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## In This Book

## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the region – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



## Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



## Regions

What's where

## **Explore the Algarve**

The best things to see and do, region by region



### **Top Experiences**

Make the most of your visit



#### Local Life

The insider's region

## The Best of the Algarve

The region's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



### Best...

Activities and attractions



#### Best...

Experiences and tips

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free experience



### **Getting Around**

Travel like a local



## **Essential Information**

Including where to stay

## Our selection of the region's best places to eat, drink and experience:

- Experiences
- S Eating
  Drinking
- **♠** Entertainment
- Shopping

## These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- @ Internet Access

  ➡ Wi-Fi Access
- ▼ WI-FI Access

  ✓ Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language
- ₱ Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
  M Metro
- S Subway
- Tram

### Find each listing quickly on maps for each region:



## Lonely Planet's Algarve

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the destination.

Inside you'll find all the must-do experiences, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the region into easy-tonavigate regions and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert author has searched out the best of the best: walks. food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Algarye.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

### **Our Promise**

You can trust our travel information because Lonely Planet authors visit the places we write about, each and every edition. We never accept freebies for positive coverage, so you can rely on us to tell it like it is.

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# Welcome to the Algarve

A narrow strip of land and sand at Europe's southwestern end, the Algarve is a Mediterranean idyll, with fragrances of pine, rosemary, wine and grilling fish drifting over some absolutely stunning beaches. Only this isn't the Med, it's the Atlantic, so add seriously surfable waves, important maritime history and great wildlife-watching opportunities to the mix. And nightlife? You bet your life...