

Portugal- Tavira- The Venice of Algarve Walking Tour (2023)

8 Days / 7 Nights

Individual Self-Guided



Walk in Tavira: the Venice of Algarve is a Self-guided Walking Tour based in Tavira, in the East Algarve. Specially designed to explore the Algarve's countryside and the natural wonders of the Ria Formosa Natural Park, this walking tour is a treat for those who love nature coastal hikes full of wildlife, but also inland walks in overlooked parts of the Algarve, peaceful and rich in traditions.

The Algarve is so much more than sun and sea. In the little-visited East Algarve, it looks like time has stood still, and you'll feel how good it is to slow down and live the good life with this carefully crafted Self-Guided Walking Tour.

Each day's walk highlights the contrasting landscape and wildlife of the region. This tour was put together for the enjoyment of those who have a special interest in rambling and nature.



Day by Day

DAY 1 Arrival in Tavira

Individual arrival to Faro Airport or Faro Train station. Once you get to Faro airport you will be met inside the airport terminal, at the exit hall by our driver who will hold a sign with your name written upon it.

DAY 2 Cacela Velha & Cabanas Walk 14.1 km

An easy walk, close to the coast, starting in the beautiful old village of Cacela Velha, following tracks and quiet lanes to the picturesque old fishing village of Cabanas. Here fishermen still continue their craft, mixing harmoniously with the visitors crossing to the island and the golden beaches. Here too you can rest, enjoy good food and drink whilst enjoying the sunshine by the colourful waterfront. Continue back to Tavira,



through the saltpans where it's possible to see an abundance of wild life along with the traditional craft of salt extraction. **Walking time**: 3h30; **Distance**: 14.1km; 8.7mi; **Ascent/Descent**: +65m/-66m; **Min/Max Elev.**: 2m/43m



DAY 3 Cerâmica walk 15 km

A beautiful walk going down a fertile valley, dotted with the occasional small family operated traditional tile factories. Our walk passes through small holdings where vegetable plots share space with olive, carob, almond and fig trees. This rich valley also has an abundance of orange and lemon orchards whose flowers perfume the air while the profusion of wild flowers delights the

eyes. The walk takes us past the local beauty spot of Pêgo do Inferno and then brings us right back into Tavira and the hotel. **Walking time**: 3h45; **Distance**: 15km; 9.3mi; **Ascent/Descent:**+146m/-282m; **Min/Max Elev.**: 6m/172m



DAY 4 Free day

This is an ideal opportunity to relax and enjoy the attractions of Tavira and surroundings. You can walk/tour independently, or visit local places of interest. From Tavira there is a wide variety of sightseeing available (we can advise and/or recommend options according to your interests). On free time keen bird-watchers may wish to visit Castro Marim in the marshes of the "Reserva Natural do Sapal", famous for their flamingos, or enjoy other local sightseeing tours.

DAY 5 Altura to Vila Real de Santo António Walk 11 km

A very enjoyable walk along the coast to the frontier with Spain. Start in the resort village of Altura and meander along small paths through the pine woodlands and along pristine beaches to reach the estuary of the Rio Guadiana that separates Portugal from Spain. The walk finishes in the charming town of Vila Real de Santo António with a fascinating history and architecture.



From here, it's possible to take the ferry across the river to the town of Ayamonte in Spain. You may want to enjoy some tapas or calamares in the many cafés of this attractive town! **Walking time**: 2h45;

Distance: 11km/ 6.83mi; Ascent/Descent: 11m/-20m; Min/Max Elev.: 0m/13m

DAY 6 Fuzeta Walk 16 km

A fascinating walk to the west of Tavira. Start in the fishing village of Fuzeta with its bustling waterfront, crossing saltpans full of bird life, small hamlets with colourful houses and gardens, grand villas and tiny small holdings to finish in Tavira. You can stop en route at little cafés fronting the tranquil waters of the Ria or even lunch some wonderful fish and shell fish freshly caught that day! **Walking time**: 4h;

Distance: 16km/10mi; Ascent/Descent: 35m/-22m; Min/Max Elev.: 1m/27m

DAY 7 Santa Luzia & Tavira Island Walk 17 km

A real treat as you walk along one of finest beaches in the world and visit the small fishing village of Santa Luzia with its abundance of fishing boats bobbing in the gentle waters of the channel. The cafés and restaurants here vary from simple to gourmet level and can offer all the local specialities. Not just a day's walking but a real day's holiday as well! **Walking time**: approx. 4h15; **Distance**: 17km/10.51mi; **Ascent/Descent**: 21m/-21m; **Min/Max Elev.**: 0m/21m

DAY 8 Individual departure or extra days

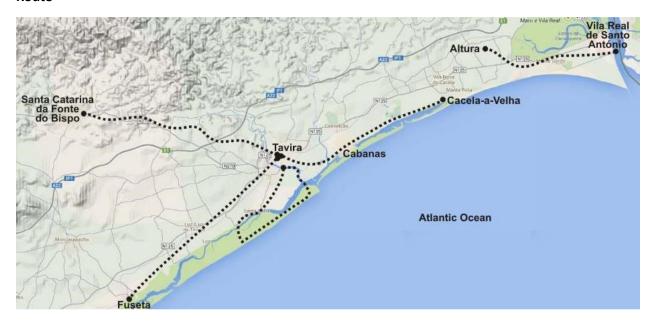
At convenient time transfer to Faro Airport or Faro Train station.

OK Cycle & Adventure Tours Inc. - 666 Kirkwood Ave - Suite B102 – Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1Z 5X9

www.okcycletours.com
TICO Ontario Registration No: 50022848



Route



Moderate activity level. Total distance 73 km

Travel Season

January 1- June 25 and July 26 - December 15

Season 1 Jan 1- March 25 and November 1-December 15

Season 2 March 26-May 25 and October 1- October 31

Season 3 May 26- June 25 and September 16- September 30

Season 4 July 26- September 15

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

Season	1	2	3	4
Double Occupancy	€800	€860	€1050	€1300
Single Room	€1000	€1100	€1390	€1790
Additional Supplement for	€135	€135	€135	€135
solo traveler				



Included

- Airport Hotel Transfers on first and last day
- 7 night's hotel Accommodation on BB in en-suite rooms in 3-4 Star Hotel
- 7 buffet breakfast in the hotel
- All land travel as outlined
- All guided walks as outlined
- Tourist Tax Included
- Hotline for any problem during your stay
- Detailed GPS tracks and route notes in your own mobile or detailed travel documents 1x per room

Assisting people in realizing their touring dreams worldwide is our passion.

www.okcycletours.com

tico.ca

THIS IS A PARTNER TOUR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US