

Enhance Your Stay in the Algarve with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing

Full-Day Flavors + Traditions of the Algarve: In the engaging company of your personal guide, this immersive daylong journey takes you about 12 miles inland to São Brás de Alportel. Typical of other communities here in the Faro District, this is a tranquil town of white houses—many embellished with ornate tilework and wrought iron balconies. At one of the town’s cork factories, you’ll learn about the entire process from harvesting in the surrounding forests to production and shipping. Then sample regional specialties at a local bakery and spend time perusing the exhibits at the São Brás Ethnographic Museum. In the bucolic village of Salir, you can explore the remains of a once-mighty Almohad castle. Before returning to your hotel, you’ll stop in Alte to stroll its charming cobblestone streets; off the beaten path, this beautiful village offers a genuine experience of traditional life in the Algarve—away from the lively resort towns along the coast.

Tour Duration: 8 Hours. Available Monday to Friday.

Full-Day Landscapes + Wine of the Algarve: Set out this morning with your chauffeured vehicle and private guide to discover some of the most scenic regions of the Algarve. Your first stop is a family-run workshop in the village of Porches that has been producing pottery of extraordinary beauty and quality since 1968. See the skilled artisans at work here at Olaria de Porches before continuing to Benagil, a picturesque fishing village perched above the Atlantic. See the caves and grottoes of Algar Seco and join your guide for a pleasant stroll along the cobblestone streets of Ferragudo, a tranquil fishing village with whitewashed buildings clustered along the harbor. Your last stop of the day will be at a local winery where you’ll enjoy a guided tour and wine tasting.

Tour Duration: 8 Hours. Available Monday to Friday.

Full-Day East Algarve – Faro, Olhão + Tavira: Traveling comfortably in a chauffeured vehicle with your expert guide, this daylong excursion reveals the allure and diversity of the Algarve. Your first stop is Faro, capital of the Algarve province. Enjoy a guided walk through the well-preserved medieval quarter, still surrounded by its ancient Moorish walls. As you explore along the cobblestone streets, you’ll learn about the city’s various landmarks, from the 13th-century Gothic Cathedral to the Nossa Senhora Convent, completed in 1548. Continuing to Olhão, you’ll discover a lively fishing town with a pretty waterfront and a maze of cobblestone streets lined with traditional fishermen’s homes. Enjoy a guided stroll and free time to have lunch on your own. Off the tourist path, Olhão’s many restaurants and cafes serve authentic Portuguese fare geared to local residents. Your last stop of the day will be Tavira. Renowned as one of the most charming towns in the Algarve, your guided walking tour will include the 4th-century Roman bridge and the ruins of a fortress that once guarded Tavira from North African raiders and pirates. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*

Full-Day West Algarve – Silves, Lagos + Sagres: This immersive, privately-guided excursion begins in the pretty medieval town of Silves, once the capital of the Algarve region. Enjoy a walking tour along its timeless cobblestone streets and marvel at the impressive red-stone castle set on a hilltop above town. Then step into the 15th century in Lagos, where Henry the Navigator supplied his ships before setting sail for the coast of Africa, thereby launching the Portuguese Age of Discoveries. Chief among the town’s many landmarks is the handsome Santo Antonio Church, famed for its gilded Baroque interior. After free time to have lunch on your own, your touring continues to Sagres where you’ll see the remains of an imposing 15th-century fortress. Driving along the beautiful Cape St. Vincent, the most southwestern point in Europe, you’ll come to a picturesque lighthouse perched on rugged cliffs high above the sea. *Tour Duration: 8 Hours*

Full-Day Seville, Spain: Traveling eastward, it's a scenic 2.5-hour journey through the Algarve and across the Spanish border to Seville. Upon arrival, your privately guided tour begins with a pleasant stroll through Maria Luisa Park. Reaching Plaza de España, built in 1928, you'll discover a beautiful courtyard fountain and winding waterways. Continuing along the charming cobblestone streets of Barrio Santa Cruz, you'll learn about the history of Seville's ancient Jewish Quarter. Of course, no visit to Seville would be complete without seeing two of Spain's most important UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Founded in 1403 on the site of a former mosque, Seville's magnificent Cathedral 🕌 reflects both Gothic and Renaissance styles, encompassing 700 years of history and architecture. You'll also marvel at the magnificent Alcazar Palace 🕌. Dating back to the 10th century, this is one of the oldest royal residences in Europe; it is a masterpiece of Mudéjar architecture—a style that reflects a unique blend of Moorish and Christian influences. Before returning to the Algarve, you'll have free time to explore at your own pace, the perfect opportunity to browse in some of the artisan shops and boutiques or to enjoy a glass of fine Spanish wine with tapas.

Tour Duration: 9 Hours