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Remote Coastal Trails of Portugal

PORTUGAL - TRIP CODE POR

WALKING AND TREKKING

Why book this trip?

Based in the small town of Sagres, this walking holiday explores an unspoilt corner of Portugal. Follow beautiful coastal paths to discover impressive cliff tops and quiet sandy beaches, sampling the delicious local seafood and crisp wines in the evening.

- **Cabo Sao Vicente** - Walk the long distance Rota Vicentina path to the most south-westerly point of Europe
- **Ponta de Piedade** - Dramatic rocky coastline, rock arch and turquoise seas
- **Aljezur** - Explore the old village and enjoy spectacular views from the ruins of the Moorish castle



INCLUDED MEALS
Breakfast: 7



TRIP STAFF
Explore Tour
Leader
Driver(s)



TRANSPORT
Bus
Minibus
Public Bus
Taxi



ACCOMMODATION
7 nights standard
hotel



WALKING GRADE:
Easy To
Moderate



GROUP SIZE:
10 - 16

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip at Faro airport and drive to Sagres

Our trip starts at Faro airport from where we drive due west for approximately one hour and a half to the coastal town of Sagres. As we arrive early there will be plenty of time to explore this historically important port, linked to the early Portuguese explorers. It was here that Prince Henry the Navigator built his navigation school during the 'Age of the Discoveries'. His fortress, Fortaleza de Sagres rebuilt in the 18th century, can also be seen from our hotel. Today Sagres is a small tranquil town with a picturesque harbour and several nearby beaches. Within a short walking distance of our hotel is a choice of local restaurants and bars, and a town beach.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Navigator (or similar)



Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



DAY 2 - Walk from Carrapateira to inland village of Bordeira

For our first walk we travel by taxi or minibus to the village Carrapateira, approximately forty minutes away. From here we follow a trail along the coast, then head inland to the pretty village of Bordeira where we can relax in a local café before heading back to Sagres by taxi or minibus.

Today's 13 kilometre walk is expected to take around four hours with 100 metres of ascent and 70 metres of descent.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Navigator (or similar)



Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3 - Explore the historic village of Aljezur; walk to Arrifana beach

This morning we travel by taxi or minibus along the coast for approximately an hour to the village of Aljezur. We spend some time walking around the centre of the old village and if open the small local market selling fresh fruit and vegetables, and locally caught seafood. We can also visit the ruins of the medieval castle which has great views over the area. We then walk through the countryside to the coast. En route we will see a project re-introducing native fir and pine trees to the area. At Arrifana we can relax on the beach or in the beach café, before returning by taxi or minibus to Sagres.

Today's 13 kilometre walk is expected to take around four-and-a-half hours with 115 metres of ascent and 75 metres of descent, along an unmade trail.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Navigator (or similar)



Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4 - Cliff walk along Rota Vicentina to Cabo Sao Vicente

After breakfast we travel the short distance to the nearby town of Vila do Bispo and onto the local beach, Praia Castelejo by taxi. From here we follow the long distance marked coastal trail 'Rota Vicentina' along dramatic cliffs to the lighthouse at Europe's most south-westerly point Cabo Sao Vicente - the subject of many local photographs. From here we return to Sagres in taxis. Sunset in this area is a stunning spectacle and worth making the effort to see.

Today's 14 kilometre walk is expected to take around four hours with 150 metres of ascent and descent along a marked trail.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Navigator (or similar)



Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 5 - Free day; opportunity to go dolphin watching

Today is a free day to relax by the hotel pool, explore the local area further or take the opportunity to

join a dolphin watching boat tour. There is also an optional walk.



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Hotel Navigator (or similar)



Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 6 - Coastal walk from Burgau to the town of Lagos

We arrive to the coastal town of Burgau by taxi or minibus for the start of our walk along this dramatic coastline to the resort town of Lagos. En route we see the fascinating rock formations, including the photogenic rock arch, at Ponta da Piedade just south of Lagos. After sometime exploring the lovely old centre of the town and taking refreshment we return to Sagres on the public bus.

Today's 16 kilometre walk is expected to take around four-and-a-half hours with 100 metres of ascent and descent, along a coastal path.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Navigator (or similar)



Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE





MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 7 - Coastal walk from Ingrina to Sagres

This morning we take taxis to Ingrina, a sheltered sandy beach. From here we walk back to Sagres along the unspoilt coastline with the opportunity to stop for a swim in the sea along the way.

Today's 11 kilometre walk is expected to take around three hours, along a flat coastal path.



ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel Navigator (or similar)



Grade: Standard Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 8 - Trip ends at Faro airport

Our trip ends this morning at Faro airport.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

Trip information

Country information

Portugal

Climate

Overall, spring, early summer and autumn are ideal times for a trip to Portugal - though the weather varies enormously from region to region. The northern high plains has both extremes, stiflingly hot in summer, bitterly cold and swept by freezing winds in winter. The Atlantic coast, in contrast, has a tendency to damp and mist, and a relatively brief, humid summer. The Mediterranean south is warm virtually all year round. The islands have very different weather patterns due to their positioning and can have sudden rain falls throughout the year so waterproofs are recommended even in the summer.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
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Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Sagres - Dolphin Watching €35 per person

Sagres - Sagres Fort €3 per person

Sagres - Wellness Spa at Pousada Sagres - treatments must to be prebooked, prices available from Pousada Sagre hotel.

Sagres - Bike hire: €10 per day for a city bike, €14 per day for a mountain bike

Sagres - Public Beaches: Mareta Beach, Beleeira Beach, Martinhal Beach (transport not included)

Clothing

Bring light and comfortable clothing that can be layered according to the temperature. It can become cool, especially at night, so bring warmer layers. Tops made from wicking materials which keep you drier, a warmer fleece is recommended as a mid layer, and walking trousers are preferable to trousers of heavier material such as jeans.

- Breathable wind and waterproof jacket (you may also wish to bring waterproof trousers)
- T-shirts
- Long sleeved tops
- Sunhat
- Shorts (if you prefer to walk in them)
- Long trousers (will be walking through shrubland on day 7)
- Swimwear and towel
- Midlayer Fleece/pullover
- Socks (liner and thicker pair)
- Insulated jacket

Footwear

We recommend you bring walking/hiking boots with ankle support- leather or fabric are both fine. Make sure that your boots are worn-in and comfortable before the start of the trip. Also trainers or sandals for relaxing and general wear. We suggest that on international flights you either carry your walking boots in your hand luggage or wear them - should your luggage be lost or delayed, your own boots are the one thing that will be irreplaceable.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

Bring one main piece of luggage and a 20-30 litre day sack is recommended. You will need to carry what you need for the day which may include a raincoat, jumper, camera, sun-cream, water and picnic lunch. On hot days you will carry fewer clothes but more drinking water.

Equipment

- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Small Torch (with spare batteries and bulb)
- Camera
- Walking poles (if you usually use them)
- Personal toiletries
- Personal first aid kit - On each walk a first aid kit is carried but you should have your own blister kit, supply of plasters, aspirin and other essentials.
- Insect repellent
- Small waterproof dry bag (for items such as your mobile phone)
- Reusable water bottle (minimum 1 litre) - Get 15% discount on a Water-to-Go bottle www.explore.co.uk/about-us/responsible-travel/water-to-go-discount-with-explore
- Lunch bag/Tupperware (for packed lunches)

Tipping

Explore leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Explore Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour. Accordingly, we recommend approximately 15€ per person for tipping. 10% is recommended at meal times.

Portugal

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses

eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price

£15

Beer price

£2.00 - 3.00 depending on your location, well touristed areas are usually slightly more expensive.

Water price

£1.4

Foreign Exchange**Local currency Recommended Currency For Exchange**

Euro.

Take the majority of your spending money in Euros cash.

Where To Exchange

We recommend that you change any currency into Euros prior to arrival. Bureau de Change are generally only found in major cities and large airports.

ATM Availability

Cash-point machines are available in all major towns. Bankcards with the Cirrus logo are accepted.

Credit Card Acceptance

Visa and Mastercard are generally accepted in larger restaurants and some shops.

Travellers Cheques

Travellers cheques can be exchanged in all major towns but are not recommended due to the high rate of commission.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals**Transport Information**

Bus, Minibus, Public Bus, Taxi

Accommodation notes

Hotel Navigator is situated on cliffs overlooking the sea, just a short walk from Mareta Beach and the centre of the town. It has a swimming pool to relax by, and an indoor lounge. The apartment rooms are spacious and have a kitchenette, sitting area and small balcony. A buffet breakfast is included.

Essential Information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Portugal: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and [Booking Conditions](#).

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them [here](#).

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

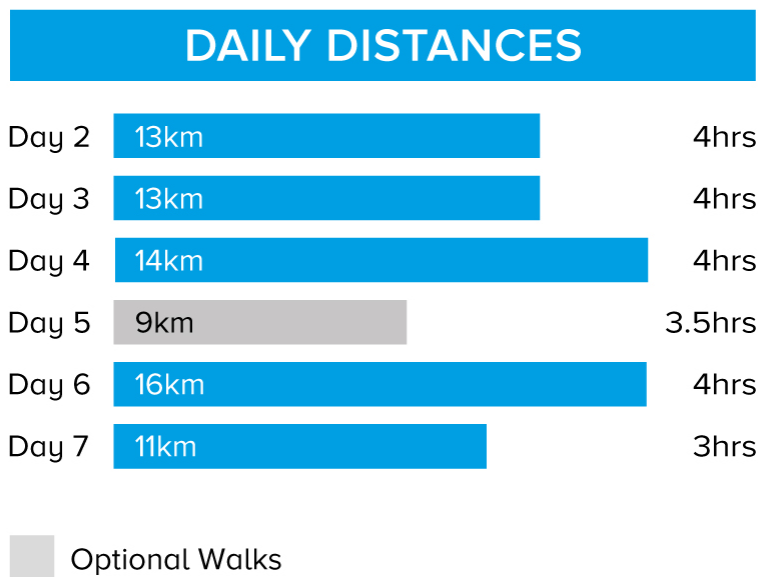
On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory but Tetanus is usually recommended as a precaution. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Walking and Trekking information






Walking grade

Easy to moderate

Trek details

Walks on 5 days for between 3 to 4 hours mainly along coastal paths, with an additional optional walk on day 5.

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