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Welcome to the Algarve

Soaring cliffs, hidden sea caves, golden beaches, scalloped bays and sandy islands lure visitors to Portugal's Algarve region. Surrounded by the Atlantic, the coast is a water-sports paradise, while the hilly hinterland has historic castle towns, whitewashed villages, rolling countryside covered in almond trees and citrus orchards, rural farmhouse restaurants and glorious hiking.





Top Sights

Cacela Velha

Picturesque coastal Portuguese village. **p70**



On the Water in Lagos

Water sports and cruises galore. **p106**



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Via Algarviana

Hike the hilly Algarve hinterland. **p96**