



MICE DESTINATION

the Algarve in association with Membership World



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"One of the many reasons organisations choose the Algarve is for the lovely all year round weather this destination achieves. There are plenty of four and five star hotels in the region to wow your members and customers and lots of opportunities to create a memorable experience."

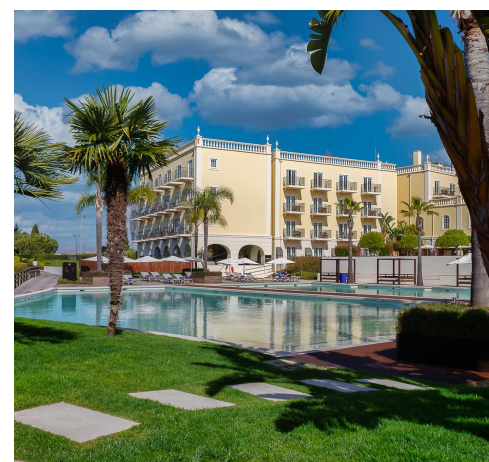
-João Fernandes, Algarve Tourism President

The Algarve is an excellent destination for congresses, meetings, incentives, and product launches. Offering the perfect balance between work and relaxation, the Algarve has a wonderful mild climate with more than 300 days of sun a year and a variety of hotels, conference facilities and venues, as well DMCs and PCOs, leisure activities suppliers and golf courses, restaurants, and many other services with modern technical resources and qualified and creative staff that can meet all the requirements to host a successful event.

Here is a snapshot of some of the places to consider.

The Arcade Congress Centre, once an old fish cannery towering over the river in Lagoa now it houses many events including a 2,000 sqm auditorium holding a thousand people.

The Algarve Congress Centre in Vilamoura is a superb modern building at the heart of this golfing mecca and a lively marina. A 2.280sqm plenary room can be divided into six spaces and two individual 370sqm rooms. Eight smaller spaces can be arranged if necessary for events of all shapes and sizes. Well-equipped meeting rooms are also available for meetings, with great views of the Atlantic Ocean. A part of the Salgados Palace Hotel, by Nau Hotels & Resorts, the Palácio de Congressos do Algarve is one of the biggest congress centres in the region. The building can hold up to 1,650 people and houses 41 meeting rooms that can be scaled up and down to meet every need





Domes Lake resort, Vilamoura

Domes Lake resort is an impressive 5 star destination for incentives and executive stays and fabulous dinner and cocktail settings and only a short walk from the marina. The resort has a natural sandy beach pool and a floating restaurant among the three available to guests and with a large terrace area this is perfect for group events. Domes has a wonderful spa with a large number of treatment rooms available. The hotel boasts 192 modern rooms many renovated in 2022/23.

The Gustaio restaurant accommodates 120 indoor and 80 outdoor. The Topos restaurant has 50 indoor and 80 outdoor.

The floating Makris has 20 indoor and 80 outdoor capacity.

The resort has 10 different meeting spaces accommodating from 24 to 225. The resort can arrange golf, jeep, cave, dophin spotting , olives and wine tasting tours. A short walk guests can be at the Sora beach for team building activities.



The Epic Sana Hotel

Also boasts of a large congress centre, with an area of 1.848sqm, complemented with over 1.000sqm of outside spaces. Flexible rooms allow for several types of events: congresses, cocktails, fashion shows, business dinners, etc. The centre's natural light is a bonus for any event, as well as the technology and equipment.

The modern and creative menus are created seasonally by the Portuguese well known chef Luis Mourão and his team to use the freshest and best national and regional products Trendy bars. Not to be missed is the Bluum bar which follows the concept of Molecular Mixology by using molecular gastronomy and scientific equipment to create innovative flavours, textures and sensations.

The Epic Sana has low rise buildings blended with the peaceful surroundings 229 comfortable and contemporary rooms and suites 5 outdoor pools (1 for adults only and 2 for children).

1 indoor pool 24h open Entertainment –themed parties, wine tastings, Gastronomy and pastry workshops, fashion shows Free Wi-Fi on the whole Resort Free covered parking.

There is exclusive beach access through the pinewood Prime location at Falésia beach known by the multi-coloured cliffs and wonderful sunsets 37 km from Faro International airport | 7 km from the liveliness of Albufeira city or from the fashionable Vilamoura town Proximity to several renowned golf courses including Oceanico Victoria course, where "Portugal Masters" is played. And there is the Sayanna Wellness Spa (1500m2) inspired by Oriental treatments, has 9 treatment rooms including a Vichy shower room, massage rooms and a beauty parlour with outdoor terraces, 2 marquees and an outdoor pavilion with garden for treatments for couples, a private jacuzzi and fantastic view over the Atlantic Ocean. Sauna, Turkish bath, spa relaxation room and fitness room Bespoke Sayanna Wellness Retreats - nurture body, mind and soul in a unique and tranquil atmosphere through one of our exclusive programs.

Santa Eulalia Resort

At the Grande Real Santa Eulália Resort and Hotel Spa, the business centre houses a large meeting room, with an area of 1.500sqm and a capacity for 700 people. There are 345 rooms, 54 sea views and 106 resort view rooms. They have 105 one bedroom apartments and 20 two bedroom apartments. The resort boasts 5 bars, 4 outdoor swimming pools. There is a fully purpose gym and wellness centre and 3 amazing restaurants.

The hotel also has its own nightclub overlooking the sea which is ideal for private use. There is also a fabulous veranda overlooking the sea and ideal for hosting receptions and welcome drinks. This is a perfect location for the all in one resort and with the beach only a few metres away from the hotel as well. Organisations wanting to run training workshops and team building events should definitely consider this facility.



Vila Gala, Tavira

The Vila Gale in Tavira is a great venue for groups and conferences.

Set in the historic Algarve town of Tavira, this hotel features a distinctive decoration and recreates an Arabic ambiance alluding to the past of southern Portugal. Composed of 268 rooms, it offers gastronomy services and large public areas that make this unit ideal for leisure stays or for holding events and incentives. During your stay in Tavira, discover the historic center with its remarkable architecture, the Ribeira Market and the city Castle and Walls.

The Vila Galé Tavira hotel has one restaurant and two bars available for its clients: 'ALADINO' RESTAURANT It is the hotel's main restaurant.

'ALIBABAR' BAR This is the hotel's bar of excellence and it is ideal for relaxing in the evening or for having an aftermeal drink. It is open from 10 p.m. to midnight. POOL BAR The Pool Bar is open between June and September from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vila Galé Tavira has the ideal space for your business meetings, conferences and incentive trips with 6 rooms space from between 62 and 400 delegates. It has a health club that's is free for guests.





Other hotels are also working at the Meetings Industry scene: Conrad Hotels & Resorts, Hilton Vilamoura As Cascatas Golf Resort & Spa, Pine Cliffs Resort, Pestana Hotels & Resorts, Tivoli Hotels & Resorts, Hotéis Real and Vidamar Resort Hotel Algarve. With the motto, “Everything in a single venue”, the Portimão Arena is a part of Parque de Feiras e Exposições (Business and Exhibition Park) and can be used as a venue in various ways, all at the same time. With its modern design, the arena offers over 6.000sqm in total, of which the Algarve Room, 4.012sqm in size, is the biggest area. It can host meetings for 3.000 people sitting or 5.000 standing. In the premises, event organisers can use an auditorium with a capacity for 190 people. The structure was designed to hold several events simultaneously.

Built for Portugal’s Euro 2004, the Algarve Stadium is a multipurpose facility, with a capacity for major sports and artistic shows, but also for business events. The structure houses a media centre for 300 people, press conference and photographers’ room with 150 seats each and television studios. 11 cabins and a VIP restaurant are some of the services available at the stadium, along with a business centre and meeting rooms. 3 For a more “ancient” vibe, the Roman amphitheatre of Sítio das Flores, at Estombar, should be considered for smaller outdoor events. The structure can hold up to 500 people and its closeness to the surrounding nature makes up for an original site. A park, small dock and reconstructed mill are some of the attractions available.

The Algarve is a great place to enjoy superb cuisine with both Mediterranean and Atlantic flavours. or those that appreciate fine dining then Ocean at Vila Vita Parc in Porches and Vila Joya in Albufeira and its well worth looking at one of the many amazing restaurants at Quintadolag.

Bovino brings the best in steakhouse dining to Quinta do Lago. Having won over 20 awards and placing the finest of dry-aged beef at the heart of its philosophy, Bovino serves the tenderest of steaks. In a bespoke setting, created by one of Europe's most acclaimed interior designers, Bovino combines striking décor with prime beef cooked to perfection to produce the most exclusive steakhouse experience you can have in the Algarve.

There are two restaurants with two Michelin stars, Ocean at Vila Vita Parc in Porches and Vila Joya at the hotel with the same name, in Albufeira. Four local spots were awarded one star: Bon Bon (Lagoa), Gusto (Almancil), Vista (Rocha beach), and Vistas (Cacela). Book a reservation well in advance, especially during high season. Gusto Restaurant, the new dining sensation at the Conrad Hilton got its star in 2018 and Vista Restaurante, in the Bela Vista Hotel, will receive guests for a taste of traditional and Mediterranean cuisine. But the Algarve has many other flavours, cooked in hundreds of high quality restaurants, with a wide range of prices. Here's a small selection to help business travellers. Feel free, however, to make your own gastronomic GPS of the region.





Restaurante 2 Passos, a 30 year old spot at Ria Formosa Nature Park; À do João, the most southern restaurant in Portugal, located on “Ilha do Farol”, where Ria Formosa and the Atlantic Ocean meet, offers wild fish and shellfish, prepared to enhance their freshness and true flavours; Dom Sebastião decorated in a rustic style, with two dining rooms, a patio and a terrace, as well as spectacular wine cellar that is home to an extensive collection of old table wines,

Port and Madeira. Here the menu is traditional, with fresh fish and live seafood; Faro e Benfica a fresh fish and seafood place, with an extensive wine list and a great view overlooking the harbour; O Pátio first opened in 1964, became an instant success, and was revived in 1983 by a Dutch management; Paixa Restaurant, a tapas spot, that has opened in Vale do Lobo many years ago. Its modern décor is enhanced by natural light during the day and at night with candlelight, for a relaxing setting;





Ramires restaurant in Guia, a place for the unique flavours of chicken piri-piri. Guia is known as the 'Barbecue Chicken Capital' and it was in this restaurant that the original recipe was created; Tertúlia Algarvia with some traditional Algarvian dishes as the Cataplana, also offers cooking demonstrations, culinary and craft workshops and exhibitions all in a newly renovated old building situated in Faro's old town; Vale D'el Rei, at Pedras d'el Rei, in a privileged location, with good views overlooking the Natural Park of Ria Formosa, and sits among large green areas and gardens of old olive trees. A few minutes from the traditional fishing village of Santa Luzia and the historic town of Tavira, Pedras d'el Rei has a

wide choice of restaurants and is a good place to go out and get lost. Veneza, located in Paderne is a traditional restaurant, that houses one of the best wine cellars in the region, with a home cooking style that takes visitors back to that "grandmother cuisine" flavour. Wine Moderate wine drinking is a way of life in the Algarve, and every meal has its corresponding kind of wine. Also, in recent years the quality and consistency of the wines produced in the region has undergone a remarkable evolution. Produced from an extensive range of regional varieties, resulting in well balanced white, rosé and red wines, they are ideal for an aperitif, to drink with your dish of choice, any sweet dessert or cheese.

Silves and Lagoa areas are particularly attractive to wine lovers: visit the vineyards and cellars where the fruity drink is produced and discover the origin and methods that lead them to your glass. Some producers even send a box or two of these fine wines everywhere in the world, so that visitors don't have to worry about taking the precious cargo on their flight back.

Portugal is, of course, a great wine producer, and the Algarve has a couple of famous brands, grown at the region's four wine DOCs: Lagos, Portimão, Lagoa and Tavira. The drink is made from white grapes such as Arinto, Malvasia Fina, Manteúdo and Síria and reds from Castelão and Negra Mole grapes.

New players in the region are mixing up national and international grapes to produce unique wines: Syrah, Negra Mole, Aragonez and Cabernet Sauvignon, Alvarinho, Chardonnay and Viognier. A fixture of the region is the Medronho brandy and several types of liqueurs available for curious foreigners and locals alike. For something a little different, Quinta dos Vales combines wine.. The region continues to invest in golf tourism with the development of new golf resorts and courses. Every year, Portugal Masters brings the elite of golfers to the Dom Pedro Victoria, at Vilamoura along with journalists and a crowd of about 40.000 people to watch them in action.





British magazine Today's Golfer awarded the region the "Best Golf Destination in Europe" prize several times, including an award for best price/quality greens in the old continent. Among the distinguished courses are the Onyria Palmares Golf, Quinta de Cima, San Lorenzo, Dom Pedro Victoria, Vilamoura Old Course and Monte Rei.

For further information on golf venues visit Golf Algarve at www.visitgolfalgarve.com. Safety Portugal was considered by the Global Peace Index the third safest country in the world. As such, the Algarve is a perfect place for a quiet and productive meeting and event, with no major security issues. No wonder that tourism is booming and bringing new business travellers to the Algarve.

Download the VAMOOS app

This is a great tool I used provided to me from the convention bureau but and you can use this for your events or site inspection visits too if you are wanting to plan a trip. I was able to see where I was going, who the contacts were, a built in link to maps and if I wanted to add notes with the photographs I could do that too.



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Average weather temperatures

Month	Day	Night	Rain Days
January	15°c	11°c	2
February	16°c	11°c	2
March	17°c	12°c	2
April	18°c	13°c	2
May	21°c	16°c	1
June	24°c	18°c	0
July	27°c	20°c	0
August	27°c	20°c	0
September	25°c	20°c	1
October	23°c	18°c	2
November	19°c	14°c	2
December	16°c	12°c	2

Air routes into Faro from different countries

ROUTES PER COUNTRY

Summer | Winter 2023 Weekly Frequencies Forecast

ALGARVE ROUTES

UK



25 routes

London 140 | 43
Manchester 37 | 11
Bristol 24 | 8
Birmingham 23 | 7
Belfast 24 | 3

GERMANY



12 routes

Frankfurt 18 | 5
Dusseldorf 13 | 7
Berlin 11 | 6
Cologne 8 | 2
Munich 7 | 3

FRANCE



11 routes

Paris 25 | 10
Lyon 7 | 2
Nantes 6 | 2
Bordeaux 4 | 1
Marseille 4 | 2

NETHERLANDS



4 routes

Amsterdam 18 | 8
Eindhoven 17 | 9
Rotterdam 13 | 6
Groningen 2

IRELAND



4 routes

Dublin 43 | 11
Cork 13 | -
Shannon 6 | -
Knock 3 | -

SWITZERLAND



3 routes Geneva

80 | - Basel 3 | 1
Zurich 3 | 1

SCANDINAVIA



3 routes

Stockholm 5 | 3
Copenhagen 4 | 2
Oslo 5 | 1

PORTUGAL



2 routes

Lisbon 28 | 20
Porto 11 | 6

ITALY



2 routes

Milan 4 | 3
Verona 1 | -

SPAIN



2 routes

Madrid 5 | 1
Barcelona 2 | -

BELGIUM



1 route

Brussels 18 | 5

AUSTRIA



1 route

Vienna 4 | 2

LUXEMBOURG



1 route

Luxembourg 4 | 1

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