, which means that it has an amazing view over the old town and the Ria Formosa (which explains the restaurant's name). Chef Alberto Carvalho serves lovely, fresh food using mainly ingredients from the sea.

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Address: Praça D. Francisco Gomes, 2, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10:30pm

Phone: +351 289 830 830

Internet: www.hotelfaro.pt/ria-formosa-restaurant

Email: reservas@hotelfaro.pt

Casa Velha



This lovely restaurant is located in the Quinta do Lago golf resort and complex, right by a beautiful lake. The Guichaoua family in charge of the restaurant have developed a wonderful menu based on French flavours, and the extensive wine list matches the menu perfectly.

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Address: Quinta do Lago Roundabout, 6, Almancil

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7pm-10pm

Phone: +351 289 394 983

Internet: www.quintadolago.com/en/resort/destination/restaurants/item/3368-casa-velha-3368

Email: casavelha@quintadolago.com

More Info: Turn Right at Roundabout 6

Le Marquis Restaurant



This popular family-run restaurant might be a bit hard to find, but it is well worth searching for. Here you will be able to enjoy delicious cuisine and top service in a cosy and rustic atmosphere. The menu changes on a regular basis and guests tend to come back over and over again.

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Address: Monte da Palhagueira, Santa Bárba de Nexe, Faro

Phone: +351 289 992 018

Internet: www.restaurant-le-marquis.com

Email: reservations@restaurant-le-marquis.com

Restaurante "O Gimbras"



Even if the setting here is a bit basic, the food and service speak for themselves and make meals at O Gimbras memorable. The menu includes local cuisine and wines at affordable prices, all of which can be explained and discussed in detail by the staff.

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Address: Rua General Teofilo da Trindade 3, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +351 968 889 669

Email: ogimbras@gmail.com

Baixa Hamburgueria Faro



When you are craving a really good hamburger in Faro, this is the place to go. Baixa Hamburgueria Faro prepare everything on the spot using fresh and tasty ingredients. If you aren't in the mood for meat but still want a burger try the popular

cod and shrimp burger.

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Address: Rua Do Montepio 24, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am

Phone: +351 960 288 435

Email: hamburgueriadabaixa@gmail.com

Sushi Ya



It can be difficult to find a sushi restaurant in Faro, but the quality of the seafood found in the area translates into fantastic tasting sushi. Sushi Ya is a small and rather simple restaurant, but they provide some of the city's best Japanese cuisine.

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Address: R. Jose Estevao 1, Faro

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 12pm-2:30pm and 7pm-11:30pm

Phone: +351 916 914 696

Email: cafejapan@sapo.pt

Bella Italia



Pizza might not be everyone's first choice of food when visiting Portugal, but sometimes it can be a welcome break from all the seafood. Bella Italia has served great tasting pizza for over twenty five years from their location in the heart of the city.

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Address: Rua D. Francisco Gomes 10, Faro

Phone: +351 289 821 978

CAFÉS



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The cafés in Faro are steeped in history and have plenty of personality. Whether you are in the mood for the classic Faro café experience or would like to go to a lively café and people-watch, you will find something that suits your needs.

Aliança



Every Portuguese town has a large, fine, old café with literary connections. The inhabitants of Faro come to this open-air cafe to convince themselves

that things have not entirely changed with the passing of time, and visitors come to enjoy a trip back in time to a classical Portuguese cafe.

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Address: Rua Dr Francisco Gomes 26, Faro
Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2am
Phone: +351 916 359 030
Email: cervejariaalianca@gmail.com

Café do Coreto



Café do Coreto is a great place to go to for an afternoon snack or a light meal. They specialize in home-made pizzas and pasta dishes, which taste

even better when paired with the right wine and the lovely view over the marina (though be sure to try a dessert, as well).

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Address: Jardim Manuel Bivar, Faro
Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am
Phone: +351 289 243 896
Internet: www.cafedocoreto.pt

O Seu Café



Located just outside the city centre in a pleasant square, O Seu Café is a very simple café / bar, mostly visited by locals. Light lunches, snacks and

cold beers are served here at very reasonable prices. Of course, they also serve delicious desserts and great coffee.

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Address: Largo de São Pedro, Faro
Opening hours: Daily 8am-2am
Phone: +351 289 807 152
Email: oseucafe_1964@hotmail.com

Maktostas



When you are in need for a quick snack and a refreshing drink, make your way to Maktostas. Take a seat on their terrace, enjoy the sun and

order one of their huge and delicious toasts with various toppings, and get recharged for the rest of your exploration of Faro.

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Address: Rua do Alportel 29, Faro
Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am
Phone: +351 918 778 982

Pastelaria Centeio



Pastelaria Centeio has been around since 2003, and the atmosphere here is warm, traditional and friendly. They offer sandwiches, home-made

cakes, fantastic pastries and of course coffee and tea. Come here for breakfast, lunch or just a relaxing break.

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Address: Rua Mouzinho de Albuquerque 25, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +351 289 813 752

Internet: www.pastelariacenteio.wix.com/centeio

Email: pastelariacenteio@sapo.pt

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Being an energetic student town, Faro boasts active and varied nightlife attractions. Most of the more serious dancing takes place at large clubs outside the city, mainly to the west towards Quinta do Lago and Vilamoura. But the Old Town and its surrounding areas offers hosts of small bars with live music, sports screenings, and much more.

Columbus



Columbus is a relaxed bar adjacent to the park, with tables in the colonnade facing the park and harbour. This bar is all about expertly-prepared

cocktails, and thus boasts some of the area's most skilled mixologists and one of the longest drinks menu you're likely to find in Faro.

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Address: Praca Dom Francisco Gomes, 13, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-4am

Phone: +351 91 776 222

Internet: www.barcolumbus.pt

Email: info@barcolumbus.pt

Kadoc



The largest nightclub in all of Faro, Kadoc can accommodate more than 8,000 party-goers. Known as much for its concerts and events as for its

parties, famous international acts play here when touring the area, the stage being occupied by famous DJ's the rest of the time.

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Address: Cerca da Areia, Boliqueime

Phone: +351 917 812 306

Internet: www.kadoc.pt

Email: kadoc@kadoc.pt

T-clube



T-clube is a favourite with the jet-setting crowd of the city. This is a sophisticated place geared mainly to the affluent, beautiful and

trendy, so dress accordingly. It tends to be a "full

house” on Saturdays, with guests queuing up to get onto the dance floor.

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Address: Quinta do Lago, Buganvilla Plaza, Almancil

Phone: +351 917 548 964

Internet: www.tclube.com

Email: tclube@tclube.com

7 Imeio Wine Bar



Located in Olhão, just 15 minutes east of Faro, lies 7 Imeio Wine Bar. As the name reveals, the bar has its focus on good wine, but they also make delicious cocktails. You can also find an array of tapas to go with the wine or your chosen drink, allowing you to snack and drink the night away.

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Address: Avenida 5 de Outubro 38/40, Olhão

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-4am, Sun 5pm-4am

Phone: +351 965 258 266

Internet: www.7imeiwinebar.com

Email: geral@7imeiwinebar.com

Liberto's Club



If you come here early, the open-air bar offers a more relaxing venue to sit and sip a cocktail to the sound of live acoustic music. Later on, the music gets louder and the stylish place turns into a popular night club with DJ's playing the latest tunes.

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Address: Rua Antero de Quental 59, Albufeira

Opening hours: Daily 8pm-4am

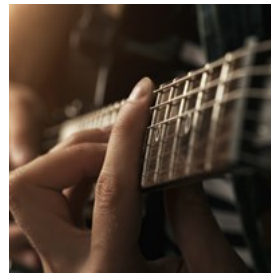
Phone: +351 911 700 999

Internet: www.libertosclub.com

Email: info@grupolibertomealha.com

More Info: Located in Albufeira, about 35km from Faro

Bar CheSsenta



Bar CheSsenta is a small bar located on a narrow cobblestone street in Faro, which offers live music, happy hour and even karaoke. The

atmosphere is warm and genuine, the drink list is extensive and there is something for everyone to enjoy during a night out.

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Address: Rua do Prior 24, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 6pm-4am, Sun 6pm-2am

Phone: +351 931 194 314

Internet: www.chessentabar.blogspot.se

Email: che60bar@iol.pt

O Castelo



Take a seat on the lovely terrace of O Castelo and enjoy the beautiful views of the Ria Formosa over a glass of sangria. They host different live

performances, such as flamenco, fado and local cover bands, and they even have salsa classes, making O Castelo one of the best places in Faro for music-lovers.

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Address: Rua do Castelo, 11, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-4am

Phone: +351 919 846 405

Email: jaimepatrimonio@hotmail.com

Ditadura Live Music Bar



Lovers of blues, rock and live music generally will want to head to Ditadura Live Music Bar. It is located in the city centre of Faro and offers live rock music Thursday through Saturday every week. The atmosphere is relaxed and there is a wide selection of drinks and beer.

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Address: Largo da Madalena, 13, Faro

Phone: +351 913 914 788

Email: ditadura-bar@sapo.pt

SHOPPING



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Faro's main shopping area is directly adjacent to Jardim Manuel Bivar. If you take Rua Dr Francisco Gomes, at the top corner you will arrive in central Faro's car-free shopping precinct, with clothes, shoes and other accessories, sports, furnishing and textile shops in an area which stretches for three to four blocks in all directions.

The pedestrian area ends to the north at the Praça Ferreira de Almeida market place. This is where one of Faro's best wine shops, Garrafeira Rui, is to be found. If you take Rua do Lethes from here, and on the right beyond the theatre by the same name, go into Rua Dr Justino

Cúmano, you will eventually arrive at Faro's large fresh produce market, Mercado Municipal.

Mercado Municipal



This is Faro's large fresh produce market. It is open until quite late and is a perfect place for familiarising yourself with the local food culture. It is housed in an impressive and modern building, and makes for a great afternoon of shopping, perusing and people-watching.

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Address: Largo Doutor Francisco Sa Carneiro, Faro

Phone: +351 289 897 250

Internet: www.mercadomunicipaldefaro.pt

Email: info@mercadomunicipaldefaro.pt

Forum Algarve



Forum Algarve is just outside the centre of Faro, on the EN125 in the direction of the airport. This is one of the town's premier shopping centres, and as such it is very tasteful and pleasant, with a long inner open-air courtyard. Find shops, restaurants, and more.

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Address: Estrada Nacional 125, km 103, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 10am-12am

Phone: +351 289 889 300

Internet: www.forumalgarve.net

Email: forumalgarve@multi.eu

Algarve Shopping Centre



Just outside Albufeira you find Algarve Shopping Centre. It is the perfect place to spend a rainy afternoon or just to stay out of the sun and heat

for a while. You can find several different shops, both from chains like Zara and C&A but also some small local boutiques. If you get hungry there is a food court, and if you feel like catching a movie there is also a cinema.

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Address: Lanka Parque Comercial e Industrial do Algarve Lote R, Fracção 3 Tavagueira Guia, Albufeira

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +351 289 105 500

Internet: www.algarveshopping.pt

Email: info@adm.algarveshopping.pt

Intermarché



When you think of shopping, maybe grocery shopping isn't the first thing that comes to mind.

But you find a good selection of brands, fresh

fruits and vegetables, live seafood, newly butchered meat and local wines at the Intermarché in Carvoeiro. This international chain has several outlets across the Algarve coast.

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Address: Estr. do Poço Partido, s/nº, Carvoeiro

Phone: +351 249 880 300

Internet: www.intermarche.pt

Email: apoiocomsumidorportugal@mousquetaires.com

Porches Pottery



Porches in Algarve has a long history of pottery and local production. All items are unique and made by local artists and artisans, including

hand-painted dishes, jars, carafes and tea-sets, among many others. It is a great place to pick up mementos of your trip, or one-of-a-kind gifts for your loved one back home.

Photo: Alim Yakubov/Shutterstock.com

Address: EN125, Porches, Lagos

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm

Phone: +351 282 352 858

Internet: www.porchespottery.com

Email: info@porchespottery.com

Antonio Manuel Modas



Antonio Manuel Modas is a trendy fashion shop that has been around since 1957. They sell both women's and men's apparel, mainly from

high-end luxury brands and the latest styles.

Here you can find labels like Dolce & Gabbana, Escada, Hugo Boss, Cavalli and Armani.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua de Santo António 46, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1:30pm and 3pm-7pm

Phone: +351 289 822 474

Internet: www.antoniomanuel.pt

Email: antoniomanuel Faro@sapo.pt

Lewis Andrews Lifestyle Store



With a mix of brands such as Birkenstock, Maison Scotch, Alessi, Rice, and Dr. Hauschka, this trendy store has a wide selection of fashion, home

products, children's clothes, gifts and beauty products. It is located right in the city centre of Almancil.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida 5 de Outubro 284, Almancil

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +351 289 098 829

Internet: www.lewisandrewslifestyle.com

Email: shop@lewisandrews.eu

Sardinha Fresh Souvenirs from Portugal



In this souvenir shop you will not just find fridge magnets and miniatures of famous buildings.

Sardinha Fresh Souvenirs from Portugal features

high quality products representing the history and culture of Portugal, items from new local designers and even edible gourmet products typical of the country.

Photo: Kamil Macniak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Largo D Pedro I N° 3, Loulé

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-2pm

Email: sardinha.fromportugal@gmail.com

Scoon



Right in the city centre of Faro you can find Scoon, a favourite among shoppers who love fashion and mid-market brands such as Desigual,

Tommy Hilfiger, Pepe Jeans and Levi's. They

offer clothes, shoes and accessories for both men, women and children.

Photo: [hxdbzxy/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com)

Address: Rua Vasco da Gama, N° 2, Faro

Phone: +351 289 812 992

Email: faro@scoon.pt

Jah-Shaka Surf Shop



If you like surfing and the life style that comes with it, you will love Jah-Shaka Surf Shop in Lagos. Here you find all the major surf brands such as

Quicksilver, Roxy, Analog and Ripcurl. They have everything from boards and equipment to clothes and accessories.

Photo: Goodluz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Cândido dos Reis 112, Lagos

Opening hours: Daily 9am-12am

Phone: +351 282 798 006

Internet: www.jahshakasurf.com

Email: shop@jahshakasurf.com

Outdoor Markets



If you like to stroll in an outdoor market and watch the locals shop for fresh fruit and fish directly from the farmers and fishermen, almost

every town in Algarve has this kind of food market one or several time a week. For those who prefer to visit a flea market or an auction, the weekend is the best time to try to strike a bargain.

Photo: Pack-Shot/Shutterstock.com

Internet:

www.algarvedailynews.com/features/algarve-markets

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Passport/Visa



Portugal can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Faro International Airport



Faro's international airport is located six kilometres to the west of the city, right by the sea. Buses 14 and 16 depart regularly for the centre of

Faro, and the trip takes approximately 20

minutes. You can buy the ticket directly from the driver, but remember that it is good to have some small notes or the exact amount of money. A taxi ride takes just under fifteen minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces

Phone: +351 289 800 800

Internet: www.ana.pt/en/fao/home

Email: faro.airport@ana.pt

Best Time to Visit



The Algarve region famously has the best weather in Portugal with long summers and short, mild winters. Beach season goes from spring

to autumn and attracts the biggest crowds, while visiting to winter can often mean finding discounted accommodation.

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Public Transport



Faro's train station connects the city with the rest of the Algarve and Portugal. There is also a well-developed bus network, EVA, which is

usually more efficient for trips in the region. In Faro itself, it is best to walk, but if you would rather take the local bus, the company's name is Proximo. You find the bus station just south of the train station at:

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Address: Terminal Rodoviário de Faro, Av. da República, 5, Faro

Internet: www.proximo.pt

More Info: www.eva-bus.com

Taxi



For longer trips it is better to negotiate the price in advance as the driver has the right to various surcharges for returning empty if the taxi meter is used. Tips are not obligatory but appreciated, even if small. The cars are either beige, green or black, and the best way to find one is to go to one of the taxi ranks or pre-book. One of the taxi companies in town is Faro Taxi.

Phone: +351 960 204 709
Internet: www.farotaxi.com
Email: info@farotaxi.com

Post



To find a post office in Faro, look for the red sign that says CTT. Letter boxes are also red. Faro's main post office is in Largo do Carmo and it is open from Monday to Friday.

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: Largo do Carmo, Faro
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-6:30pm
Phone: +351 289 892 590
Internet: www.ctt.pt

Pharmacy



Each district of the town always has one pharmacy open 24-hours (farmácia, with a green cross) in accordance with a schedule displayed in the window of closed pharmacies. Otherwise, opening hours are from 9am to 1pm and from 3pm to 7pm. One of the pharmacies in town is Farmácia Alexandre:

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: Rua Ivens, 31, Faro
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-7pm
Phone: +351 289 825 888
Internet: www.farmaciasdeservico.info

Telephone



Country code: +351 Area code: 289

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V 50 Hz Plug types C and F

Population
64,560

Currency
1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours
Shops normally open from 9am to 1pm and 3pm to 7pm on weekdays, however many shops no longer close for lunch.

Newspapers
Região Sul
Jornal do Algarve
Público

Emergency numbers
112

Tourist information
Faro Tourist Office
Rua da Misericórdia 8 -12, Faro
+351 289 803 604
turismo.faro@rtalgarve.pt







		Rua da Angola	B1	Rua Eca de Queiros	C3
Avenida Calouste Gulbenkian	A1	Rua da Atalaia	A2	Rua Engenheiro Joaquim Lopes Belchior	B4 C4
	B2				
	C2				
Avenida Cinco de Outubro	B3	Rua da Boavista	A2 B2	Rua Filipe Alistao	A3 B3
	C3				
Avenida da Republica	A3	Rua da Madalena	A3	Rua Frederico Lecor	A2 B2
Avenida Doutor Julio Almeida Carrapato	C2	Rua da Moagem	A2 A3	Rua General Humberto Delgado	C3
	C3				
Estrada da Penha	C2	Rua Das Olarias	B2	Rua Gil de Caneiro	B1
Estrada da Senhora Da Saude	A1	Rua de Berlim	C3 D3	Rua Gil Eanes	A3
	A2				
Estrada de Penha	C1	Rua de Mocambique	A1 B1	Rua Horta Machado	B3
	C2				
Estrada de Sao Luis	C2	Rua de Santo Antonio	B3	Rua Infante Dom Henrique	A2 A3
	D2				
Horta Das Figuras	A1	Rua de Sao Luis	B2	Rua Jaime Piras	D3
Jardim Manuel Bivar	A3	Rua de Sao Pedro	A3	Rua Joao de Deus	B3
Largo da Sé	A3	Rua do Alportel	B1 B2 B3	Rua Jornal Folha do Domingo	C1 C2
Largo de Sao Francisco	B4	Rua do Bocage	B3	Rua Jose Estevao	A3 B3
Praca da Paz	B2	Rua do Bom Joao	C3	Rua Lejana de Cima	B1
Rua Aboim Ascencao	A2	Rua do Compromisso	A3 B3	Rua Luis de Camoes	A2
	B2				
Rua Antero de Quental	C3	Rua do Misericordia	A3 B3	Rua Luis de Sousa	B3
Rua Antonio Enes	C3	Rua do Prior	A3	Rua Manuel Ascencao	A2
	D3				
Rua Ataide de Oliveira	C2	Rua do Rasquinho	A3 B4	Rua Miguel Bombarda	A2
	C3				
Rua Batista Lopes	B3	Rua do Reitor Teixeira Guedes	C2 D2	Rua Moinho da Palmeira	D3
Rua Bernardo Passos	B3	Rua do Sporting Club Farense	B2 C2	Rua Nova	B3
Rua Brito Cabreira	B2	Rua Dom Frei Joao de Faro	B2	Rua Nova do Castelo	A4 B4
	B3				
Rua Caldas	C3	Rua Dom Jeronimo Osorio	C2 C3	Rua Pe da Cruz	B3

Xavier					
Rua	B3	Rua Doutor Candido Guerreiro	B3 C3	Rua Pintor Artur Costa	C2
Castilho					
Rua Cesar	B2	Rua Doutor Joaquim da Rocha Peixoto Magalhaes	D3	Rua Pintor Carlos Porfirio	C3 C4
Pola					
Rua	C2	Rua Doutor Jose de Matos	C3 D3	Rua Serpa Pinto	A2 A3
Comandante	D2				
Jose Nunes					
da Cruz					
Rua Conego	D3	Rua Doutor Jose Filipe Alvares	C1	Rua Teofilo Trindade	B2
Carlos					
Patricio					
Rua	A2	Rua Doutor Justino Cumano	B3	Rua Teresa Ramalho Ortigao	B3
Conselheiro	A3				
Sebastiao					
Teles					
Rua Coronel	A2	Rua Doutor Rodrigues Davim	A2 B2		
Antonio	B2				
Santos					
Fonseca					