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## Algarve

Type Moderate

Duration 5 days cycling + 2 days transfers



# Algarve Road Self Guided Bike Tour

*Cycling Tour - The Monchique Mountain as your tour mate.*

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- Monchique Mountain Range
- Castro Marim Natural Reserve
- Scenic Roads
- Traditional Gastronomy
- Ocean views



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*“BTP accommodated us First Class from start to finish. As unseasoned cyclists, they provided us with a comfort level from first contact with them by email as they addressed all questions and concerns we had. All overnight accommodations were fantastic whether luxury hotels or family owned inns. In all cases amazing food, friendly staff...”*

**Tim Bell**

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## Day 1

### Arrival

Arrival at Faro Airport and transfer\* to the Hotel Praia Verde. The transfer will be made during the afternoon at 15h00.

We'll be doing a briefing about your algarve cycling tour, followed by dinner at the Hotel.

\*If you intend to arrive to a different Airport or with a different schedule, please contact us to quote and organize your transfer

Acommodation: Praia Verde Boutique Hotel



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## Day 2

### Ocean views

After breakfast, start today's stage on a loop ride.

The route will take you around the Castro Marim Natural Park Reserve - a natural habitat for a rich diversity of fauna and flora, these marshlands provide sanctuary to significant numbers of aquatic, nesting and migratory birds, including Greater Flamingos, Avocets, Black-winged Stilts and many species of ducks. The cycle path throughout the marshlands and salt pans – where it is still produced accordingly to the ancient traditions the Fleur-de-Sel or the Salt Flower (the purest form of salt) – will leave you astonished ...

Cycle back to the Hotel. Enjoy the SPA and the massages in the Hotel – contact Bike Tours Portugal for further details.

Accommodation: Praia Verde Boutique Hotel

Stage: 60km



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## Day 3

### A bit of history

Pack your bags, enjoy your breakfast and it's time to departure.

Today you'll ride in the direction of the West, where you'll go through the Algarvian baroque.

Perfect roads to roll. From here, ride to Moncarapacho, and stop for lunch. We suggest you try a local restaurant, full of traditional Algarve flavors.

After lunch, the ride continues easy to the hotel.



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Enjoy your free time at the hotel.

Accommodation: Pousada de Estoi

Stage: 50km

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### Day 4

#### Small Vilages

For today's stage we've prepared a loop ride to explore the interior Algarve by pedaling through some of the most iconic places of the Algarve.

Cycling on exceptional roads that take you to some typical villages like Querença, Alportel, Estoi.

Pedal through their narrow streets and typical houses, with their distinctive architecture and their proud chimneys cut out.

On your way back to the hotel, take time out to relax.

Accommodation: Pousada de Estoi

Stage: 55 km




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### Day 5

#### Typical villages

After your invigorating breakfast, it's time get on your road bike and prepare one of the most stimulating days of this Tour.

Perfect roads to roll, and the typical villages of the Algarve.

Enjoy visiting Silves and its castle from the sec. VIII - considered the greatest and most perfect example of Islamic military architecture in the Algarve.

The ride continues lightly to the hotel.

Enjoy your free time at the hotel.

Acommodation: Monchique Resort & Spa

Stage: 80km




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### Day 6

#### Foia Stage

After breakfast, it's now time to start our last state.

Leaving the Hotel you'll be doing a loop ride, where the uppermost point of the Monchique mountain range will be the highlight of the day – Fóia has 902 meters from the sea level, and it is the highest point in the Algarve. From here we can assure you one of the most fantastic views over the region. It's now time to descend to your hotel.

Enjoy the SPA and the massages in the Hotel if you wish – contact Bike Tours Portugal for further details.



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Acommodation: Monchique Resort & Spa

Stage: 50km

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*Day 7*

### **Departure**

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to Algarve. A transfer\* will be made to the Faro Airport at 10h00.

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### Details

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#### *Included on the Self Guided*

- 6 Nights in double accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts
- 5 Bike rides
- Bike and helmet
- Mini-Pump, Saddle Bag
- Quick tyre repair kit (spare inner tube and multi-tool kit)
- GPS with with route and POI's
- Spot Me location device
- Cell phone for emergencies
- Backpack, water bottle, bike jersey, casual polo and luggage tags with Bike Tours Portugal Logo
- Insurance
- Arrival transfer lisbon airport – 1st hotel) Aeroporto Lisboa, at 15h on fixed departures
- Departure transfer (last hotel – lisbon airport, at 10h00 on fixed departures
- Luggage transportation (hotel-to-hotel)
- Technical assistance in case of necessity
- Tire repair€90/Tire

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#### *Not included on the Self Guided*

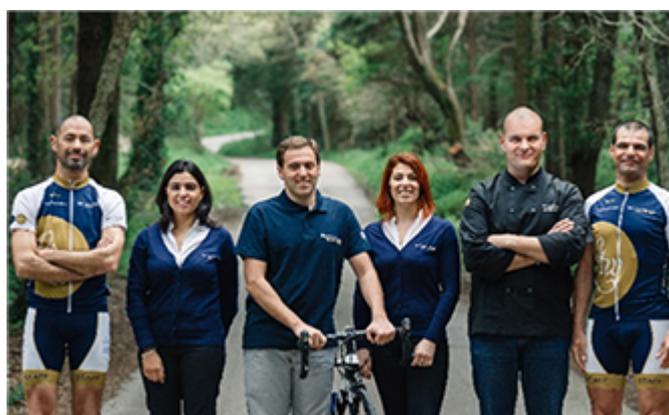
- Lunches
- Dinners
- Bike shorts and shoes
- Extra equipment non specified as included
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- Air fares
- Mini-bar and extra consumptions not mentioned on the programme
- SPA treatments

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"Luxury on Two Wheels" means what it says: Unforgettable, premium cycling experiences, where no expense is spared to offer you the most exclusive lodgings; gourmet cuisine that deliciously combines tradition with innovation; genuine points of interest; the kind of personal service only possible with small groups; and highly customized, educational cycling routes.

Last but not least, our Tours are not only family-friendly but family-oriented: from the choice of accessories that range from tandem bikes to baby chairs, to our selection of routes that are accessible enough to be made by beginner cyclists, every detail of our Tours was carefully designed with family and friends in mind. Whether a member of your group is 8 or 80, he or she will certainly enjoy our rides with minimum effort and complete comfort.

We're sure you'll compare us to others. We actually hope you do, as you'll quickly realize the differences between a "Cycling Holiday" and "Luxury on Two Wheels".



Get in touch. We're happy to help!

## Our team

From customer support to route planning, on-tour bike repair and gourmet picnics, everyone in our team is passionate about Portugal, Cycling, and making your stay nothing less than spectacular.

## Our Vans

### Luxury on the Road

Our trailers were custom-built to be the perfect partner for all our Guided Tours. Not only can they hold all necessary bikes and equipment, they also have plenty of space for our client's luggage. A fully-equipped kitchen, water closet, built-in repair shop and wi-fi hotspot complete our 'hotel on the road'.



## Our Vans

### Premium Support

Used in both our Guided and Self-Guided Tours, our Vans holds up to 8 passengers and their luggage, and 8 bicycles. Equipped with a mini-bar, double air conditioning, 12V USB charger and wi-fi hotspot, it's a perfect companion for all our Tours.

