



TOUR ITINERARY

RIDING
LEVEL

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Europe / Portugal / Algarve

Algarve Bike Tour

Scenic Cycling on Portugal's Southern Atlantic Coast

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride along the Guadiana River, discovering its historical importance as the natural border between Portugal and Spain
- Enjoy an evening at our friend's family-owned farmhouse and winery, where you'll cook traditional dishes and taste estate wines
- Enjoy a guided visit in the market town of Loulé and connect with local craftsmen
- Meet Octávio—a sustainable surfboard shaper to the pros—and learn about his specialty trade
- Relax on a private beach or sip poolside cocktails while overlooking the Atlantic



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Faro, Portugal
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Hotel 3HB Faro
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
9:30 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Faro, Portugal
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Faro Airport
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
9:15 am

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.



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Tour By Day

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Olá to the Algarve

Meet your guides in Faro, then transfer to the tranquil hilltop village of Barranco do Velho. We'll get to know each other over a cup of coffee at a local café, then get to know our bikes during a fitting and safety review. Our first ride explores inland Algarve, taking us over rolling hills, past cork oak forests, and through rural farmlands. Stop for a light lunch in Salir's picturesque town square, then ride the rest of the way to our first luxury hotel. Spend the rest of the afternoon settling into your room or squeeze in some time by the pool. This evening, we toast the week ahead with a welcome drink, followed by a fabulous farm-to-fork dinner.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Barranco do Velho, Salir, Ombria

Accomplished: 15 miles / 24 km, elevation gain: 955 feet / 291 meters

Longer Option: 21 miles / 34 km, elevation gain: 1,330 feet / 405 meters

Accommodations: [Viceroy Ombria Algarve](#) or [Octant Vila Monte](#)

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The Artisans of Loulé

Get an early start with our morning ride to the market town of Loulé. Inhabited since the late Paleolithic period, Loulé became an important trading post for the Phoenicians and Carthaginians before the arrival of the Romans. Later, the Moors made it their stronghold until the 13th century, when it was conquered by the king of Portugal. Today, Loulé's history is on full display: our local guide João will take us on a tour of the town's medieval streets and ancient ramparts, visiting the lively indoor market and artisan handcraft producers that have gravitated to Loulé over the years. After lunch, choose to take your bike out for some extra miles or hop in the van and head back to the hotel. We'll spend the evening at one of our favorite restaurants in downtown Loulé: dinner is a showcase of local ingredients accompanied by perfect pairings from the sommelier.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Salir, Loulé

Accomplished: 17 miles / 28 km, elevation gain: 1,620 feet / 494 meters

Longer Option: 23 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 2,120 feet / 646 meters

Accommodations: [Viceroy Ombria Algarve](#) or [Octant Vila Monte](#)

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Surf and Sip

Fuel up with a hearty breakfast and a steaming cup of coffee before we begin today's ride to the town of São Brás de Alportel. Portugal's legendary surfing spots have recently piqued the public interest, and our friend Octávio's trade is one of the most unique in Portugal—or anywhere. We'll visit the workshop where he custom-shapes cork and other sustainable surfboards for renowned professional surfers like Alex Botelho. After our visit with Octávio, we'll ride to the coastal town of Fuseta where, weather permitting, we'll board a boat and enjoy lunch within the protected wetlands of Ria Formosa. Comprised of canals, salt marshes, and barrier islands, this fascinating lagoon ecosystem has been a Natural Park since 1987. Back on the bikes, ride or transfer to our next hotel in Tavira, a lovely riverside town known as 'Venice of the Algarve' for its Renaissance and Baroque architecture, abundance of charming churches, and impressive proximity to both the Gilão River and the beach. Tonight we pay a visit to a family estate and participate in preparing our dinner of typical dishes from the Algarve.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: São Brás de Alportel, Tavira

Accomplished: 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 1,418 feet / 432 meters

Longer Option: 34 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 1,668 feet / 509 meters

Accommodations: [Palácio de Tavira](#) or [Colégio Charm House](#)

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Coasts and Rivers: Between Spain and Portugal

Today we continue biking east, loosely following the Atlantic coast towards Spain and the Guadiana River that separates the two countries. Stop for a coffee in the picturesque coastal village of Cacela Velha, called one of Portugal's prettiest towns by Condé Nast. Fill your lungs with some sea air, then continue eastward to Vila Real de Santo António, a town situated right where the river meets the sea. Our well-deserved lunch is served at the Beach Club, a breezy bohemian spot with unobstructed views across the river to Spain. Our next hotel is just a short ride away, an artfully restored Grand Dame built during the Belle Epoque and overlooking the Guadiana River. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the countless restaurants in town.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Tavira, Cacela Velha, Vila Real de Santo António

Accomplished: 29 miles / 46 km, elevation gain: 1,399 feet / 427 meters

Accommodations: [Casas da Quinta de Cima](#) or [Octant Praia Verde](#) or [Grand House Hotel](#)

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Cruising the Guadiana

On our final day of riding, we follow the Guadiana River upstream to the fortified town of Alcoutim. Alcoutim was once a safe haven for smugglers of coffee and alcohol, spirited across the river between Spain and Portugal. Lunch is served in town—although the menu leans more on fresh salads and seafood than Iron Age contraband. If time allows, we'll check out the Alcoutim's 13th-century castle for striking views all the way to Spain. After, choose to close out the week with some extra miles or shuttle straight back to the hotel. Tonight, we toast our week together at the rooftop bar before heading down to an elegant meal in the hotel's Grand Salon.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Alcoutim, Castro Marim, Vila Real de Santo António

Accomplished: 28 miles / 45 km, elevation gain: 1,960 feet / 597 meters

Longer Option: 43 miles / 69 km, elevation gain: 3,311 feet / 1,009 meters

Accommodations: [Casas da Quinta de Cima](#) or [Octant Praia Verde](#) or [Grand House Hotel](#)

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Adeus, Algarve!

After a final gourmet breakfast, choose to extend your stay at our final hotel or catch a ride with your guides back to Faro for your journey home.

Meals: Breakfast

Destinations: Faro
