



# Faro

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Faro serves as the Algarve's historic capital, where traditional Portuguese architecture meets the region's natural coastal beauty. The compact old town features whitewashed buildings, mosaic pavements and quiet plazas shaded by mature trees. Beyond the city limits, the Ria Formosa's lagoon system creates a protected habitat for migratory birds, while sandy barrier islands stretch along the Atlantic coast. While day trips beckon, don't overlook Faro's own golden beaches and the wildlife-rich lagoon.




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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 part of the city 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 the amazing marina, cobblestone squares and green parks, as well as the old town sprinkled with cosy cafes and tiny traditional restaurants. By night, Faro's massive student population lights 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. Set in a former monastery, it features gardens

established in 1540 and two-storey cloisters at its center. 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-6:30pm, Sat 9:30am-7pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 289 823 018

Internet: [www.turismo.diocese-algarve.pt/vigararias/item/139-paroquia-de-faro-se](http://www.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: saiko3p/shutterstock

Address: Igreja da Ordem Terceira de Nossa Senhora do Monte do Carmo de Faro, Largo do Carmo 21, Faro

Opening hours: Winter: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm / 3pm-5pm; Sat 9am-1pm. Summer: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm / 3pm-6pm; Sat 10am-1pm

Phone: +351 289 824 490

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

### Ria Formosa Natural Park



The Ria Formosa wetlands gained protected status in 1987, safeguarding this crucial breeding ground for wetland birds from

tourism development. Thanks to this protection, 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.

Photo: RudiErnst/shutterstock

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

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: Ria Formosa Boat Tours - Animaris Desert Island, 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



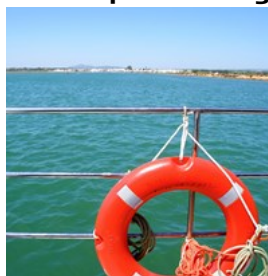
The Estádio Algarve was built for the 2004 European football championship, but that does not make it a football fanatics-only

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

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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.

Photo: Carlos Neto/shutterstock

Internet: [www.odysseytours.pt/en/parque-natural-ria-formosa](http://www.odysseytours.pt/en/parque-natural-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: +351 914 539 511  
Internet: [www.lands.pt](http://www.lands.pt)  
Email: [info@lands.pt](mailto:info@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: Formosamar - Boat Tours Passeios na Ria Formosa, Edifício Ginásio Clube Naval, Doca de Recreio de Faro, Faro

Phone: +351 918 720 002  
Internet:  
[www.formosamar.com/tour/kayak-tour-in-the-ria-formosa](http://www.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.

Photo: ER\_09/shutterstock  
Address: Estrada de Santa Eulalia, Albufeira  
Phone: +351 913 185 782  
Internet: [www.parqueaventura.net/parque-aventura-albufeira](http://www.parqueaventura.net/parque-aventura-albufeira)  
Email: [albufeira@parqueaventura.net](mailto:albufeira@parqueaventura.net)

### Ponta da Piedade



Ponta da Piedade lies about an hour's drive from Faro. Its distinctive rock formations and grottos rise above clear waters, making it a popular sunset viewpoint. Several operators run boat tours for visitors wanting to explore the area from the sea.

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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.

Photo: Steve Photography/shutterstock  
Internet: [www.golfinportugal.com/algarve](http://www.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  
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: [www.zoolagos.com/en](http://www.zoolagos.com/en)  
Email: [geral@zoolagos.com](mailto:geral@zoolagos.com)

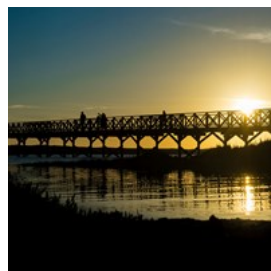
### Vilamoura Marina



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: tilialucida/shutterstock  
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 15 kilometres long. 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 flamingoes!

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

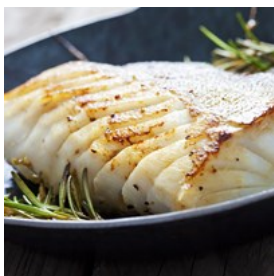
## DINING



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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, to the delight of every 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.

Photo: TunedIn by Westend61/shutterstock  
Address: Praça Ferreira de Almeida 13-14, Faro  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-11pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +351 289 823 337  
Internet: [www.restaurantedoisirmaos.com](http://www.restaurantedoisirmaos.com)

### Tasca do Ricky



It's a challenge 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  
Address: Rua do Forno 21, Faro  
Phone: +351 919 111 057  
Internet: [www.tascadorickyfaro.com](http://www.tascadorickyfaro.com)  
Email: [tascadorickyfaro.com](mailto:tascadorickyfaro.com)

### 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  
Address: Travessa Rebelo da Silva 13, Faro  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-11pm, Sat & Sun closed  
Phone: +351 911 944 484  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/adopintofaro](http://www.instagram.com/adopintofaro)

### 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.

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Address: Largo da Madalena 12, Faro  
Phone: +351 967 958 002  
Internet: [www.restaurantguru.com/Tasquinha-Cruzeiro-Faro](http://www.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.

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Address: Rua do Alportel 38, Faro  
Phone: +351 969 441 381  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/taskalgarvia](http://www.instagram.com/taskalgarvia)  
Email: [taskacomeresalgarvios@gmail.com](mailto:taskacomeresalgarvios@gmail.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.

Photo: darqdesign/shutterstock  
Address: Rua Francisco Barreto 24, Faro  
Phone: +351 289 813 433  
Internet: [www.restauranteadeganova.com](http://www.restauranteadeganova.com)  
Email: [info@restauranteadeganova.com](mailto: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 Centenário's biggest selling points is, however, the regular fado performances. The restaurant also has a pleasant terrace, an aquarium, and a cozy fireplace.

Photo: Kurbanov Vener/shutterstock  
Address: Largo Terreiro do Bispo 4, Faro  
Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 6pm-11pm  
Phone: +351 289 823 343  
Internet: [www.restaurantecentenario.pt](http://www.restaurantecentenario.pt)  
Email: [restcentenario@hotmail.com](mailto: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'll have the chance to try the best seafood flavours while contemplating relaxing ocean landscapes.

Photo: Visionsi/shutterstock  
Address: Praça D. Francisco Gomes, 42, Faro  
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 fine-dining 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.

Photo: Bogdan Sonjachnyj/shutterstock  
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  
Address: Monte da Palhagueira, Santa Bárba de Nexe, Faro  
Opening hours: Wed-Sat noon-3pm / 7pm-10pm; Sun noon-3pm; Mon & Tue closed  
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)

### Marisqueira Gimbras



Despite its simple decoration, the food and the service make Marisqueira 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  
Phone: +351 289 032 417  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/restaurante\\_gimbras\\_by\\_oleg](http://www.instagram.com/restaurante_gimbras_by_oleg)

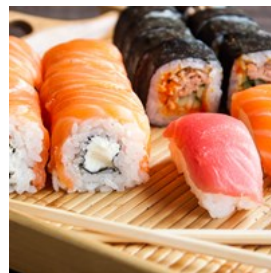
### Hamburgueria da Baixa



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  
Address: Rua Conselheiro Bivar, Estrada Da Penha, Faro  
Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight  
Phone: +351 916 302 633  
Internet: [www.hamburgueriadabaixa.com](http://www.hamburgueriadabaixa.com)  
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 Estevas 1, Faro  
Phone: +351 916 914 696  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/sushiyafusion](http://www.instagram.com/sushiyafusion)  
Email: [cafejapan@sapo.pt](mailto:cafejapan@sapo.pt)

## CAFÉS



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Faro has cafés for all tastes and food preferences. Most cafés around Faro 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: Abo Photography/shutterstock

Address: Praça Dom Francisco Gomes, Faro

Phone: +351 910 505 524

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

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

### O Seu Café



Located on 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](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/massimofusaro)

Address: Largo de São Pedro, Faro

Phone: +351 289 807 152

Internet: [www.instagram.com/o\\_seucafe](https://www.instagram.com/o_seucafe)

### 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.

Photo: [George Dolgikh/shutterstock](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/GeorgeDolgikh)

Address: Rua do Alportel 29, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 9am–2am

Phone: +351 918 778 982

Internet: [www.en.rotasgastronomicas.com/maktostas](http://www.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

Phone: +351 289 813 752

Internet: [pastelariacenteio.wixsite.com/centeio](https://www.pastelariacenteio.wixsite.com/centeio)

### Demo Padaria Urbana



This lovely bakery located in the heart of Faro serves freshly-prepared sandwiches and desserts. Perfect for a mid-afternoon snack right

before a trip to the beach, this cosy place also serves vegan and vegetarian options.

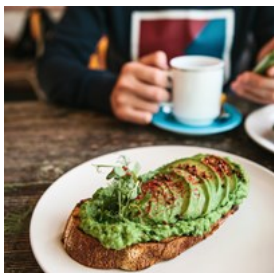
Photo: stockcreations/shutterstock

Address: Rua Conselheiro Bivar 6, Faro

Phone: +351 289 039 908

Internet: [www.instagram.com/demobygaia](https://www.instagram.com/demobygaia)

### Alcachofra Cafe



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.

Photo: franz12/shutterstock

Address: Largo Pé da Cruz 25, Faro

Internet:

[www.happycow.net/reviews/alcachofra-cafe-faro-66913](https://www.happycow.net/reviews/alcachofra-cafe-faro-66913)

## 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 Bívar, 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

Phone: +351 917 776 222

Internet: [www.barcolumbus.pt](https://www.barcolumbus.pt)

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

### 24 Bar Faro



24 Bar Faro 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 — it's a venue that will suit any taste.

Photo: SeventyFour/shutterstock  
Address: Rua do Prior 24, Faro  
Phone: +351 914 935 904  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/24barfaro](https://www.instagram.com/24barfaro)  
More Info: Formerly called CheSsenta.

### 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.

Photo: ARENA Creative/shutterstock  
Address: Rua do Castelo 11, Faro  
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am–4am  
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.

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Address: Rua do Albergue 14, Faro  
Phone: +351 964 281 970  
Internet: [www.varandasbar.pt](http://www.varandasbar.pt)  
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.

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Address: Avenida Nascente 20, Faro  
Phone: +351 289 819 223  
Internet: [www.restaurantguru.com/Havana-Club-Faro](http://www.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  
Address: Rua Conselheiro Bivar 51, Faro  
Phone: +351 968 623 858  
Internet: [www.aperitivofaro.pt](http://www.aperitivofaro.pt)  
Email: [apetitedeviver@gmail.com](mailto: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: NTRdesign/shutterstock

Address: Rua 1 de Maio 11, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-4am

Phone: +351 917 243 234

Internet: [www.instagram.com/ancorapubfaro](http://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.

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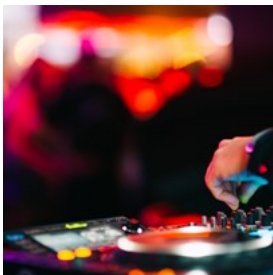
Address: Avenida 5 de Outubro 38/40, Olhão

Phone: +351 965 258 266

Internet: [www.7imeio.com](http://www.7imeio.com)

Email: [geral@7imeiovinebar.com](mailto:geral@7imeiovinebar.com)

### Libertos 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 nightclub with DJs playing the latest tunes.

Photo: Marko Novkov/shutterstock

Address: Rua Antero de Quental 59, Albufeira

Phone: +351 926 448 936

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

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

More Info: Located in Albufeira, about 35 kilometres 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

Address: Largo Doutor Francisco Sá Carneiro, Faro

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

Address: Estrada Nacional 125, km 103, Faro

Opening hours: Daily 10am-midnight

Phone: +351 289 889 300

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

Email: [geral@forumalgarve.net](mailto:geral@forumalgarve.net)

### 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: Ground Picture/shutterstock

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

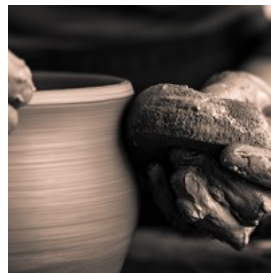
Address: Estrada do Poço Partido, Carvoeiro

Phone: +351 282 380 320

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

Email: [apoiiconsumidorportugal@mousquetaires.com](mailto:apoiiconsumidorportugal@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

Address: EN125, Porches, Lagos

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Sun closed

Phone: +351 282 352 858

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

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

### António Manuel



Antonio Manuel 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.

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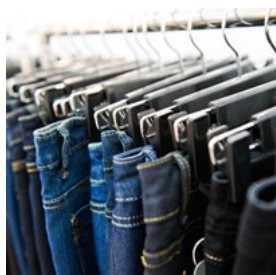
Address: Rua de Santo António 46, Faro

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

Phone: +351 927 987 899

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

### 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

Address: Rua Vasco da Gama 2, Faro

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

Phone: +351 289 812 992

Internet: [www.scoon.pt](http://www.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 Quiksilver, Roxy, Analog and Ripcurl. They have everything from boards and equipment to clothes and accessories.

Photo: Goodluz/shutterstock

Address: Rua Cândido dos Reis 112, Lagos

Opening hours: Daily 9am-midnight

Phone: +351 282 798 006

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

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

### Outdoor Markets



Outdoor markets occur weekly across the towns and villages of Algarve. They are great for strolling through the produce stands and watching the locals shop for fresh fruit and fish directly from the farmers and fishermen. For flea markets and auctions, weekends present the best opportunity to browse for deals.

Photo: Pack-Shot/shutterstock

Internet:

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

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Faro International Airport (FAO)



Faro's international airport is located six kilometres 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: Ajax9/shutterstock

Address: Aeroporto Internacional de Faro - Gago Coutinho

Phone: +351 289 800 800

Internet: [www.faroairport.pt/en](http://www.faroairport.pt/en)

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

### Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Portugal, only a valid ID. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

Photo: maramade/shutterstock

Internet: [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en)

### Best Time to Visit

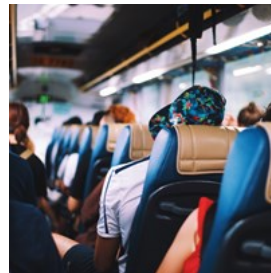


The Algarve region is famous for having the best weather in Portugal, with long summers and short, mild winters.

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 the region. In the city centre, it is best to walk, but if you would rather take the local bus, the courier name is Próximo. You can use your phone to buy tickets and plan trips on Próximo with the PICK app.

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: +351 917 812 271  
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



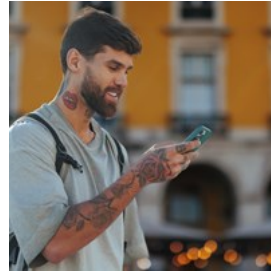
Generally, pharmacies in Portugal are open on weekdays from 9am to 7pm; some pharmacies close for lunch. On Saturdays, pharmacies

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: +351 289 822 342  
Internet: [www.farmaciadapenha.pt](http://www.farmaciadapenha.pt)

### Phone



Country code: +351 Area code: (0)289

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### Electricity



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

Photo: Jin Odin/shutterstock

### Population

The City: 41,000  
Faro Municipality: 69,000

### Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

### Opening hours

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

### Newspapers

Região Sul: [www.regiao-sul.pt](http://www.regiao-sul.pt)  
Jornal do Algarve: [www.jornaldoalgarve.pt](http://www.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







		Rua da Angola	B1	Rua Eca de Queiros	C3
Avenida Calouste Gulbenkian	A1 B2 C2	Rua da Atalaia	A2	Rua Engenheiro Joaquim Lopes Belchior	B4 C4
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		