

# Portugal-Lisbon to Sagres by Bike (2025)

8 Days / 7 Nights

**Self-Guided** 



Cycle from Lisbon to Sagres by an unforgettable journey through places full of history and culture that shaped our civilization and the world, also passing through spectacular nature reserves where its essence is revealed by all its strength and beauty. The selected routes in this Coast to Coast Cycling Holidays will provide remarkable views that you will certainly keep on memories. For your experience Cycling Portugal North to South, on your first night we suggest that you enjoy and feel the good vibes of the fantastic daily life that Lisbon's neighborhoods offer, including the Alfama and Bairro Alto neighborhoods.



Cycling mainly in a cycle path on the bank of the Tejo River, you will have the opportunity to visit some of the main historic sites of Lisbon and feel the beauty of one of the most beautiful cities in the world, which is also the capital further to the west of the European continent on the Atlantic coast. Lisbon and Sagres are two of the main landmarks of the Age of Portuguese discoveries. Leaving the capital you will cross the Tejo River by ferry boat on the place where 500 years ago, passed the ships and caravels of the Portuguese discoveries. Also through a ferry crossing, in the third stage, we cross the Sado Estuary formed more than 5000 years ago, it is currently a nature reserve with a record of 221 species of birds and usually enjoys the presence of dolphins. Low-traffic roads trace the way through the magnificent Arrábida Natural Park - a biogenetic reserve with maquis vegetation born of this Mediterranean-like microclimate with similarities Adriatic regions, such as Dalmatia. Here inhabit a considerable number of species, a total of 213 vertebrate: 8 amphibians, 16 reptiles, 154 birds and 35 mammals.

Cycling though roads with little movement and quiet paths, the itinerary guides you along the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Natural Park, where there is a mix of Mediterranean, North Atlantic and African vegetation. There's about 750 species, of which more than 100 are endemic, rare or localized; 12 there are nowhere else in the world. Cycling in Alentejo region you will discover some of the most beautiful beaches in Portugal, enjoy a diverse regional cuisine and taste some of the best wines in the country. This journey full of flavours, knowledge and adventure ends in Sagres, a historic region of Portugal, where in the XV century the Prince Henry - the Navigator, founded the famous nautical school.

This Cycling Tour from Lisbon to Sagres will let you explore beautiful beaches, villages and quaint towns, enjoy delicious food and wine, meet friendly and welcoming people. Certainly, a great experience that you will not want to miss!

## Day by Day

### Day 1 - Arrival

Optional transfer from Lisbon airport, or from another location of your choice, to the hotel in Lisbon, where you will start your cycling holiday. Enjoy the glamour, history and vibrant culture that the city of Lisbon offers. With the travel pack we supply information for sightseeing to the capital of Portugal. To visit Alfama is one of our recommendation to find special views, history, culture and tradition in the most typical neighborhood of Lisbon.

OPTIONAL: extra nights available on request. To get to know Lisbon better you can choose to do the cycling program SHORT BREAK - Cycling Lisbon - 3 nights | 2 stages, before departure to Costa da Caparica.



## Day 2 - Lisboa to Costa da Caparica - (21km)

Enjoy the day to relax and explore the capital of Portugal. Most of the stage is cycled through bike paths along the Tejo River with magnificent views. The beginning of the stage is marked near to Tejo River by the Parque das Nações - a distinct area of the city that offers several leisure, fun and cultural activities. Here we recommend a visit to the Lisbon Oceanarium, which in 2017 was considered by TripAdvisor as the best oceanarium in the world. When passing by the Alfama neighborhood, we highlight the visit to the Fado Museum, where you can observe an exhibition about the history of this Cultural and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, and the enchanting views over the buildings that go up the hills and over the towers of the Cathedral of Lisbon. Arriving at Praça do Comércio, the most emblematic square in Lisbon, we suggest that you visit and explore the downtown area until Praça do Rossio, where you can taste the ginjinha - the typical Lisbon liquor. Passing by the Doca de Santo Amaro, the view over the 25 de Abril bridge that crosses the river and over the monument of the Sanctuary of Christ the King is to be appreciated. In Belém we suggest a visit to the Jerónimos Monastery - a masterpiece of Portuguese

architecture in the century. XVI, to the Padrão dos Descobrimentos (Monument to the Discoveries), to the Belém Tower and to taste the world famous Pastel de Belém. The departure from the capital is marked by a ferry crossing, enjoying the fantastic view over the city of Lisbon. Arriving at Trafaria it is impossible to stop feeling the fishing environment by the fishing boats that surround the small beach of the village. Take the opportunity to taste a seafood stew, being the main typical dish here. Cycling along a bicycle path mostly surrounded by pine trees, you arrive at Costa da Caparica beach, where you can relax the rest of the day.



## Day 3 - Costa da Caparica to Setúbal – (59km)

Day full of nature with plenty to see and feel. The beginning of the stage is near the Costa da Caparica beach, where you can enjoy a refreshing swim. Cycling along a road with some movement, flanked by vegetation mainly of pines and acacia trees, we crossed the Mata Nacional dos Medos. The way to the Serra da Arrábida is marked through small towns and several pine forests by roads with little movement and quiet paths. Cycling through the Arrábida Natural Park, along a road with some movement, observe the fantastic views it offers over the mountains, the Sado River and the Troia Peninsula. We also recommend visiting the two most famous beaches in the natural park, Portinho da Arrábida and Figueirinha, and enjoying panoramic views through the Convent of Nossa Senhora da Arrábida. The stay is in Setúbal, a city with several points of interest. We recommend visiting the Livramento fish market, which in 2015 was considered one of the most famous fish markets in the world, and to enjoy the city's gastronomy, especially the typical fried cuttlefish.



# Day 4 - Setúbal to Sines - (76km)

The stage starts with a ferry crossing through the Sado Estuary Natural Reserve, where passengers are usually received by resident dolphins. A rare phenomenon worldwide and unique in Portugal. In this biologically rich area there are also more than 200 species of birds and many of them can be observed during the ferry crossing. The bicycle tour starts at the Troia Peninsula, next to its magnificent beach with a fantastic landscape over the Serra da Arrábida. Passing through Comporta observe a large number of rice fields under cultivation and visit the Rice Museum, where you can learn more about this region's tradition. We start cycling in the Alentejo, a stunning and mostly flat region. The stage is traced

by a road with some movement, secondary roads and some quiet paths that are mainly flanked by pines, eucalyptus and some cork oaks. Through villages and towns you will find the typical Alentejo houses, the houses whitewashed and embroidered in ocher and blue colors. You will also find the typical village cafe, where you can enjoy traditional snacks and a good conversation with the local population. Traditional cuisine is diverse based on meat, fish and seafood. Also enjoy a wide variety of cheese and good Alentejo wines. Cycling along a bicycle path, you arrive at Sines beach, where the end of the stage is marked and where you can relax the rest of the day.



## Day 5 - Sines to Vila Nova de Mil Fontes - (40km)

Start the day by exploring Sines, the hometown of the navigator Vasco da Gama who discovered the sea route to India. The castle, the Mother Church, the Church of Nossa Senhora das Salvas and the Vasco da Gama monument, where you have a fantastic view over the entire bay of the city, are some of the highlights to explore. This is the first stage to cycle in the Natural Park of Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast: the best preserved section of the European coast. Cycling along the coast, with breathtaking views over the Atlantic Ocean and the dunes, you have the opportunity to enjoy a refreshing swim at São Torpes beach, Morgavel beach, Praia Grande beach or any other of your choice. At the square Marquês de Pombal, in Porto Côvo, we suggest that you take a break to eat an ice cream while enjoying one of the best examples of the typical Alentejo houses in the country. We highlight the passage through the Fort of Nossa Senhora da Queimada from where you have fantastic views over the Pessegueiro Island. A road with some movement and quiet paths with a predominant vegetation of some pines and some eucalyptus traces the stage until the destination. The sunset through the Portinho do Canal is a great moment to keep in memory.



# Day 6 - Vila Nova de Milfontes to Aljezur – (71km)

Start your day exploring Vila Nova de Milfontes. We suggest a visit to the Church of Nossa Senhora da Graça of the XVI century and to the Fort of São Clemente from the beginning of the XVII century. The beginning of the stage is marked next to the monument to aviators of the Raid Lisboa-Macau, in the square Largo Brito Pais, where the Raid started. Crossing the bridge over the Mira River, the stage is marked by a road with some movement, by quiet paths and by secondary roads with little movement, cycling along many fields of cultivation of raspberry, sweet potato and others. The typical Alentejo houses are once again a great highlight of the landscape among the villages. Arriving at Cabo Sardão, observe the lighthouse, which has been in operation since 1915, and explore the extraordinary views of the ocean and the cliffs, while cycling through peaceful paths. Passing through some villages and towns there is always the typical café, where you can buy water or snacks. We suggest visiting the small fishing port of Porto das Barcas where you can enjoy magnificent views over the cliffs and the ocean. Passing in Zambujeira do Mar, visit the chapel of Nossa Senhora do Mar and try some seafood from the region, such as the velvet crab, crabs or oysters of Mira. Cycling along the coast, you have the opportunity to enjoy a refreshing swim on the beach of Zambujeira do Mar, on the beach of Carvalhal or on the beach of Odeceixe. Cycling through the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast Natural Park, a visit to Azenha do Mar, where we have fantastic views over the coast, is recommended. By roads with little movement, sometimes lined with pines and eucalyptus, sometimes open to an uncovered scenario, we cycle along the Seixe river and enter the Algarve region. Enjoy the wonderful views that the river provides until it joins the ocean. The stage is concluded until Aljezur by secondary roads, mostly next to pine forests.

## Day 7 - Aljezur to Sagres – (63km)

Visit Aljezur, a small coastal village with typical houses of the rural architecture of the Algarve. In its municipal market you can discover several local and regional products. Explore and visit one of its many museums. A visit to the castle at the top of the hill offers you extraordinary views of the mountains and an insight into the historical past. The stage is traced mainly by peaceful paths with the common presence of eucalyptus and pine trees, through the Natural Park of Southwest Alentejo and Vicentine Coast, with fantastic views over the valleys that draw the hills. Cycling along the coast you can enjoy a refreshing swim at Bordeira beach or Amado beach. In Carrapateira, we highlight the visit to the Museum of the Sea and Earth, where you can learn about the history and development of the region, ecology and local development. Cycling for more than 5 km next to the cliffs, with fantastic views from different angles over the coast, will certainly mark your day and your holidays. In Vila do Bispo you have the opportunity to visit the Mother Church of the XVIII century and to take a break in one of the traditional cafes, while chatting with the locals. Cycling along quiet paths through the natural park, the stage offers you exceptional views of the coast and the cliffs. At the Cape St. Vincent, where a visit to the lighthouse is mandatory, let yourself be fascinated by the magnificent views in the most southwestern point of Portugal and Continental Europe. The way to Sagres is marked by a beautiful environment full of cliffs, which rise almost vertically from the Atlantic to a height of 75 meters. Reaching Sagres, visit its fortress by bicycle, the Baleeira port where you witness the fishing activity of



the village and make a toast on the Mareta beach, while tasting the most popular seafood in the region – the percebe (Gooseneck Barnacles).

# Day 8 - Return

End of the program with optional transfer to Faro airport or to another location of your choice.

OPTIONAL: extra nights available on request. It is also possible to continue cycling with the program Cycling Algarve Coast Line - 7 nights | 6 stages, if you have 14 nights available.





#### Route



Daily Distances 21 - 76 Km

It mostly presents a flat terrain with an average of one to two climbs per day. With an average of 55 km per day, the stages are easily crossed with the support of a detailed roadbook and a GPS, which are provided with the travel pack.

If any member of the group or family does not want to cycle one or more stages, they have the possibility to travel between the hotels in the vehicle that performs daily the luggage transfers.

#### **Dates**

This tour is available all year



**Prices** All prices are per person in Euros based on double occupancy and subject to confirmation on booking

Date	Jan/Feb/Mar *Nov/Dec	*April/May Oct	June Sept	July & Aug
Double Occ	€1390	€1495	€1730	€1965
Premium view	€275	€275	€275	€275
supplement				
Single room	€725	€820	€965	€1100
Supplement				
Single premium view	€1175	€1310	€1510	€1660
supplement				
½ Board 7 dinners	€320			
Electric Bike	€126			
Arrival Transfer from	1-4 €70 5-8 €100			
Lisbon airport				
Departure transfer	1-4 €160 5-8 €190			
from Sagres to Faro				

<sup>\*</sup>supplements for Easter and New Year dinners

Additional supplements Jan1, April 12-27 and December 27-31 €35 per day double occupancy, €60 per day single

#### Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation with breakfast (6 nights in 4\* hotels and 1 night in 3\* hotel subject to change due to availability)
- Trekking or Mountain bicycle with front bag and side bag
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Helmet
- Bottle of water
- Insurance
- Travel pack per booking

## Travel pack included:

- 1 Road book per room
- Hotel vouchers
- 1 GPS per booking
- 1 Speedometer per room
- 1 Set of puncture repair kit for each two bikes
- 1 Lock for each two bikes



## Not Included:

- Ferry boat ticket from Belém to Trafaria
- Ferry boat ticket from Setúbal to Tróia

#### **Bikes:**

# **Trekking Bikes**



Aluminum Frame, 700c 21 speeds V brakes and front suspension

#### E-bike



The ideal solution for those who want to practice a controllable exercise or for those who are looking for a ecological transport with a low energetic consumption, silent, no need of driving license and SUPER FUN!

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