



# Faro

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Faro, the capital of the Algarve region, is located on Europe's most scenic coast, offering beautiful, long sandy beaches. Faro is a charming old town with cobble streets and leafy parks, the perfect starting point for day-trips to all the marvellous major destinations of this wonderful region.



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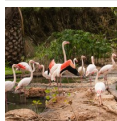
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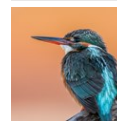
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## THE CITY



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Faro's old town is not, in fact, that old — it was burned down by English troops in 1596, later rebuilt, and then destroyed by the earthquake of 1755. Still, it remains a beautiful and pedestrian-friendly place. Next to the citadel's ring-wall is the small harbour where the newer and livelier town stretches northeast.

The gardens next to the harbour, Jardim Manuel Bivar, are a good point to start exploring. At the end of the gardens is the city's main shopping area — a small network of pedestrian streets with all kinds of shops, cafes and restaurants. North of the shopping you will find some of Faro's famous churches, such as Igreja do Carmo.

On the west side, you will come across the hilly Avenida 5 de Outubro. At the end of the avenue, you will be rewarded with a broad vista of Faro, the wetlands of Ria Formosa, and the sea.

## DO & SEE



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The capital of the Algarve is one of the most typically Portuguese cities in the country. Admire an amazing marina, cobblestone squares, and green parks, as well as an old town sprinkled with cosy cafes and tiny traditional restaurants. By night, Faro's massive student population that light up every bar and plaza of the city, and there is no shortage of cultural activities, from art exhibitions to majestic churches, and historic monuments. Last but not least, do not miss the natural beauty of the Parque Natural da Ria Formosa and the numerous islands scattered just a few kilometres from Faro's pristine beaches.

### Municipal Museum of Faro



The Faro Municipal Museum is home to the region's diverse archaeological finds. Located in a former monastery, its gardens

date back to 1540, with two-storey cloisters in the heart of the museum. Among the most remarkable items is a Roman floor mosaic from the 4th-century detailed with the head of the Roman god Neptune.

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Address: Museu Municipal de Faro, Largo Dom Afonso III 14, Faro

Opening hours: Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat & Sun 10:30am–5pm,



Mon closed

Phone: +351 289 870 827

Internet:

[www.visitportugal.com/en/content/museu-municipal-de-faro](http://www.visitportugal.com/en/content/museu-municipal-de-faro)

### Faro Cathedral



Rebuilt throughout the ages, the Faro Cathedral, also known as the Santa Maria Cathedral, is now a mixture of Renaissance and Baroque religious buildings. Its interior is equally rich, featuring a large organ from the 18th-century with Chinoiserie details.

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Address: Sé de Faro, Largo da Sé, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9:30am-5pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 289 823 018

Internet: [turismo.diocese-algarve.pt/vigararias/item/139-paroquia-de-faro-se](http://turismo.diocese-algarve.pt/vigararias/item/139-paroquia-de-faro-se)

Email: [catedraldefaro@gmail.com](mailto:catedraldefaro@gmail.com)

### Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel



The full name of this church is a mouthful — the Church of the Third Order of Our Lady of Monte do Carmo. It is the most popular of Faro's churches, not so much for its fantastically elaborate, gold-leaf laden, Baroque interior, but for its bone chapel, entirely decorated with monks' skeletons.

Photo: KOBU Agency/unsplash

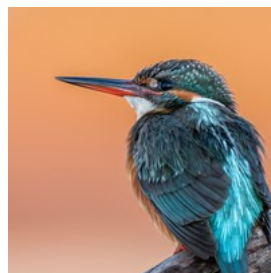
Address: Igreja da Ordem Terceira de Nossa Senhora do Monte do Carmo de Faro, Largo do Carmo, Faro

Opening hours: Winter: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm / 3pm-5:30 pm; Sat 10am-1pm. Summer: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm / 3pm-6pm; Sat 10am-1pm

Phone: +351 289 824 490

Internet: [carmo.site44.com](http://carmo.site44.com)

### Ria Formosa Natural Park



The Ria Formosa wetlands area was declared a protected natural area in 1987, and is a protected breeding place for wetland birds,

threatened by the expansion of tourism. This way, the entire coast from Faro to Cacela Velha was able to avoid any urbanisation. A boat trip to one of Faro's islands is perhaps the best way to visit Ria Formosa.

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Address: Parque Natural da Ria Formosa, Largo do Carmo Apartado 129, Faro

Phone: +351 918 720 002

Internet: [www.formosamar.com](http://www.formosamar.com)

Email: [info@formosamar.com](mailto:info@formosamar.com)

### Palace of Estói & Roman Ruins of Milreu



The Palácio de Estói, situated in the town of Estói (just north of Faro) is a Rococo style private palace built in the second half of the 19th-century.

This miniature version of the King's palace in Queluz, on the outskirts of Lisbon, is surrounded by relaxing public gardens. In Milreu, just outside the palace, you will come across the Algarve Roman remains.

Photo: Carlos Neto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua do Jardim, Estói

More Info: The building of Palácio de Estói is now a boutique hotel

### Ilha Deserta (Barreta Island)



At Deserta Island, also known as Ilha da Barretta, you have the rare opportunity to spend a day on an uninhabited island! Enjoy peaceful

white-sand beaches with crystal blue water. Arrive either by boat or water taxi and do not forget to bring water. As there is only one restaurant on the island, it is also a good idea to bring a snack.

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Address: Rua Comandante Francisco Manuel, Faro

Phone: +351 918 779 155

Internet: [www.ilhadeserta.com](http://www.ilhadeserta.com)

Email: [reservas@animaris.pt](mailto:reservas@animaris.pt)

### Algarve Stadium



The Estádio Algarve was built for the 2004 European football championship, but that does not make it a football fanatics-only

attraction. Here you can see different sporting events year-round, so make sure to check if there is anything of interest during your visit.

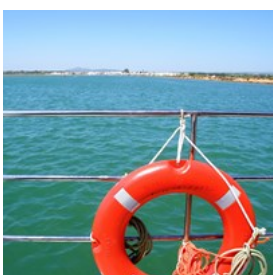
Photo: Sergio Stakhnyk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estádio Algarve, Estádio Algarve/Parque das Cidades, Almancil

Phone: +351 289 893 200

Internet: [www.visitalgarve.pt/en/233/estadio-algarve.aspx](http://www.visitalgarve.pt/en/233/estadio-algarve.aspx)

### Boat Trips in the Algarve



Cruise the Ria Formosa waterways in the lovely and tranquil blue boats available to rent. It is a great way to see the area and to indulge in a bit of

birdwatching. You also have the option of stopping at one of the beautiful beaches for a picnic, or just some sunbathing.

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Internet: [odysseytours.pt/en/ria-formosa](http://odysseytours.pt/en/ria-formosa)

### Sailing



There are several companies offering day tours, as well as sailing lessons for adventurers wishing to master a new skill.

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Address: Lands - Turismo na Natureza, Edifício Ginásio Clube Naval, Faro

Phone: +351 289 817 466

Internet: [lands.pt](http://lands.pt)

Email: [mail@lands.pt](mailto:mail@lands.pt)

More Info: Doca de Recreio de Faro

### Kayaking



For many, kayaking is one of the highlights of their trip to Faro. Admire the flocks of beautiful flamingos and the stunning views over the

Atlantic Ocean as you tread gentle waves. There are numerous places where you can rent kayaks along the coast.

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Address: Largo do Carmo Apartado 129, Faro

Phone: +351 918 720 002

Internet: [formosamar.com/tour/kayak-tour-in-the-ria-formosa](http://formosamar.com/tour/kayak-tour-in-the-ria-formosa)

### Parque Aventura



Push your limits at Parque Aventura, an adventure park located a ten-minute walk away from Oura Beach. Jump from tree to tree with zip lines and rope bridges that vary in height and difficulty.

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Address: Estrada de Santa Eulalia, Albufeira

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 2pm-6pm, Mon & Tue closed

Phone: +351 913 185 782

Internet: [www.parqueaventura.net/en/albufeira-en](http://www.parqueaventura.net/en/albufeira-en)

Email: [albufeira@parqueaventura.net](mailto:albufeira@parqueaventura.net)

### Ponta da Piedade



About a one-hour drive from Faro lies Ponta da Piedade, with its unique rock formations and grottos, Ponta de Piedade sparkles with crystal clear waters. A favoured spot to watch the sun set, many companies offer boat tours for those wishing to see it from the water.

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### Golf

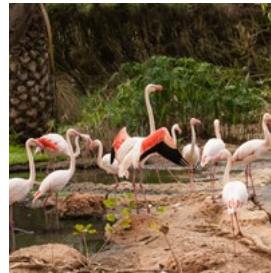


Spectacular backdrops make for a memorable round of golf in the Algarve. Boasting an impressive number of golf courses — almost 40 — there is something for players of every skill level and taste.

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Internet: [golfinportugal.com/algarve](http://golfinportugal.com/algarve)

### Lagos Zoo



Lagos Zoo is an extensive interactive zoo with animal species from all around the globe. It also features a recreation of the South African

Boulders beach, with its own penguin population.

Photo: Elenapavlova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Quinta Figueiras, Sítio do Medronhal, Barão de São João, Lagos

Opening hours: April through September: daily 10am-7pm.

October through March: daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +351 282 680 100

Internet: [zoolagos.com/en](http://zoolagos.com/en)

Email: [geral@zoolagos.com](mailto:geral@zoolagos.com)

### Vilamoura Marina



Stroll among the luxurious yachts in the Vilamoura Marina and enjoy the sea breeze before having a meal or a drink at one of the many

cafés, pubs, or restaurants. The town of Vilamoura lies 30 minutes away from Faro, and is just perfect for a luxurious one-day escape.

Photo: anyaivanova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Marina de Vilamoura

Internet: [www.marinadevilamoura.com](http://www.marinadevilamoura.com)

### Ludo Hiking Trail



Part of the natural park of Ria Formosa, Ludo offers various trails between 5 and 15km. Ideal for walking, running or cycling, these trails take

in unique views of the lagoons, marshlands, and palm trees. As well as this, wild birds are abundant — including flamingos!



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Address: EM527 1, Faro, Portugal  
Internet: [thealgarvefamily.com/ludo-trail-faro](http://thealgarvefamily.com/ludo-trail-faro)

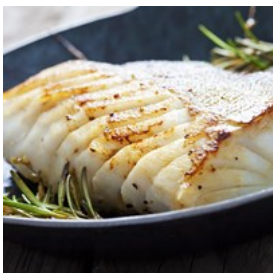
## DINING



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Dining in Faro revolves around seafood, mainly fish and shellfish. The Ria Formosa area is famous for oyster and clam breeding, making molluscs an unbeatable choice. Meat dishes can also be found, mainly rotisserie chicken and black pig, which will certainly not disappoint any meat-lover.

### 2 Irmãos



Dois Irmãos has a long history as one of Faro's best and most popular fish restaurants.

Established in 1925, this Faro gastronomic

landmark serves traditional local cuisine prepared using modern methods, with a focus on seafood dishes, as well as a few tasty meat dishes.

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Address: Praça Ferreira de Almeida 13-14, Faro  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-11pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +351 289 823 337  
Internet: [restaurantguru.com/Dois-Irmaos-Faro](http://restaurantguru.com/Dois-Irmaos-Faro)

### O Coreto



O Coreto is a great place to go to for an afternoon snack or a light meal. They specialize in home-made pizzas and pasta dishes, which taste even better when paired with the right wine and the lovely view over the marina. Be sure to try one of their desserts as well.

Photo: Andrea Obzerova/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Praça Dom Francisco Gomes, 8000-168, Faro  
Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am  
Phone: +351 910 505 524  
Internet: <https://ocoreto.pt>  
Email: [info@ocoreto.pt](mailto:info@ocoreto.pt)

### Tasca do Ricky



It will be difficult to find a restaurant more Portuguese than Tasca do Ricky. Besides its Portuguese comfort dishes served in big portions, this place is also known for its lovely staff and affordable prices.

Photo: Alizada Studios / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua do Forno 21, Faro  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-3pm / 7pm-10pm  
Phone: +351 919 111 057  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/tascadoricky](http://www.instagram.com/tascadoricky)

### À do Pinto



À do Pinto is all about locally caught, fresh seafood. Try the Algarve Cataplana — a savoury and generous seafood dish — as well as their octopus. Pair it with a cold beer and you will have an unforgettable dining experience.

Photo: LuminarePhotos by judith / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Travessa Rebelo da Silva 13, Faro  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-11pm, Sat & Sun closed  
Phone: +351 911 944 484  
Internet: a-do-pinto.negocio.site

### Tasquinha Cruzeiro



Tasquinha Cruzeiro is a gastronomic gem located in the city centre. Its old-fashioned building is home to the cosiest traditional Portuguese

restaurant in Faro. Their many affordable, delicious seafood dishes are a must-try.

Photo: Glen Berlin / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Largo da Madalena 12, Faro  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7pm-2am  
Phone: +351 918 306 207  
Internet: restaurantguru.com/Tasquinha-Cruzeiro-Faro

### Taska



Taska has a high volume of local customers and a simple pub environment. The food is traditionally Portuguese, with emphasis on seafood. Try

the classic pork with clams, or something more unusual like eel or whitebait.

Photo: Natthawon Chaosakun/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua do Alportel 38, Faro  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-11pm  
Phone: +351 969 441 381  
Email: taskaalgarvia@hotmail.com

### Adega Nova



Adega Nova is a family-friendly restaurant with a traditional Portuguese menu. It is a popular restaurant among tourists, and it's known for its generous portions for affordable prices. Do not miss a taste of one of the many wines from their own massive wine cellar.

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Address: Rua Francisco Barreto, 24, Faro  
Opening hours: Sun-Sat 11:30am-11pm  
Phone: +351 289 813 433  
Internet: www.restauranteadeganova.com  
Email: info@restauranteadeganova.com

### Centenário



Centenário serves a varied menu consisting of traditional Algarve cuisine, which includes a mix of fresh seafood and meat dishes. One of

Centenario's biggest selling points is, however, the regular fado performances. The restaurant also has a pleasant terrace, an aquarium, and a cozy fireplace.

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Address: Largo Terreiro do Bispo, 4, Faro  
Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 6pm-11pm  
Phone: +351 289 823 343  
Internet: restaurantecentenariofaro.com  
Email: restcentenario@hotmail.com

### Ria Formosa Restaurant



This restaurant is located on the rooftop of Hotel Faro, with a clear view of the old town and the Ria Formosa - hence the restaurant's name. Here, you will have the chance to try the best seafood flavours while contemplating relaxing ocean landscapes.

Photo: Ria Formosa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praça D. Francisco Gomes, 42, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10am / 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +351 289 830 830

Internet: [www.hotelfaro.pt/en/ria-formosa-restaurant](http://www.hotelfaro.pt/en/ria-formosa-restaurant)

Email: [reservas@hotelfaro.pt](mailto:reservas@hotelfaro.pt)

### Restaurante Casa Velha



This Michelin-starred restaurant is located in the Quinta do Lago golf resort and complex, right by a beautiful lake. The finest chefs in charge have developed a wonderful menu inspired by French flavours, including an extensive wine list that perfectly matches the menu.

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Address: Quinta do Lago Roundabout 6, Almancil

Phone: +351 289 394 983

Internet: [www.quintadolago.com/en/restaurants/casa-velha](http://www.quintadolago.com/en/restaurants/casa-velha)

Email: [casavelha@quintadolago.com](mailto:casavelha@quintadolago.com)

### Le Marquis Restaurant



This fine-dining restaurant might be a bit hard to find, but it is well worth searching for. Here you will be able to enjoy delicious cuisine and top

service in a cosy and rustic atmosphere. The menu changes on a regular basis and guests tend to come back for many visits.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Monte da Palhagueira, Santa Bárba de Nexse, Faro

Opening hours: Wed-Sat noon-3pm / 7pm-10pm; Sun noon-3pm

Phone: +351 289 992 018

Internet: [www.lemarquis-algarve.com](http://www.lemarquis-algarve.com)

Email: [reservations@restaurant-le-marquis.com](mailto:reservations@restaurant-le-marquis.com)

### O Gimbras



Despite its simple decoration, the food and the service make O Gimbras a memorable restaurant. The menu includes local savory seafood cuisine and wines at affordable prices.

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Address: Rua General Teofilo da Trindade 3, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-3pm / 7:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +351 968 889 669

Internet: [www.instagram.com/restaurante\\_gimbras\\_by\\_oleg](http://www.instagram.com/restaurante_gimbras_by_oleg)

Email: [ogimbras@gmail.com](mailto:ogimbras@gmail.com)

### Hamburgueria da Baixa



If you are craving a tasty hamburger while in Faro, this is the place to go. Baixa Hamburgueria Faro prepares everything on the spot using fresh and tasty ingredients; Cod and shrimp burgers are also served. This joint has two branches in downtown Faro.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Conselheiro Bivar, Estrada Da Penha, Faro

Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight

Phone: +351 916 302 633

Internet: [restaurantguru.com/Hamburgueria-da-Baixa-Faro](http://restaurantguru.com/Hamburgueria-da-Baixa-Faro)

Email: [geral@hamburgueriadabaixa.com](mailto:geral@hamburgueriadabaixa.com)



### Sushi Ya Fusion



It can be difficult to find a sushi restaurant in Faro, but the quality of the seafood found in the area makes for fantastic tasting sushi. Sushi Ya is a small and rather simple restaurant, but they provide some of the city's best Japanese cuisine.

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Address: Rua Jose Estevao 1, Faro

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12:30pm-2:30pm / 7pm-11pm; Mon closed

Phone: +351 916 914 696

Internet: [restaurantguru.com/Sushi-Ya-Fusion-Faro](http://restaurantguru.com/Sushi-Ya-Fusion-Faro)

Email: [cafejapan@sapo.pt](mailto:cafejapan@sapo.pt)

### CAFÉS



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Faro has cafés for all tastes and food preferences. Most of Faro's cafés open early in the morning and close early in the evening. In almost all of them, you will find a wide variety of Portuguese bread and pastries that you can enjoy for breakfast or before an afternoon swim at the beach.

### O Coreto



O Coreto is a great place to go to for an afternoon snack or a light meal. They specialize in home-made pizzas and pasta dishes, which taste even better when paired with the right wine and the lovely view over the marina. Be sure to try one of their desserts as well.

Photo: Andrea Obzerova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Praça Dom Francisco Gomes, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 8am-midnight

Phone: +351 910 505 524

Internet: [ocoreto.pt](http://ocoreto.pt)

Email: [info@ocoreto.pt](mailto:info@ocoreto.pt)

### O Seu Café



Located in a pleasant square just outside the city centre, O Seu Café is a very modest café mostly visited by locals. Light lunches, snacks, and cold beers are served here for very reasonable prices. As any good Portuguese café, short and delicious espresso coffee is served as well.

Photo: massimofusaro/Shutterstock.com

Address: Largo de São Pedro, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat 8:30am-9:00pm, Sun 8:30am-1pm

Phone: +351 289 807 152

Internet: [restaurantguru.com/O-Seu-Cafe-Senhora-da-Hora](http://restaurantguru.com/O-Seu-Cafe-Senhora-da-Hora)

Email: [oseucafe\\_1964@hotmail.com](mailto:oseucafe_1964@hotmail.com)

### Maktostas



For a quick snack and a refreshing drink, head over to Maktostas. Take a seat on their terrace, enjoy the sun and order one of their huge and delicious toasts with the filling of your choice, and get recharged for the rest of your stay in Faro.

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Address: Rua do Alportel 29, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 9am-2am

Phone: +351 918 778 982

Internet: en.rotasgastronomicas.com/maktostas

### Pastelaria Centeio



Pastelaria Centeio has a typically Portuguese warm and friendly atmosphere. Selling a wide offer of sandwiches, homemade cakes, pastries, and coffee, it is just the perfect place for breakfast or an afternoon snack.

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Address: Rua Mouzinho de Albuquerque 25, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +351 289 813 752

Internet: pastelariacenteio.wixsite.com/centei

Email: pastelariacenteio@sapo.pt

### Padaria Urbana



This lovely bakery located in the heart of Faro serves freshly-prepared sandwiches and deserts. Perfect for a mid-afternoon snack right before a trip to the beach, this cosy place also serves vegan and vegetarian options.

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Address: Rua Conselheiro Bivar 6, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-8pm

Phone: +351 910 992 483

Internet: linktr.ee/demorestaurant

### Mel & Limão



This vegan cafe is the only of its kind in Faro. Its organic, entirely-vegan menu will delight anyone, even those who are not vegan.

Don't miss out on their wonderful vegan cakes and desserts.

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Address: Largo Pé da Cruz 25, Faro

Opening hours: Tue 1pm-6pm, Wed-Sat 1pm-10pm

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Being a major holiday destination, Faro boasts a wide variety of energetic nightlife attractions. The city's bustling party scene thrives along Rua de São Pedro, Rua Conselheiro Bivar, and Rua do Prior. The old and its surrounding areas also offer a modest amount of small bars with live music, sports screenings, and much more.

### Columbus



Columbus is a laid-back bar with a relaxing view over the marina. It is all about expertly-prepared cocktails, offering one of

the most carefully created drinks menus in Faro.

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Address: Praça Dom Francisco Gomes, 13, Faro

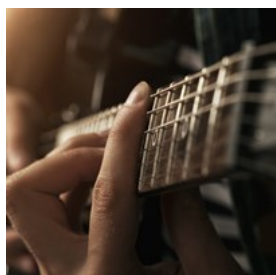
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-10:30pm

Phone: +351 917 776 222

Internet: [barcolumbus.pt](http://barcolumbus.pt)

Email: [info@barcolumbus.pt](mailto:info@barcolumbus.pt)

### Bar CheSsenta



CheSsenta is a small bar located on a narrow cobblestone street in Faro. It holds live music events, happy hours, and even karaoke. The

atmosphere is warm and genuine, the drink menu is extensive—its a venue that will suit any taste.

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Address: Rua do Prior 24, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 4pm-4am

Phone: +351 931 194 314

Internet: [www.instagram.com/bar.chessenta](http://www.instagram.com/bar.chessenta)

Email: [che60bar@iol.pt](mailto:che60bar@iol.pt)

### O Castelo



Take a seat at the lovely terrace of O Castelo and enjoy the beautiful views of the Ria Formosa

lagoon with a glass of sangria. They host all sorts of live performances, such as flamenco, fado, and local cover bands, making O Castelo

one of the best places in Faro for music-lovers.

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Address: Rua do Castelo 11, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-4m

Phone: +351 913 921 812

Internet: [www.ocastelofaro.com](http://www.ocastelofaro.com)

Email: [jaimepatrimonio@hotmail.com](mailto:jaimepatrimonio@hotmail.com)

### Varandas Bar



You are unlikely to find such outstanding cocktails anywhere else besides Varandas.

Located in an old building, the bar won't disappoint a drink aficionado with its carefully crafted cocktails.

Photo: Romrodphoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua do Albergue 14, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 9pm-4am

Phone: +351 964 281 970

Internet: [www.instagram.com/varandas\\_bar](http://www.instagram.com/varandas_bar)

Email: [varandasfaro@gmail.com](mailto:varandasfaro@gmail.com)

### Havana Club



If you are looking for a quiet place to go for a drink with your loved ones, then Havana Club is where you'll want to head. This tiny

Cuban-inspired bar will serve you Caribbean cocktails that perfectly suit Faro's warm summer nights. Music shows are also occasionally held here.

Photo: Marian Weyo / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Nascente 20, Faro

Opening hours: Daily noon-2am

Phone: +351 289 819 223

Internet: [restaurantguru.com/Havana-Club-Faro](http://restaurantguru.com/Havana-Club-Faro)



### Aperitivo Bar



Aperitivo Bar is a favourite after-work destination among locals. Its wide selection of international beers and tapas-style dishes are the

perfect excuse to sit down and have a relaxing evening. Take advantage of their happy hour (6pm-8pm), when you can eat as much as you want and only pay for the drinks.

Photo: Sergio Arjona / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua Conselheiro Bivar 51, Faro  
Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-10pm  
Phone: +351 968 623 858  
Internet: aperitivofaro.pt  
Email: apetitedeviver@gmail.com

### Âncora Bar



This modest, nautical-inspired bar is perfect for those who seek a night filled with drinks and friendly conversations. Stop by and have a great night--courtesy of the incredibly nice staff.

Photo: Picnote / Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua 1 de Maio 11, Faro  
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-4am  
Phone: +351 917 243 234  
Internet: www.instagram.com/ancorapubfaro

### 7imeio Winebar



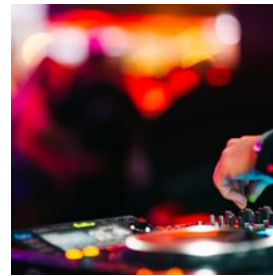
Located in Olhão, just 15 minutes east of Faro, you'll find 7imeio . The bar has its focus on good wine, but they also make delicious cocktails. You

can also find an array of tapas to go with the

wine or your chosen drink, allowing you to snack and drink the night away.

Photo: archimede/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida 5 de Outubro 38/40, Olhão  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-2am, Sun closed  
Phone: +351 965 258 266  
Internet: 7imeio.com  
Email: geral@7imeiovinebar.com

### Liberto's Club (Albufeira)



If you come here early, the open-air bar offers a more relaxing venue to sit and sip a cocktail to the sound of live acoustic music. Later on, the music gets louder and the stylish place turns into a popular night club with DJs playing the latest tunes.

Photo: Mark Umbrella/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Rua Antero de Quental 59, Albufeira  
Opening hours: Daily 8pm-4am  
Phone: +351 926 448 936  
Internet: libertosclub.com  
Email: info@grupolibertomealha.com  
More Info: Located in Albufeira, about 35km from Faro

## SHOPPING



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In downtown Faro, you'll find plenty of small shops selling all sorts of products, from local handicraft to fashion and sports items, as well as

some traditional liquor shops. Bigger commercial surfaces are also to be found — the city has some of the biggest shopping centres and fresh produce markets in the region.

### Mercado Municipal



This is Faro's largest fresh produce market. Located in a gorgeous modern building, the market is open until late and is the perfect place to have direct contact with the local food culture. It is recommended to go in the early morning when the food stock is the highest.

Photo: Goran Bogicevic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Largo Doutor Francisco Sá Carneiro, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 7am-midnight

Phone: +351 289 897 250

Internet: [www.mercadomunicipaldefaro.pt](http://www.mercadomunicipaldefaro.pt)

Email: [info@mercadomunicipaldefaro.pt](mailto:info@mercadomunicipaldefaro.pt)

### Forum Algarve



Forum Algarve is one of the town's premier shopping centres, featuring all sorts of fashion stores and restaurants. It is also home to one of the biggest cinema places in the Algarve.

Photo: ESB Professional/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada Nacional 125, km 103, Faro

Opening hours: Ddaily 10am-midnight

Phone: +351 289 889 300

Internet: [www.forumalgarve.net](http://www.forumalgarve.net)

Email: [forumalgarve@multi.eu](mailto:forumalgarve@multi.eu)

### Algarve Shopping Centre



Just outside Albufeira you find Algarve Shopping Centre. It is the perfect place to spend a rainy afternoon or just to stay out of the sun and heat for a while. You can find several different shops, both from chains like Zara and C&A but also some small local boutiques. If you get hungry there is a food court, and if you feel like catching a movie there is also a cinema.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lanka Parque Comercial e Industrial do Algarve Lote R, Fracção 3 Tavagueira Guia, Albufeira

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +351 289 105 500

Internet: [www.algarveshopping.pt](http://www.algarveshopping.pt)

Email: [info@adm.algarveshopping.pt](mailto:info@adm.algarveshopping.pt)

### Intermarché



When you think of shopping, maybe grocery shopping isn't the first thing that comes to mind. But you find a good selection of brands, fresh

fruits and vegetables, live seafood, newly butchered meat and local wines at the Intermarché in Carvoeiro. This international chain has several outlets across the Algarve coast.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estrada do Poço Partido, Carvoeiro

Phone: +351 249 880 300

Email: [apoioconsumidorportugal@mousquetaires.com](mailto:apoioconsumidorportugal@mousquetaires.com)

### Porches Pottery



The town of Porches has a long history of pottery production. All items are unique and made by local artists and artisans, including hand-painted

dishes, jars, carafes, and tea-sets, among many others. It is a great place to pick up a one-of-a-kind souvenir for your loved ones back home.

Photo: Alim Yakubov/Shutterstock.com

Address: EN125, Porches, Lagos

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 282 352 858

Internet: [www.porchespottery.com](http://www.porchespottery.com)

Email: [info@porchespottery.com](mailto:info@porchespottery.com)

### António Manuel



Antonio Manuel Modas is a trendy fashion shop that has been around since 1957. They sell high-end luxury brands and the latest styles for both men

and women. It's the right place for those seeking name brand apparel.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua de Santo António 46, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 289 822 474

Email: [antoniomanuelfaro@sapo.pt](mailto:antoniomanuelfaro@sapo.pt)

### Scoon



Located right in the city centre of Faro, Scoon is a fashion favourite among locals. They have the latest trends in clothes, shoes and accessories for men, women and children.

Photo: hxdbzxy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Vasco da Gama 2, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-1pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 289 812 992

Internet: [scoon.pt](http://scoon.pt)

Email: [faro@scoon.pt](mailto:faro@scoon.pt)

### Jah-Shaka Surf Shop (Lagos)



If you like surfing and the lifestyle that comes with it, you will love Jah-Shaka Surf Shop in Lagos. Here you find all the major surf brands such as

Quicksilver, Roxy, Analog and Ripcurl. They have everything from boards and equipment to clothes and accessories.

Photo: Goodluz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rua Cândido dos Reis 112, Lagos

Opening hours: Daily 9am-midnight

Phone: +351 282 798 006

Internet: [jahshakasurf.com](http://jahshakasurf.com)

Email: [shop@jahshakasurf.com](mailto:shop@jahshakasurf.com)

### Outdoor Markets



If you like to stroll in an outdoor market and watch the locals shop for fresh fruit and fish directly from the farmers and fishermen, almost

every town in Algarve has this kind of food market one or several time a week. For those



who prefer to visit a flea market or an auction, the weekend is the best time to try to strike a bargain.

Photo: Pack-Shot/Shutterstock.com

Internet:

[www.myguidealgarve.com/usefulinfo/markets-on-the-algarve](http://www.myguidealgarve.com/usefulinfo/markets-on-the-algarve)

### Garrafeira Rui



Garrafeira Rui is a one-of-a-kind wine shop—as soon as you enter this tiny, centrally-located liquor emporium, you'll come across a wall full of Portugal's finest alcoholic beverages, and some international liquors too. Besides its astonishing alcohol selection, Garrafeira Rui also sells traditional sweets and patisserie.

Photo: Wine bottles

Address: Praça Ferreira de Almeida 28, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-8pm

Phone: +351 289 821 586

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Passport/Visa



Portugal can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must carry a valid ID during their stay.

Photo: mana5280/unsplash

### Faro International Airport (FAO)



Faro's international airport is located six kilometers to the west of the city, right by the sea. Buses 14 and 16 depart regularly to the centre of Faro, and the trip takes approximately 20 minutes. You can buy the ticket directly from the driver, but remember that it is good to have some small change or the exact amount of money. A taxi ride takes just under fifteen minutes.

Photo: Bextrel/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Aeroporto Internacional de Faro - Gago Coutinho

Phone: +351 289 800 800

Internet: [www.aeroporto Faro.pt](http://www.aeroporto Faro.pt)

Email: [faro.airport@ana.pt](mailto:faro.airport@ana.pt)

### Best Time to Visit



The Algarve region is famous for having the best weather in Portugal, with long summers and short, mild winters.

Beach season goes from spring to autumn and attracts the biggest crowds; visiting in winter often means that you will find more affordable accommodations and a quieter atmosphere.

Photo: Sam Hallett/unsplash

### Public Transport



Faro's train station connects the city with the rest of the region and the country. There is also a well-developed bus network, EVA, convenient

for small trips within trips in the region. In the city centre, it is best to walk, but if you would rather take the local bus, the courier name is Proximo.

Photo: Annie Spratt/unsplash

Internet:

[www.tripsavvy.com/faro-transport-information-1642481](http://www.tripsavvy.com/faro-transport-information-1642481)

### Taxi



For longer trips, it is better to negotiate the price in advance as the driver has the right to various surcharges for returning empty if the

taxi meter is used. Tips are not obligatory but appreciated, even if small. The cars are either beige, green or black, and the best way to find one is to go to one of the taxi ranks or pre-book. One of the main taxi companies in town is Faro

### Taxi.

Photo: Fotis Fotopoulos/unsplash

Phone: +351 960 204 709

Internet: [www.farotaxi.com](http://www.farotaxi.com)

Email: [info@farotaxi.com](mailto:info@farotaxi.com)

### Post Office



To find a post office in Faro, look for the red sign that says CTT. Letter boxes are red as well. Faro's main post office is located in Largo do

Carmo.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: Estação CTT de Faro, Largo do Carmo, Faro

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +351 21 047 1616

Internet: [www.ctt.pt](http://www.ctt.pt)

### Pharmacy



Generally, pharmacies in Portugal are open on weekdays from 9 am to 7 pm; some pharmacies close for lunch. On Saturdays, pharmacies

close around 1pm. Each district will have a 24 hour pharmacy (farmácia, with a green cross) according to a schedule posted in the windows of all closed pharmacies.

Penha pharmacy is the best reviewed pharmacy in town, though it's not the most central one. It's also always open.

Photo: Serkan Yildiz/unsplash

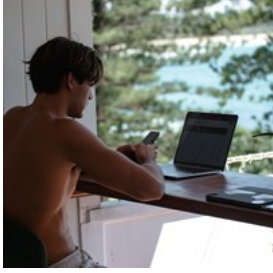
Address: Farmácia da Penha, Estrada da Penha 52, Faro

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +351289822342

Internet: [farmaciadapenha.pt](http://farmaciadapenha.pt)

## Telephone



Country code: +351 Area  
code: 289

Photo: Mark Broadhead/unsplash

## Electricity



20 V/50Hz with with a  
Type F electrical plug  
with two round pins,  
same as in many  
countries in Continental  
Europe.

Photo: Mike Winkler/unsplash

## Population

Around 60,000

## Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Shops are normally open from 9 am to 7 pm on weekdays,  
and some may close for the weekend.

## Newspapers

Região Sul — [regiao-sul.pt](http://regiao-sul.pt)

Jornal do Algarve — [jornaldoalgarve.pt](http://jornaldoalgarve.pt)

## Emergency numbers

112

## Tourist information

Faro Tourist Office

Rua da Misericórdia 8-12, Faro

+351 289 803 604

[turismo.faro@rtalgarve.pt](mailto:turismo.faro@rtalgarve.pt)

Open daily 9:30am–1pm / 2pm–5:30pm









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Estrada da Senhora Da Saude  
R de Mocambique  
Rua da Angola  
Rua Lapa de cima  
Rua do Alportel  
Rua Gil de Caneiro  
Rua Doutor Jose Filipe Alvares  
Estrada de Penha  
R de Colina do Domingo  
Rua Pintor Artur Costa  
Estrada de Penha  
Avenida Calouste Gulbenkian  
Antonio Santos Fonseca  
Rua C Polaris  
Rua Das Olarias  
R Dom Frei Joao de Faro  
R Coronel  
Rua Memria  
R Ascencio  
R Dr Rodrigues Davim  
Rua do Alportel  
Rua do Sporting Club Feres  
Estrada de Sao Luis  
Avenida Calouste Gulbenkian  
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Rua do Reitor Teixeira Guedes  
R Jose Nunes da Cruz  
Rua Aboim Ascencio  
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Rua do Alportel  
R Teofilo Trindade  
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R B. Cabreira  
R H Machado  
Rua Dr Candido Guerreiro  
Rua Joao de Deus  
R B Passos  
R de Santo Antonio  
R Pe da Cruz  
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R Antero de Quental  
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R Gen H Deigado  
R Eca de Queiros  
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R A de Oliveira  
Rua Dr Jose de Matos  
R do Misericordia  
R do Bocage  
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Rua Teresa Ramalho Ortigao  
Rua Luis de Sousa  
R Engenheiro Joaquim Lopes Bechior  
R Pintor C Portirio  
R Antero de Quental  
R do B Joao  
R C Xavier  
Rua Antonio Enes  
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Avenida Cinco de Outubro	B3 C3	Rua da Boavista	A2 B2	Rua Filipe Alistao	A3 B3
Avenida da Republica	A3	Rua da Madalena	A3	Rua Frederico Lecor	A2 B2
Avenida Doutor Julio Almeida Carrapato	C2 C3	Rua da Moagem	A2 A3	Rua General Humberto Delgado	C3
Estrada da Penha	C2	Rua Das Olarias	B2	Rua Gil de Caneiro	B1
Estrada da Senhora Da Saude	A1 A2	Rua de Berlim	C3 D3	Rua Gil Eanes	A3
Estrada de Penha	C1 C2	Rua de Mocambique	A1 B1	Rua Horta Machado	B3
Estrada de Sao Luis	C2 D2	Rua de Santo Antonio	B3	Rua Infante Dom Henrique	A2 A3
Horta Das Figuras	A1	Rua de Sao Luis	B2	Rua Jaime Piras	D3
Jardim Manuel Bivar	A3	Rua de Sao Pedro	A3	Rua Joao de Deus	B3
Largo da Sé	A3	Rua do Alportel	B1 B2 B3	Rua Jornal Folha do Domingo	C1 C2
Largo de Sao Francisco	B4	Rua do Bocage	B3	Rua Jose Estevao	A3 B3
Praca da Paz	B2	Rua do Bom Joao	C3	Rua Lejana de Cima	B1
Rua Aboim Ascencao	A2 B2	Rua do Compromisso	A3 B3	Rua Luis de Camoes	A2
Rua Antero de Quental	C3	Rua do Misericordia	A3 B3	Rua Luis de Sousa	B3
Rua Antonio Enes	C3 D3	Rua do Prior	A3	Rua Manuel Ascencao	A2
Rua Ataide de Oliveira	C2 C3	Rua do Rasquinho	A3 B4	Rua Miguel Bombarda	A2
Rua Batista Lopes	B3	Rua do Reitor Teixeira Guedes	C2 D2	Rua Moinho da Palmeira	D3
Rua Bernardo Passos	B3	Rua do Sporting Club Farense	B2 C2	Rua Nova	B3
Rua Brito Cabreira	B2 B3	Rua Dom Frei Joao de Faro	B2	Rua Nova do Castelo	A4 B4
Rua Caldas	C3	Rua Dom Jeronimo Osorio	C2 C3	Rua Pe da Cruz	B3

Xavier Rua Castilho	B3	Rua Doutor Candido Guerreiro	B3 C3	Rua Pintor Artur Costa	C2
Rua Cesar Pola	B2	Rua Doutor Joaquim da Rocha Peixoto Magalhaes	D3	Rua Pintor Carlos Porfirio	C3 C4
Rua Comandante Jose Nunes da Cruz	C2 D2	Rua Doutor Jose de Matos	C3 D3	Rua Serpa Pinto	A2 A3
Rua Conego Carlos Patricio	D3	Rua Doutor Jose Filipe Alvares	C1	Rua Teofilo Trindade	B2
Rua Conselheiro Sebastiao Teles	A2 A3	Rua Doutor Justino Cumano	B3	Rua Teresa Ramalho Ortigao	B3
Rua Coronel Antonio Santos Fonseca	A2 B2	Rua Doutor Rodrigues Davim	A2 B2		