



# THE BEST OF ALGARVE

## 8 Days / 7 Nights



### DAY 1: WELCOME TO LISBON!

Arrival and transfer to the selected hotel. Service provided by English-speaking driver and private car. Check-in and accommodation.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER LISBON FROM LAND AND RIVER

Discover this magnificent city. Unveil the history and traditions of Lisbon on this visit of monuments to the golden era of Portuguese exploration: Jeronimos Monastery, Belem Tower (from where Vasco da Gama left the continent on his Caravelas), Discoveries Monument, the ancient Alfama quarter, the oldest squares in town such as Praça do Comercio and Rossio Square. After exploring the most beautiful places, squares, and belle views over Lisbon, your driver will take you to the pier for a 1 hour boat trip provided by speedboat on Tagus River so that you may discover the beauty of Lisbon from the water! If you are lucky, you will meet dolphins jumping out of the water! From the pier, your driver will take you to the Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.



### DAY 3: ALGARVE – MEET THE SOUTHERN REGION OF PORTUGAL

This day starts with the journey of 300 km to the south, heading to the Algarve, a beautiful coastline of southern Portugal, a region rich in culture and staggering in beauty. The privileged location in the south of Portugal and the many hours of sunshine make the Algarve one of the favorite destinations for anyone visiting the country. And also it is here that, in the 15th century, the Portuguese set off on the epic journey that led them to discover other peoples and cultures. You will stay in Albufeira. Why? In history, Albufeira was a thriving seaport and had its own castle that was later destroyed in the earthquake of 1755. In Roman times, it was known as Baltum and later changed by the Moors to Al-Buhera. As a result of the tide of tourism, this "once upon a time" fishing village has expanded since the 1960s into a major holiday resorts. Nowadays is one of the most popular resorts in Algarve with incredible nightlife, streets fulfilled of tourists all year long, many commercial streets with handicraft and souvenirs shops. So, enjoy Albufeira!





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### **DAY 4: EXPLORE LAGOS, PONTA DA PIEDADE GROTTO, SAGRES AND CAPE OF S. VINCENT**

Start to explore the southwestern coastline of Algarve: Lagos, a charming seaside city historically connected to the Portuguese discoveries. As a curiosity, here was founded the first slave market in Europe. From Lagos, you can go to Ponta da Piedade, a stunning section of coastline, consisting of caves, grottos, and sea arches that nature has sculpted over thousands of years. Its 20 meter high cliffs, which shine golden in the afternoon sun, and fairytale caves are a must to see. Enjoy the boat trip to the caves that we have prepared for you! From Lagos, you proceed to Sagres and Cape S. Vincent, with romantic views over the Ocean and the rocky coast. This cape is the southwestern most point in Portugal.

### **DAY 5: EXPLORE CARVOEIRO AND BENAGIL GROTTO + SERRA DE MONCHIQUE WITH WINE TASTING**

The day begins with an amazing boat trip along the ocean coast. You will have the chance to admire more than 15 caves, being the most impressive one the Algar de Benagil Cave, ex-libris of Algarve. From inside this cave, you can see the blue sky through an opening in the ceiling, also known as the eye. The duration of the boat trip is 1 hour and 15 minutes. Next stop will be the National Park of Monchique, one of the most charming places on the Algarve and it's very different from the tourist coast. Drive up to the mountain: with 902 meters high, this is the highest point in all the Algarve. With a dazzling landscape, the Fóia peak has, for a better contemplation of its natural splendor, two beautiful viewpoints, at about 5 km from the town of Monchique. Ascending the gorgeous Monchique mountain range, you can find a varied offer of restaurants and cafeterias. Moreover, right at the top, there is a pleasant esplanade and several regional handicraft items for sale. The view from the top is absolutely wide and astonishing. You will finish this memorable day with a visit and wine tasting to one of the best wineries in the area.





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### **DAY 6: EXPLORE FARO, OLHÃO, NATURAL PARK RIA FORMOSA**

In this day you will visit the highlights of the southeast Algarve coast, with impressive and totally different landscapes! Beauty nature, lovely places. Faro, the capital of the region, is a historical city with narrow streets, typical Mediterranean white houses, and an impressive cathedral. The commercial areas are full of life and with many regional handicraft items for sale. Olhão is the next town east of Faro and is the largest harbor of the Algarve. The town is similar to Faro with having beaches on the sand bar islands. The main attraction of Olhão is the Ria Formosa National Park. This can be explored as a guided boat tour and that's why we included a short boat tour so that you can enjoy the beauty of nature here.

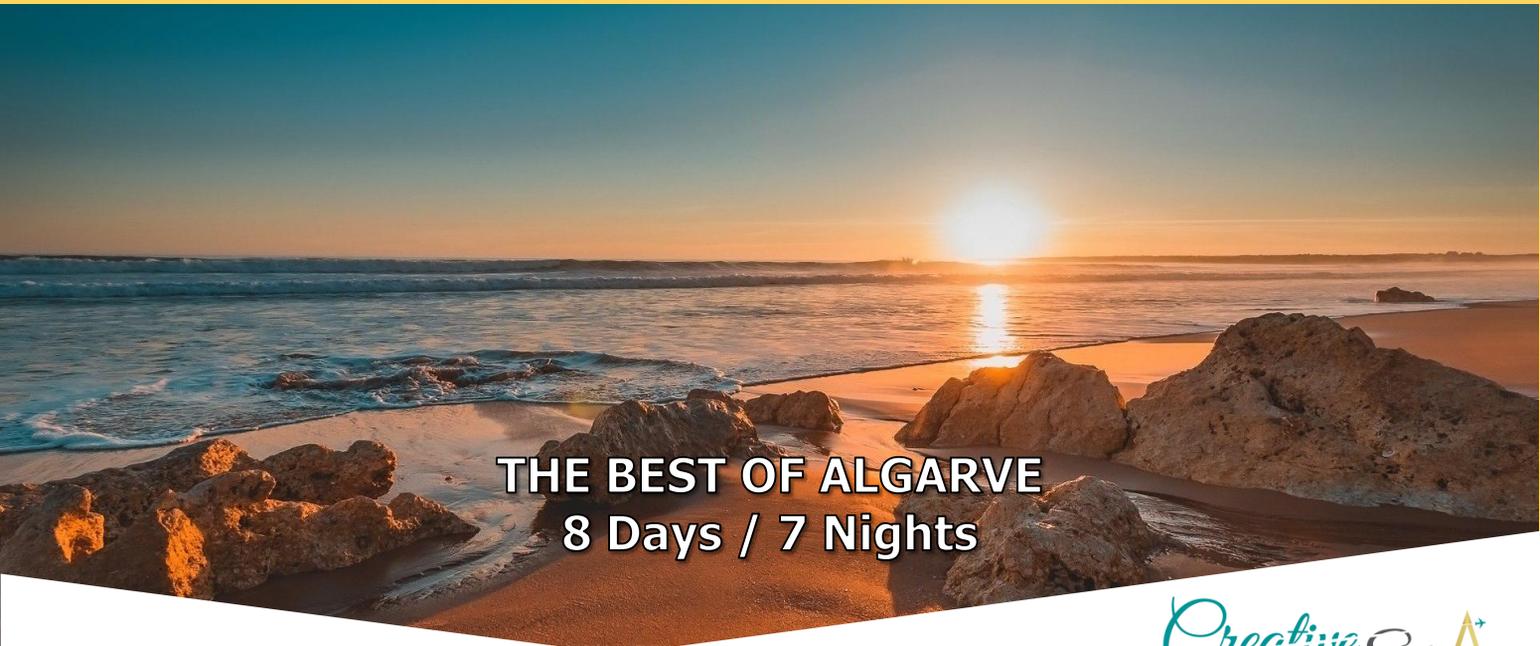
### **DAY 7: DEPARTURE BACK TO LISBON**

Enjoy the sun, the clear green of the sea, and the beautiful beach. In the afternoon you are getting back to Lisbon and spend the night there.

### **DAY 8: FLIGHT BACK HOME**

Check-out. Transfer to the Lisbon Airport.





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### PACKAGE RATES INCLUDE:

- Private transportation provided by deluxe minivan with English speaking local driver/ guide throughout.
- Driver / guide expenses, tolls, taxes and services.
- 1 Hour boat trip – Tagus River.
- 1 Hour boat trip – Lagos / Ponta da Piedade Grottos.
- 1 Hour boat trip – Carvoeiro / Benagil Grottos
- 2 Hour boat trip – Ria Formosa Natural Park.
- Accommodation in comfortable hotels on BB Basis according to the program.
- Visit and wine tasting at a wine estate in Monchique Mountains.
- Travel insurance.

### SELECTED HOTELS (3 AND 4 STAR) OR SIMILAR:

- Lisboa (2 Nts): Hotel Roma 3\*
- Albufeira (4 Nts): Muthu Clube Praia da Oura 4\*
- Lisboa (1 Nt): Hotel Roma 3\*

**Prices subject to quotation,  
depending on the requested dates  
and number of people**

