

Portugal-Hiking the Fisherman's Trail (2025)

13 Days/12 Nights

Self-Guided



Imagine yourself walking on the most beautiful and well-preserved coast of Europe. Now add the feeling of adventure when discovering virgin beaches, rich culture, and cuisine that serves the best the sea has. Rota Vicentina, and its Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Natural Park, wraps around the Algarve's coastline along the Atlantic Ocean and into Alentejo. The coast, characterized by its rugged rocks, sea stacks, and sand-stratified cliff faces caused by centuries of erosion is perfect for long walks. The Rota Vicentina is a network of walking trails in South-West Portugal, totaling 400 km of walking tracks, along Southern Europe's most beautiful and best-preserved coastline. Come discover the fishermen's trail of Rota Vicentina. Take a journey into the protected zone of Alentejo Southwest and Vicentine Coast Natural Park, discover the ancient Roman ports, indulge yourself with a tasty meal of fresh fish caught with artisanal crafts, and stop. Delight your eyes and soul with a breathtaking, untouched horizon waiting for you



Day by Day

Day 1 Arrival

This day will take you to some Highlights of the picturesque city of Lisboa. In the early morning, you will have time to visit downtown Lisbon. Visit some of its most important monuments, such as the Jerónimos Monastery and the Belém Tower, and enjoy the famous "pastéis de belém". You can get the train from Lisbon to the Funcheira station, then get a transfer from the Funcheira station to Cercal do Alentejo. Some buses go directly from Lisboa to Cercal do Alentejo. (optional) Transfer from Lisboa to Cercal do Alentejo Briefing with a member of our team in the Hotel in Cercal do Alentejo. Overnight in Cercal do Alentejo. Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: not included

DAY 2 Stage 1: Cercal - Porto Covo (16.6 km | 10.3 mi)

Start your journey in Cercal and cross different environments, namely a cork oak forest, until you arrive to the coast, where you'll be able to visit the tiny Porto Covo, a traditional Portuguese fishing village. Overnight in Porto Covo. Ascent: 564.3ft (172m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

DAY 3 Stage 2: Porto Covo - Vila Nova de Milfontes (19.5 km | 12.1 mi)

Your journey starts in a beach section, where you will walk along the vast dunes area of Ilha do Pessegueiro, Aivados and Malhão beaches. Overnight in Vila Nova de Mil Fontes. Ascent: 698.8ft (213m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B





DAY 4 Stage 3: Vila Nova de Milfontes - Almograve (16.6 km | 10.3 mi)

This is a day to purify your soul thanks to the overwhelming views over Vila Nova de Milfontes and the Mira river that meets the ocean here. It is a short and accessible hiking day so that you may enjoy the area to its fullest extent Boat ride to cross the river Mira. Overnight in Almograve. Ascent: 636.5ft (194m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

DAY 5 Stage 4: Almograve - Zambujeira do Mar (20.4 km | 12.7 mi)

On this journey, you'll be able to see beautiful beaches, such as the beach of Almograve, one of the best beaches along this rocky coastline with its many inlets. Overnight in Zambujeira do Mar. Ascent: 787.4ft (240m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

DAY 6 Stage 5: Zambujeira do Mar | Odeceixe (18km / 11 mi)

You will be passing the beaches of Alteirinhos, Carvalhal, Machados, and Amália on the way to Azenha do Mar, where you will find a natural fishing harbor. Ascent: 793.96ft (242m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

Day 7 Free Day in Odeceixe

Time to rest and enjoy the beautiful beaches of Odeceixe. Overnight in Odeceixe Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B





Day 8 Stage 6: Odeceixe | Aljezur (22km / 14mi)

Today you start the walk near the Mira's watering channel, fed by the waters of Santa Clara's dam. You can see for miles around you, with the mountains to the east and the ocean to the west. You'll have a choice between two complementary circuits that will take you to the coastal cliffs and allow you to get to know Odeceixe and Amoreira beaches. Overnight in Aljezur. Ascent: 798 ft (243m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

Day 9 Stage 7: Aljezur | Ponta da Atalaia circuit | Arrifana (20km / 13mi)

Today you will cross scented valleys and small farms as you approach the coast, already guessing where the route will take you in the following days. The exit from the village allows you to admire the valley of the Aljezur river, which extends to the Amoreira beach, and to imagine what it would have been like in Aljezur in the 15th century. You will pass by an extension of the Fishermen's Trail, the Ponta da Atalaia circuit, and pass by the beach of Monte Clérigo and the mythical Ponta da Atalaia. In a place marked by the strength of legends and the time of the Portuguese conquest of the Moors, this walk is a real trip back in time. Overnight at Arrifana. Ascent: 1074ft (327m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

Day 10 Stage 8: Arrifana | Carrapateira (24km / 15mi)

In this section, you will accompany the Historical Path, with the constant and simultaneous presence of the hills and the sea, pristine nature, and the unique presence of man. Pedra da Agulha, seen from Canal Beach, Vale Figueira's vast sand stretch, revealed during low tide, and a succession of hills and valleys confirm the most aggressive and inaccessible side of this coastal area. Upon arrival, you will have a privileged view over Bordeira Beach's dunes and the creek that meets the ocean there, in a setting that repeats itself over and over again and characterizes Vicentina Coast's beaches. Overnight in Carrapateira village. Ascent: 939ft (286m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

Day 11 Stage 9: Carrapateira | Vila do Bispo (22km / 14mi)

After magnificent views over Bordeira beach, the beauty of pristine valleys, where one can barely feel the human presence, the picturesque villages of Vilarinha and Pedralva, you will be ready to face the strong winds that are expected upon arrival at Vila do Bispo. A section where it is possible to experience the essence of the Vicentina Coast. When crossing the forest perimeter of Vila do Bispo, go quietly and use binoculars, because wildlife sightings, especially of birds, are likely. Overnight in Vila do Bispo. Ascent: 1038ft (316m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

Day 12 Stage 10: Vila do Bispo | Cape of São Vicente (19km / 12mi)

You will be walking towards the southwestern tip of Europe. This is a magical place where one can almost hear the echoes of the voices of sailors and pilgrims. Monumental cliffs, outstanding views over the coastline, and a privileged area to watch the natural phenomenon of autumn bird migration. You will follow an extension of the Fishermen's trail, the Telheiro Beach the geosite, with monumental cliffs, ravines covered with native vegetation, ancient rock formations, and a memorable arrival to Cape St.



Vincent by fishermen trails. Finish your journey through southwest Portugal unforgettably. Overnight in Sagres. Ascent: 723ft (220m) Accommodation: 2*/3* or similar Meals: B

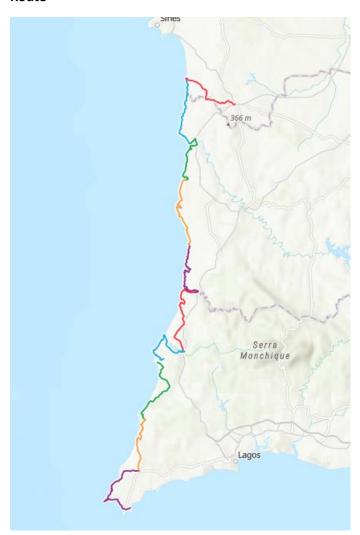
Day 13 Departure

After check-out, you can take a bus to Faro airport. Private Transfer from Sagres to Faro Airport (optional). End of services. Meals: B





Route



Dates and Prices

Tour is available year-round except in August. Departures Monday-Friday

Season 1 Jan 15-April 30 and November – December 30th

Season 2 May 1-31 and Oct 1-30

Season 3 June 1-July 31 and September 1-30



Price per person in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3
Double Occupancy	€ 1239	€1430	On request
Single room supplement	€420	€500	On request
Non standard departure	€ 75		

Included

- 12 nights accommodations with breakfast (based on 2*/3* lodgings or similar)
- Briefing with guide
- Luggage transfers between stages 1 bag per person up to 15kg/bag
- App on your phone with maps, GPS tracks, and descriptions of stages
- Guide Book and Map of Rota Vicentina
- Personal Accident Insurance
- 24-hour support line

Extra Services

- Extra nights
- Private transfers from and to the airport

Not Included

- Transfers from and to the airport
- Dinners and Lunches
- Museum and Monuments fees
- Personal equipment
- Other personal expenses
- Touristic taxes
- Flights
- All items not mentioned in included

This is a partner tour