

My Via-Algarviana

Hiking in Portugal from 30 April to 15 May 2022

Total trail distance: 313 km/195 mi;

Arrival at Hotel d' Alcoutim by Saturday, 30 April, 6pm

Europe is varied and beautiful • Please travel by train/bus

30/4 • Day 1 Saturday

Arrival/Travel to Alcoutim by 6pm, meet & greet

1/5 • Day 2

Alcoutim-Furnazinhas 25 km, eight hrs.

Private accommodation (medium**)

2/5 • Day 3

Furnazinhas-Vaqueiros 22 km, seven hrs.

Casas d' Aldeia, AL (easy*)

3/5 • Day 4

Vaqueiros-Cachopo 18 km, six hrs.

Cachopo, hiking inn, (medium**)

4/5 • Day 5

Cachopo-Feiteira-Cortelha 20 km, seven hrs.

Cantinho da Serra, AL (medium**)

5/5 • Day 6

Cortelha-Salir-Benafim 24 km, eight hrs.

Agroturismo Quinta do Freixo (medium**)

6/5 • Tag 7

Benafim-Alte-S.B. Messines 20 km, seven hrs.

Vale Fuzeiros Nature Guesthouse, AL (easy*)

7/5 • Tag 8

Messines-Silves 28 km, seven hrs.

Horta Grande Hostel, AL (difficult***)

8/5 • Day 9

Silves-Caldas de Monchique 30 km, ten hours

Private accommodation (difficult***)

9/5 • Day 10

Caldas de Monchique-Monchique-Marmelete 25 km, eight hrs.

Private accommodation, Marmelete (difficult***)

10/5 • Day 11

Marmelete-Aljezur 22 km, seven hrs.

Hostal Amazigh (easy*)

11/5 • Day 12

Aljezur-Arrifana 15 km, five hrs.

Youth Hostel (easy*)

12/5 • Day 13

Arrifana-Bordeira-Carrapateira 25 km, eight hrs.

Pension das Dunas (medium**)

13/5 • Day 14

Carrapateira Rest Day

14/5 • Day 15

Carrapateira-Pedralva-Vila do Bispo 22 km, five hrs.

Casa Mestre, AL (easy*)

15/5 • Day 16 Sunday

Vila do Bispo – Cape St Vincent 17 km, six hours (easy*)

Transfer from the Cape to Lagos by public transport

Lagos, departure on 15 May at 5pm

The **My Via-Algarviana** long-distance trail combines the finest routes of the *Via Algarviana* (GR13, 232km/145 mi) and the Best Of the *Rota Vicentina* (GR11, 81 km/50 mi) and features 14 full hiking days. Every day has its particular cultural and historical highlights, and is an ecological challenge, as well as a spring-time immersion into the flora and fauna of the backcountry. All participants should have experience in long-distance hiking and enjoy a sound level of fitness. **My Via-Algarviana** includes multi-lingual guiding by two journalists, 14 nights' B&B accommodation, 15 authentic lunches and dinners, a public transport transfer from the Cape to Lagos, sightseeing and personal accident insurance. In geographic terms, our destination is Europe's most south-westerly cape; as an experience, the long distance hike ends in Lagos.

This is a trip organised for the readers of ECO123 magazine. Price € 1,590

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