

Transalgarve - 8 days

Discover the beautiful landscapes of the Algarve! Trans Algarve Cycling is an incredible Hybrid Cycling route program along the Algarve to Sagres, where you end this crossing at the most Westerly point in Europe, Cape São Vicente. Start riding along the sea and do inside the Natural Park of Ria Formosa, a lagoon system that extends itself over 60km of coast. Then explore the inland Algarve, riding old roads and find lost villages on the hills of the Algarve and beautiful cork-oak forests. Stay on typical villages like Alte and get inside the real Algarve riding on valleys with luxuriant Mediterranean vegetation and beautiful rivulets. Discover the lovely Moorish town of Silves and its Castle. Visit Lagos, the oldest town in the Algarve and cycle to Ponta da Piedade discovering fantastic sceneries of cliffs, caves and rocks with an amazing mixture of colors. Explore the rugged cliff lined coastline from Lagos to Sagres and end this incredible tour in the southwestern most point of Europe, Cape São Vicente - the place where the land ends and the sea begin!

Day 1: Arrival at airport Faro

We will pick you up at the airport and bring you to Tavira. Vila Real is an interesting old town on the banks of the Guadiana River which forms the border between Spain and Portugal. The town is full of character and not particularly touristy.

Day 2: Loop Tavira, ~38 km

This will be the first riding day in which you will cycle on calm roads close to the Serra Algarvia. Pass small villages and ride along old roads and rural paths, crossing a vast area of orange trees. The smell is wonderful! Also discover "Pego do Inferno" where you can admire the most beautiful waterfall in the Algarve. Enjoy the ride back to Tavira where you will stay for another night.

Day 3: Tavira - Vale das Gralhas, ~49 km

Start today's journey in Tavira and ride along the incredible Ria Formosa, one of the most beautiful natural parks of the country. This is a paradise for birdwatchers and part of the Natura 2000 Network. The views are just amazing, and are the highlight of the day's program. Close to the town of Olhão, head inland, ride past small villages and cross vast areas of orange trees. Take a deep breath, pick up a fruit and sit down between green and orange fields. Tonight you will stay at a lovely rural hotel in Vale das Gralhas.

Day 4: Vale das Gralhas - Querença, ~ 40 km

Head north and roll through the small ups and downs of the hills, close to the Algarve Mountains. It will be a challenging day, but well worth the effort for the tremendous breathtaking sceneries. Along the way visit the town of São Brás de Alportel, which was once the biggest cork producing center in Portugal. A great choice of roads and trails will take you through amazing green Algarve fields with rich Mediterranean? Flora and fauna where you can invigorate your mind and soul with the pure natural air. Arrive at the typical village of Querença where you will spend the night in a quiet and peaceful hotel.

Day 5: Querença - Silves, ~65 km

Another challenging day in the rolling hills close to the Algarve Mountains, but once again worth the effort. Start your ride in Querença and go along ancient and narrow roads where the landscape mainly shows carob and fig trees. Then, get into a large valley of cork-oak trees. The best part of this day is a lovely ride on a road close to the Arade Dam. Gently cruise down the valley to your destination for the day in the lovely historic town of Silves. It is well worth planning to get here with time to spare as there is plenty of opportunity to the castle and the Moorish town.

Day 6: Silves - Lagos, ~51 km

Today, you will arrive at Lagos, one of the oldest towns in the Algarve! Cycle through a valley following the Odelouca stream. You will cross a rural area to the village of Odiáxere and ride south straight to the sea! Then, you will reach the incredible beach of "Meia Praia", a long beach of fine golden sand all along the bay! You will cross a footbridge over the Bensafrim River and reach the cosmopolitan city of Lagos, which means lakes, from the Latin Lacobrica - one of the oldest towns in the Algarve. Lagos is one of the most visited cities in the Algarve, and also a historic center of the Portuguese Age of Discovery, and at one time, the center of the European slave trade.

Services:

7 nights in 4**** hotels
7x breakfast
1x dinner (on day 3, without drinks)
luggage transport
welcome briefing and bike fitting
digital information book with daily information and maps
GPS tracks
navigation app
transfer from Faro airport to start hotel
transfer from last hotel to Faro airport
service hotline

additional services:

supplement solo traveler (luggage)	460 €
GPS rental	60 €
rental bike	165 €
electric bike	290 €
own bike	0 €

Price:

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double room, BnB	1180 €
single room, BnB	1550 €
twin room, BnB	1180 €



Day 7: Lagos - Sagres, ~58 km

This is quite a challenging days cycling as there are a few hills as the terrain changes as you approach the rugged cliff lined coastline around Sagres and Cape St Vincent. We will follow amazing trails along the coast line to Ponta da Piedade where we can find fantastic sceneries of cliffs, caves and rocks with an amazing mixture of colors! The route continues west and passes through some great scenery and quaint little coastal villages. Once you arrive in Sagres, you have the option of checking into your hotel and then cycling the 6 extra kilometers to the edge of Europe, Cape St Vincent- the south-western-most point of Continental Europe.

Day 8: Departure

Transfer back to Faro airport.

