

# Portugal - the Algarve

8 days **from £799** February, March, May & September to November 2020, February & March 2021



**NO SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT  
FEB & NOV '20  
& FEB '21**

To discover the real beauty of the Algarve our escorted walks, through glorious countryside decked with flowers, may be the answer. In recent years the Algarve has become increasingly popular with walkers who realise that much of the countryside and coastline remain unspoilt. Your walking guide will show you the very best of the region while allowing you time to appreciate all that you see. Your resort, Armação de Pêra, boasts one of the most beautiful beaches in the Algarve, pretty coves, a panorama of brightly coloured fishing boats and a range of high-quality fish restaurants. So why not pack your walking boots and enjoy the best that the Algarve has to offer?

• 7 nights hb in Armação de Pera • 3 included walking excursions • See the Algarve's coastline and lovely hinterland

## PROGRAMME

**DAY ONE:** Flight to Faro and transfer to your hotel in Armação de Pêra, just 45 minutes away from the airport. Seven nights half board accommodation is reserved for you.

**DAYS TWO TO SEVEN:** In resort with three included walking excursions

**Walk 1:** Estombar to Silves. 15-minute coach transfer to the start of your walk near the natural springs of Estombar, which also provides the water for the nearby rice fields. You will follow the Arade River to the historical town of Silves – the Moors had their regional capital here. The area is rich in birdlife, and you will pass plantations of orange trees, as well as many different rockrose species, lavender, thyme and rosemary. You complete your walk in the centre of the pleasant village of Silves, where there is time to explore before you return to the hotel. 5 miles, climbs of 40m.

**Walk 2:** Luz to Ponta da Piedade. The starting point of this walk is the fishing

village of Luz (50 minutes away by coach). You will walk uphill on small footpaths and then continue along the picturesque coastline. In the springtime especially, wild orchids accompany you on your way, together with Affodile and Mastric bushes. There is also a marvellous view across to the Ponta da Piedade, an impressive rock formation in the sea, where you will meet your coach for the short transfer to Lagos. The town is closely associated with Henry the Navigator, and was the starting port of many Portuguese voyages of discovery in the 15th and 16th century. You will have time to explore Lagos before returning to the hotel. 5 miles, climbs 80m.

**Walk 3:** Chapel of Our Lady of the Rock to the Alfanzina lighthouse. Short coach transfer to the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rock. From there you cross the bays of Praia de Marinha and Praia de Benagil. You follow narrow paths in an area where the cliffs are made up of different colours of rock – excellent photo opportunities,

and there are impressive blowholes, too, to reach the Alfanzina lighthouse. You will return to the hotel by coach. The walk is 5.5 miles, with climbs totalling 150m approx.

**DAY EIGHT:** Free time until your transfer to the airport for your return flight.



## YOUR HOTEL

**THE HOLIDAY INN ALGARVE**  
(formerly the Hotel Garbe) ★★★★★,  
Armação de Pêra (seven nights)

This well-appointed 4-star hotel commands a prime position with a stunning panoramic view of the bay of Armação de Pêra, within strolling distance of shops, restaurants and entertainment. Its facilities include a restaurant serving buffet-style meals, lounge, bar, free wifi in reception and swimming pool. Rooms are equipped with bath/shower, wc, hairdryer, direct dial telephone, individually controlled air-conditioning, safe, minibar, tea and coffee making facilities and satellite television. Sea view rooms are available at a supplement. Entertainment is provided on certain evenings.

([www.hialgarve.com](http://www.hialgarve.com))

**Extend your holiday – extra week available in the Algarve.**

**If you have friends who are not walkers interested in this itinerary, it is featured in our Escorted Holidays brochure with a touring programme.**