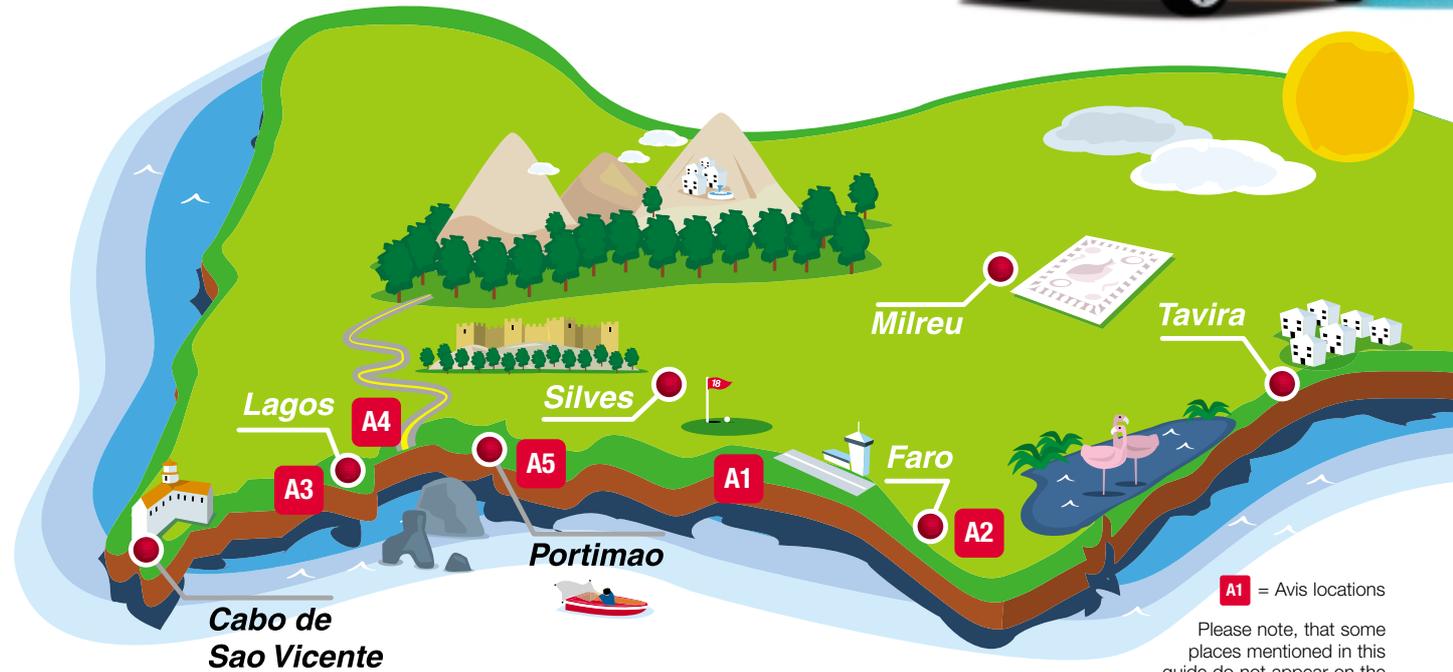


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A1 = Avis locations

Please note, that some places mentioned in this guide do not appear on the map. This guide is to be used as an overview of the destination.

"A courtesy bus will transport you at Faro airport to the rental depot or why not have the car delivered to your hotel or villa"

Enjoy the wonders of the Algarve with Avis...

Landscape and climate combine in the Algarve to create a region of year-round appeal. In winter the Algarve basks in balmy sunshine. In summer it remains green and equable due to the cooling effect of Atlantic breezes. Travelling around, you will encounter some breathtaking views: the sheer cliffs at Cabo de Sao Vicente, sheltered valleys with ancient olive trees, castle topped peaks with Moorish-style houses and superb harbours with exquisite fish restaurants.

Visit these top sights in an Avis car!

- Visit Algar Seco west of **Albufeira**. Unique for its abundance of delightful rock formations plus the miniature pools that litter the shore – ideal for a family outing.
- **Alte**, a pretty village in the hills is built around a series of gushing springs. On the journey there, stop and take a look at the 'Garden of the Algarve' where citrus groves and fig trees grow in abundance.
- Experience la Reserva Natural de Rio Formosa – a wildlife nature reserve west of the capital **Faro**. The reserve stretches 30 km along the coast to the Spanish border so a car is definitely an advantage!
- Visit **Cabo de Sao Vicente** to clear your mind of everyday troubles. The towering cliffs were once dubbed 'El Fin de Mundo' as it looks and feels like the end of the world.
- Drive up into the Monchique hills to **Caldas de Monchique**, a centuries old spa town, this will give you an even more spiritual and healing experience.
- If you're a keen golfer you may like to try one of the Algarves 25 courses which stretch along the 150 mile coastline.

Top tips for the Algarve

- A **right hand side road** system operates on the island.
- **Speed limits:**
 Motorways: 120 kph
 Main roads: 90 kph
 Minor roads in towns: 60 or 40 kph
- **Random breath testing** is carried out, limit: 5 ml per litre.
- Be sure to **carry your** rental **documents**, driving licence and passports as random roadside police checks can impose heavy fines on motorists not carrying this information.
- Most villages and towns have a **petrol station** usually open 8 to 8pm.

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Experiencing the Algarve

Avis locations

- **Albufeira (AF3): A1** R.Igreja Nova 13, Albufeira.
- **Faro Airport (FAO): A2** Edificio Avis-Vale Das Almas, Monte Negro 00 351 289 810 120.
- **Lages (TER): A3** Lg Lages, Lages.
- **Lagos (LAG): A4** Largo D Portas De Portugal 11, Lagos.
- **Portimao (PRO): A5** Alto Do Quintao, Portimao.

Benefits of renting a car...

- **Comfort** – choose an air conditioned car and travel in comfort.
- **Freedom** – explore those hidden treasures.
- **Value for money** – if you enjoy sightseeing, car hire can work out much better value for money than excursions.
- **Flexibility** – do what you want, when you want.
- **Reliability** – no need to wait around for buses or trains.



Join the festivities...

February

Carnival: Carnivals in general start the weekend preceding Shrove Tuesday. Loule Carnival has the biggest and best procession, with colourful floats, bands and dancers. Be warned, though, water bombs, eggs and flour are hurled at spectators during this and other carnival parades, so don't wear your best clothes.

May/June/July

May Day Folk Festival: Traditional singing and folk dancing with food and drink on sale in Alcoutim, Albufeira, Alte and Monchique.

Tavira Jazz Festival: Local and international musicians come together for this celebration.

Silves Beer Festival: Silves Castle is taken over by brass bands and folk dancers in this celebration of Portuguese and international beers.

August/September/October

Fish Festival: Cabanas celebrates the fruits of the sea with a market, folk music, dancing and fado music.

Summer in Tavira: Fado, folk and classical music, plus folk dancing in the open air in the city's parks and gardens.

Lagoa Wine Festival: Tastings to promote local vintages.

Top places to eat...

Fortaleza da Luz – restaurant in Praia da Luz's 16th century fortress, great coastal views, fresh fish, Portuguese cuisine, flambé and live jazz on Sundays.

La Réserve – situated in Santa Bárbara de Nexe, it is one of the Algarves best restaurants offering stylish french cuisine. If budget isn't a problem, it's a must.

Dona Barca – one of the best of Portimao's renowned fish restaurants, located in a converted warehouse by the riverside, serving fish straight off the boats. Live music in the summer.

Top selling tips

Always introduce car hire into every booking...

Q. What do you like to do on holiday?

"I hired a car in ...and it was great for seeing/doing..."

Q. "Have you been to the area before?"

Yes "So you know that there's lots to do round there. Let me get some car hire prices for you"

No "Well there's lots to do in that area (such as...) and the best way to see them is by hiring a car"

Q. Do you normally hire a car on holiday?

Yes or No "Let me get some prices for you, it usually works out cheaper to pre-book"



Savings to be made...

Do more with your holiday by hiring a car. You could save money at the same time as well! Compare these excursion costs against car hire:

A tour of the beautiful Algarve countryside costs approx. £41 per person. That's £82 per couple.

Sampling the delights of the Algarve with a historical tour will cost approx. £22 per adult, costing a group of four £88.



Places to note...

Ponta de Sagres – fortress of Henry the Navigator.

Tavira – one of the oldest and most picturesque towns in the Algarve. Tavira has a quiet, friendly ambience and makes a pleasant place to stay.

Milreu – remains of the Roman villa at Milreu demonstrates how little, life in the Algarve has changed.

Castelo de Silves – the Algarve's best-preserved castle symbolises the splendour of Silves in its Moorish heyday.