

# HNA Travels

## PRESENTS

# PORTUGAL – but better!

- ✓ **Improved LOCATION** – IN the town of Albufeira
  - – 5 mins. Walk from the old town
- ✓ **Improved ACCOMMODATION** – upgraded, with a choice of:
  - Cerra Mar Garden OR Cerra Mar Atlantico
  - <http://www.cerromar.pt/en/hotels/cerro-mar-garden-en>
- ✓ **DATES** – February 19<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup> – warmer weather
- ✓ **STAY IS LONGER** – now 21 nights
- ✓ **FLIGHT is direct: Toronto to Faro** – then a 30 mins. Bus ride!

Portugal's Algarve Province, with its magnetic Moorish appeal has become a Mecca for snowbirds trying to escape the harsh reality of winter. It's also one of Europe's most picturesque and friendly holiday destinations. The Algarve is what most of us envision the Mediterranean to be.

The whitewashed villages cascade into the sea. Cobblestoned streets are lined with outdoor cafes, bistros, wine bars, and markets full of fresh fruits and vegetables. The weather is wonderfully spring like and invigorating.



Albufeira is the largest, liveliest and most energetic of all of the resort towns that line southern Portugal's beautiful Algarve coastline.

Albufeira provides stunning beaches, a glorious climate, and a vast selection of restaurants. Within the charming and historic streets of the "Old Town" there are over one hundred different restaurants and bars.

There is so much to love about Albufeira, and this has transformed the once peaceful fishing village into the Algarve's most popular holiday destinations – that caters to the long-stay vacationers who just want to relax.

## ITINERARY:

Day 1 – depart Canada – direct flight to Faro, Portugal (in the Algarve)

Day 2 – Upon arrival, you are transferred from Faro Airport to Albufiera, where you then start your relaxing vacation for the next 21 nights at the four-star resort, Cerro Mar. A welcome dinner will give you a great chance to meet your fellow Canadian travellers and obtain information/suggestions of places of interest that you should visit during your stay.

Day 2 to Day 23 - Your time in Albufiera is at leisure, so you'll be free to explore the Algarve, a stunning holiday destination that attracts both locals wanting a break from the city and foreigners wanting to soak in the sunny climate. Head on day trips to nearby castle towns and historic villages to engage with the country's long and storied history or relax on the nearby beaches, and enjoy the region's abundant sunshine. Cruise the coastline, go horseback riding along the beach, or stroll down to the Old Town of Albufiera and hop between restaurants, bars, and boutiques to eat, drink, and shop to your heart's content.

Day 23 – fly home to Canada

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

### **Transportation:**

- Round trip direct flights from Toronto to Faro with Transat Airlines

### **Accommodation:**

- 21 nights' accommodation at the Cerro Mar Gardens OR Cerro Mar Atlantico - 1 Bedroom Apartments

**<http://www.cerromar.pt/en/hotels/cerro-mar-garden-en>**

### **Also included**

- Welcome dinner in Albufiera;
- Please note that optional tours (\$) can be purchased from Tour Rep. in Albufiera – see below

## **PRICED AT: (Canadian funds)**

### **CERRO MAR GARDENS: - only 9 rooms available**

Double occupancy: \$ 2,209. per person plus taxes of \$ 690.= Total: \$ 2,899.

Single occupancy: \$ 2,759. per person plus taxes of \$ 690. = Total \$ 3,449.

### **CERRO MAR ATLANTICO: - only 5 rooms available**

Double occupancy: \$ 2,009. per person plus taxes of \$ 690.= Total: \$ 2,699.

Single occupancy: \$ 2,559. per person plus taxes of \$ 690. = Total \$ 3,249.

### **DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON BOOKING \$ 700. (per person)**

**BALANCE DUE November 23, 2018**

Enjoy your long-stay at the Cerro Mar Gardens OR Cerro Mar Atlantico, located in the largest and liveliest resort town in southern Portugal's Algarve, Albufeira. Discover the Algarve at your own pace as you explore everything the beautiful region has to offer including jeep safari excursions, cruises around the coast, coach excursions and much more!

**NOT INCLUDED:**

- Luggage handling; Meals; Items of a personal nature; Seat Selection on flights
- Customary gratuity to local guides, drivers and your HNA Tour Director

**OUT OF THE COUNTRY and CANCELLATION INSURANCE is always recommended, please contact SANDERSON TRAVEL INSURANCE 1-877-226-8728 and tell them HNA Travels sent you!**

**READY TO BOOK?** Simply call us and you are on your way

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- E-mail: [hnatravels@gmail.com](mailto:hnatravels@gmail.com)
- Pay by Cheque/Visa/Master Card.
- A valid/current passport is required

Please see the next page for a listing/description of the optional tours that are available

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## **SAMPLE OPTIONAL TOURS AVAILABLE:**

### **HALF DAY TOUR: LOULÉ MARKET (ALGARVE REGION)**

#### **Regular tour – approx. 20 Euros**

A visit to this beautiful inland town to get involved with the locals at the weekly Markets. Plenty of free time to visit the Moorish castle, browse around the quaint narrow shopping streets or hustle and bustle with the locals in the gypsy market. This is for those who love a bargain!!



### **HALF DAY TOUR: QUARTEIRA MARKET (ALGARVE REGION)**

#### **Regular tour – approx. 20 Euros**



This is a chance to spend some time in the bustling gypsy market and get those last-minute bargains, as well on return a brief visiting to the touristic resort of Vilamoura

### **FULL DAY TOUR: HISTORICAL WEST ALGARVE**

#### **Regular tour – approx. 40 Euros**

A chance to visit the mountains and see some remains of its Moorish and Roman existence.

Silves (The old Moorish Capital) castle and cathedral. Climb the Monchique Mountains to Fóia - the highest point of the Algarve. Free time for wine tasting and taking of spectacular photos.

We will then make our way down to the mountains to our lunch stop (**NOT** included) in the beautiful town of Lagos - indoor slave market (the first in Europe), Saint Anthony's golden church, fort and old town. Afterwards we continue on to Cape Saint Vincent, the most south-westerly point of Europe, known as "the End of the World". Visit the strongest lighthouse in Europe, Baleeira - beautiful fishing harbour and passing by the Fortaleza (Home of Prince Henry's School of Navigation).

**NOT included:** Lunch and entrances fees on monuments.

### **FULL DAY TOUR: EAST ALGARVE**

#### **Regular tour – approx. 40 Euros**



A visit to Faro, the capital of the Algarve province with its 13th century city centre. Then we follow on to the Moorish town of Olhão, a key town for fishing and its important fish market. Lunch **NOT** included.

Visit the attractive and charming old town of Tavira with a 4th Century Roman Bridge and its many churches. Then on to Gilão and Cacela Velha. Finally, to Monte Gordo and Vila Real de Santo António, the border town with Spain separated by the generous mouth of the River Guadiana.

**NOT included:** Lunch and entrances fees on monuments.



## **FULL DAY - FLAVOURS & TRADITIONS OF THE ALGARVE (CORK)**

### **Regular tour –approx. 50 Euros**

Join us on a journey of discovery of the inland Algarve, specifically the area known as "Barrocal", - a journey to delight your senses, awaken your curiosity and whet your appetite for more.....

Our first port of call is to the small town of São Brás de Alportel - quite typical of the Algarve in its architecture and activities. Here we visit a cork factory. The cork that is harvested in the surrounding area is brought to this factory, prepared, treated and then exported. We explore a local bakery renowned for its traditional produce - carob bread, almond cakes and honey cakes where you can sample the local carob liquor.

There is time also to visit the fascinating São Brás Ethnographic Museum.

Onward we go to Salir - a bucolic village where you can see the remnants of the ancient castle and its walls.

Our final destination is a large estate where biological agriculture is practiced. Here you can learn the secrets of their famous preserves and also sample some of the delicious produce.

An excellent opportunity to sample the delights of this fascinating region.

**NOT included:** Lunch

**Includes:** sample carob liquor, visit a cork factory, entrance at São Brás Ethnographic Museu.



## **FULL DAY – ALGARVE LANDSCAPES & WINERY**

### **Regular tour – approx. 50 Euros**



Porches is renowned for its beautiful and original pottery. The Porches Pottery workshop is one of the best representatives of this art and many of the traditional methods of production are still used here today. You can see the pottery being made and painted by hand by the artisans.

The fishing village of Benagil is perched above the Atlantic and a tiny but picturesque beach, the sound of the Atlantic the uninterrupted sound track to the village's activities. Heading towards the resort of Carvoeiro we visit Algar Seco where you can see the amazing caves and grottoes carved from the coastline over the centuries. Enjoy a stroll through the village of Ferragudo, along the cobbled streets and down to the small harbour where you can look across the mouth of the River Arade towards Praia da Rocha.

Our last stop is in a winery where you can enjoy a guided tour and also sample some of the wines produced in this region.

