



Vicentine Coast

Type Moderate

Duration 5 days bike + 2 days transfer



Along the Rota Vicentina Self Guided Bike Tour

The sea as your bike mate

- Cycling Portugal coast and admire the most fantastic Portuguese beaches
- Visit some of the most typical portuguese villages
- Take sun baths along it's continuous 15km length of golden sand
- Be enchanted by the beauty of the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Natural Park

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Day 1

Arrival

Arrival to Lisbon airport and VIP transfer to the fabulous Santiago Hotel Cooking & Nature where gastronomy and culinary are the main attractions, located on a hill with a view to the Santiago do Cacém Castle.

Before dinner our team will do a briefing on our cycle tour, for tomorrow the adventure begins.

Acommodation: Santiago Hotel Cooking & Nature

Day 2

Ocean views

Following a delicious breakfast, we continue our biking through the Alentejo. Our cycling holidays continues with a smooth and breezy downhill dash to enter the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Natural Park, all the way to Porto Côvo. Discover here a genuine seven heaven made up of almost only deserted beaches, cliffs and crags amidst exceptionally rich biodiversity and unique geological heritage. Among the 750 plants and 200 species of birds that have been identified throughout the area of the Natural Park, there are a few worth mentioning, like the White Stork, Bonelli's Eagle, the Peregrine Falcon or the felines such as the Fox or the Iberian Linx.

Stage: 38km

Accommodation: 3 Marias Country House

Day 3

Feel the ocean's breeze

After another delicious homemade breakfast, we cycle along a flat terrain stage. Our biking takes us to the fishing village of Vila Nova de Milfontes with a strong connection to the ocean, in the estuary of the Mira river, where many centuries ago Celts, Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians and, of course, Romans and Arabs passed through.

Afterwards, we'll take a look at the 1883 Cabo Sardão Lighthouse, an impressive 17 meters high structure that still helps ship navigate along the coast. The views are impressive and we continue to Zambujeira do Mar, finally arriving to our hotel.

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Stage: 58km

Accommodation: Enigma Nature & Water Hotel

Day 4

Odeceixe

Following a delicious breakfast, the biking continues along the Rota Vicentina. The views are impressive and the tracks take us to Odeceixe Beach, quite popular amongst the surfers, which straddles the border between the Algarve and Alentejo regions of Portugal and is considered one of the most beautiful of Portugal.

It is situated at the mouth of the River Seixe which forms the border and lays down a lush green valley leading to the beach.

Stage: 30km

Accommodation: Casa Vicentina

Day 5

From farming to ocean

Following breakfast, we continue exploring the beautiful scenery of the region. We cycle to the village of Aljezur, located in a lush green valley, well known for its sweet potatoes.

Before getting there, we suggest a stop at the Sweet Potato Museum, where you can taste the most diverse delicacies made with such a versatile tuberous root.

The small village of Aljezur was profoundly affected by the 1755 earthquake, but rapidly rebuilt itself and is now famous for its sweet potatoes production.

A must see is the X Century Moorish castle, that has one of the most fantastic views of the Portuguese southwest region.

And from farming lands we bike towards the ocean, passing by the famous Amado beach, considered one of the best Portuguese Beaches for Surf, and frequented by practitioners from all over Europe, being many times stage of international competitions.

It is also in this region of the Algarve where one can see rare bird species for north Europe, that pass by here on their migration to south.

Accommodation: Casa Fajara Rustic Boutique Hotel

Stage: 45km

Day 6

Sagres

The day begins cycling through the magnificent ocean views. We are heading for Sagres, the southernmost point in Portugal, where the Portuguese sailors learned

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how to sail the caravel in the XV Century and discovered new worlds.
We cycle towards Vila do Bispo, where the local farmer's market, full with fresh produce, is point of gathering for the locals.
We continue with a mandatory detour to Cordoama Belvedere, located on the top of a cliff and with amazing views!

We'll continue all the way to St. Vincent Lighthouse – with breathtaking views onto the Atlantic ocean...offering one of the best sunsets in the world!

Accommodation: Memmo Baleeira Design Hotel

Stage: 40Km

Day 7

Goodbye Algarve

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

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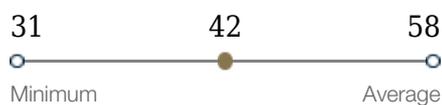
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Distance/day



Total distance (km)

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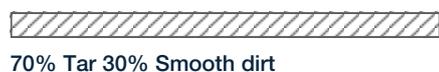
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Duration



Trails



Bike Type

MTB

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Included on the Self Guided

- 6 Nights in double accommodation
- 6 Breakfasts
- 5 Bike rides
- Briefing and bike fitting with our expert guide
- 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

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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Why choose us?

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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.

