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**A GUIDE TO THE REGION**





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# WELCOME TO THE ALGARVE

Dear competitor,

If you are not familiar with the region, the following pages will present multiple cultural highlights (from unmissable restaurants to remarkable landscapes) all relatively close to the Portimao circuit.  
This subjective list is here to promote the incredible richness of the region while offering you an opportunity to discover amazing locations and take a relaxing break from the competitive action in the paddock.

Enjoy your stay in Portugal.

- The ELMS Team





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## *Algarve wine tasting in a secret cellar*

Located about 8 metres underground, the Cave de Vinhos at VILA VITA Parc is accessed by a stairway that, step by step, reveals an even more intimate and unique atmosphere.

Built with solid clay bricks, some over 150 years old, imported from Egypt, Austria and Greece, this exquisite cellar hosts over 11,000 wine bottles from different regions in Portugal and from all over the world. For wine enthusiasts, it's a very special place, like no other in the Algarve.

The sommelier will guide guests through the nuanced flavours of various vintages during wine and cheese tastings, complemented by traditional Portuguese tapas, homemade bread and olive oil.



30min drive from the circuit

Situated below the 5\* VILA VITA resort

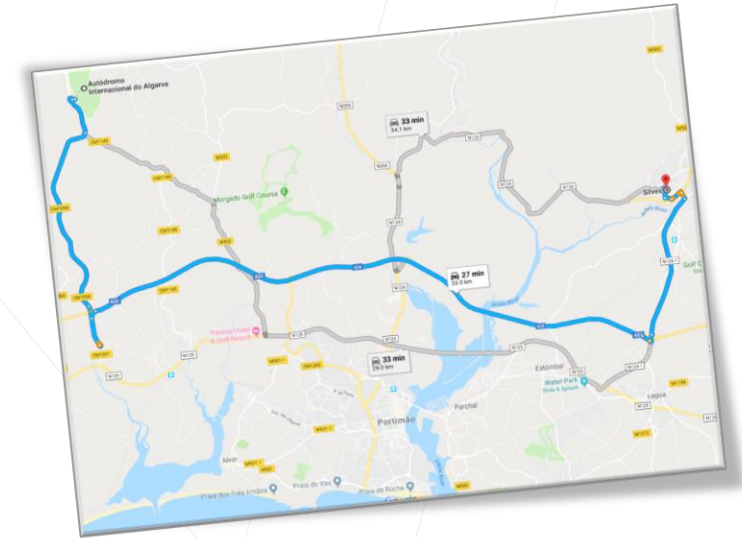
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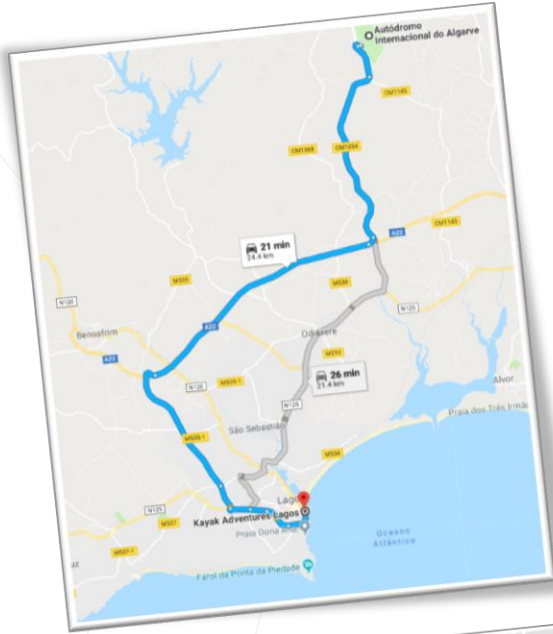
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## *Visit the beautiful city of Silves*



Silves is a delightful fortified town, which was once the ancient capital of the Algarve. Today, Silves has a calm and peaceful ambience, but during the Moors era, it was a major defensive stronghold and important trading town. Remnants of this illustrious past can be seen while exploring Silves, from the huge red brick castle, the impregnable town walls, through to the gothic cathedral which was built on the site of a grand mosque.

Along with its extensive history and numerous sights, Silves is found in a scenic location, set amidst the rolling hills of the Algarve countryside and lining the banks of the slow-flowing Rio Arade river. Silves is a joy to explore and has a distinctly Portuguese ambience, with open-air cafes, cobbled streets and an infectious relaxed pace of life. The Castelo de Silves is open daily from 09:00 to 17:30,



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## *Go on a kayak & snorkel trip along the Algarve coast*

Venture along the Atlantic coast in the beautiful Algarve region on this 3-hour guided kayak and snorkel trip starting from Lagos. Discover one of the region's most exciting coastal activities as you stroke along and see unparalleled views of ancient grottoes and caves. Your sea kayak tour begins at Cais de Solaria, where you'll meet your guide and be outfitted with your kayak and paddle, water proof bag and life jacket.

Stop to snorkel and swim at a deserted beach next to Praia Dona Ana (equipment provided) and enjoy an off-the-beaten-path location that you don't have to share with crowds of people—you'll practically have it all to yourself. Spend at least half an hour at the beach swimming, snorkeling, and relaxing. A motorized support boat follows your group to make sure that everyone is safe and sound.

Price range: from 30€/person

Please book online on [kayakadventureslagos.com](http://kayakadventureslagos.com)





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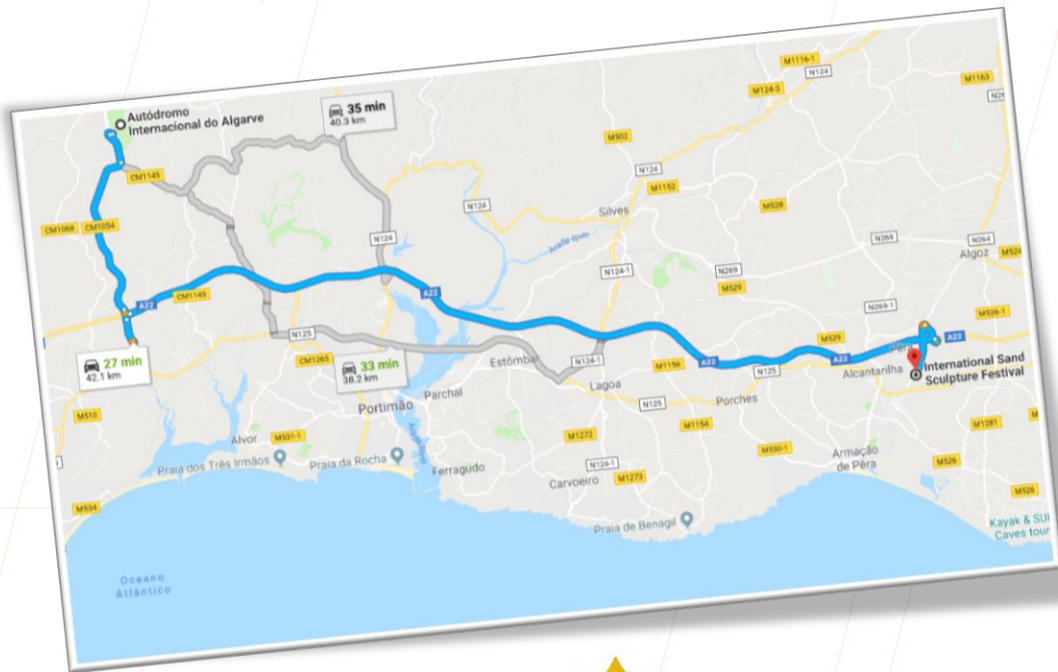
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**FOR THE  
KIDS**

## **4** *Visit the biggest sand city in the world*



This year, FIESA, the International Festival of Sand Sculptures held in Pêra, is celebrating 17 years of sand sculptures. This outdoor exhibition consists of 45 thousand tons of sand spread out over 1500m<sup>2</sup> where sculptors have created more than 80 sets depicting iconic scenes in theater, dance, music, literature, painting, cinema, comics, television and others.

In cinema, the highlight is the piece dedicated to the Star Wars franchise, where video projections create the illusion of audience members interacting with characters in the film.

A series of free cultural and leisure activities are planned such as daily sand sculpture workshops.

Guests can visit the park during the day or at night, when the exhibitions are illuminated with dramatic lighting.

Fiesa Sand Sculpture Festival  
Areias de Pêra (on E524, between Pêra and Algoz)  
Pêra, Algarve

Open everyday from  
10:00 to 24:00

Phone: +351 282 317 084  
Mobile: +351 969 459 259







## Bacalhau

Codfish, or *bacalhau* in Portuguese, is more than simply a traditional dish, it is a national obsession. The dish even has its own nickname, “the faithful friend”. There are hundreds of different recipes and versions of this classic, but *bacalhau à brás* is one of the best; a combination of onions, chips, olives, parsley, egg and, of course, cod.



## Cataplana de Marisco

*Cataplana de Marisco* is a seafood dish from the Algarve which uses a copper cooking device also called a Cataplana. This dish is a combination of different delicious seafoods like prawns, littleneck clams, and chourico sausage.

The *cataplana* is perfect for making this dish because it efficiently contains the flavor and heat to provide a uniquely flavored and scented meal.



## *Sopa de Cação*

While *tubarão* is the common word for shark in Portuguese, once it reaches your table it becomes *cação*. The fish is marinated in coriander, lemon and garlic before being brought to the boil and the traditional shark soup is commonly eaten with bread, particularly a corn-flour type known as *broa*.



## *Pastel de Nata*

The *Pastel de Nata* are eaten across Portugal as a snack at all times of the day, preferably with a cup of coffee. Traditionally, the tarts are made using milk, egg, sugar, cinnamon and vanilla, held together in a puff-pastry casing. But aside from that basic formula, the ins and outs are top-secret among the top pastel de nata cooks,





# CASA DO PREGO

OPENING TIMES:

Monday-Friday from 12:00 to 14:30

Saturday-Sunday from 17:30 to 00:00



# MAR D'ESTÓRIAS

OPENING TIMES:

Everyday from 10:00 to 00:00



# A PETISQUEIRA

OPENING TIMES:

Everyday from 12:30 to 14:30 & 18:30 to 22:00



LAGOS





# SOLAR DO FARELO

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday to Sunday from 12:00 to 16:00 & from 18:30 to 00:00



# O CAISEIRO

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday to Sunday from 12:00 to 15:00 & from 19:00 to 00:00



AROUND THE CIRCUIT

# O TASCO

OPENING TIMES:

Everyday from 12:00 to 22:00







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*THANK YOU FOR 2019  
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