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A BRAND NEW PERSPECTIVE ON VILAMOURA

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WELCOME TO VILAMOURA

We are very proud to live in Vilamoura and hope that this guide will help you to make the most of your stay here. When we started the process of designing the guide we quickly realized how little space 28 pages actually provides. In brainstorming we could have filled ten times this number, just providing accurate bus timetables ran us over ten pages!

So, to save you lugging a 'phone book' around with you, we refined our brief to that of a "compact resource tool".

We now aim to provide an accurate map, useful contacts, and helpful insights in the form of a pocket sized companion.

Advertisers, (in Vilamoura), are represented by numbers on the map to help you find your way around.

Help us to help you.

We are very dependent on feedback and opinions to improve.

We are also committed to learn with each edition so please take a moment to email your thoughts to me at: myideas@waves.pt

If you plan to return to Vilamoura in the future, you can download our most up to date guide from www.waves.pt prior to traveling.

Wishing you a great stay. River Adams

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LOCAL LINKS

Bus - Vilamoura is on a route running east to west across the Algarve. Timetables can be downloaded from www.eva-bus. com or call (00351) 289389143. Bus Stops and Ticket Shop is in front of Patacas (Map25)

Linha Verde – "The Green Line" is a circular bus route encompassing Quarteira and Vilamoura www.LCglobal. pt/pt/ (Click the Green Bus logo) Tickets are purchased from the driver. Approx €0.75/person

White Bikes – User cards are available to property owners in Vilamoura only. In certain cases your hotel reception may have cards available. Information http://www.inframoura.pt/ing/publicbikes or visit the Inframoura office.

Tourist Train - Departing from Vila Gale Ampalius Hotel, (Next to Vilamoura Beach), on the hour from 10am to 6pm. Timetable is seasonal. Information also available from the Family Golf Park. Approx €3.50/person.





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Vilamoura covers approximately 20km² and walking is a great way to get from place to place. Setting off from the Tivoli Hotel on the Marina it takes approximately:

20 Minutes to The Old Village 25 Minutes to The Hilton Hotel 15 Minutes to Falesia Beach 30 Minutes to The Tivoli Victoria 10 Minutes to The Police Station 40 Minutes to the EN125



GOLF FOCUS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE "GRANDE DAME"

A great testament to the high standards of golfing in Vilamoura was evident in this recent press release from Oceanico.

"OCEÂNICO OLD COURSE VOTED BEST GOLF COURSE IN PORTUGAL FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR"

This is a huge vote of confidence from the readers of the UK's number one Golf Magazine – "Today's Golfer"

The accolade is a just reward for Oceânico Golf's dedication towards maintaining their top class facilities. It is also a testament to the hard work of the entire team.

It seems that the award-winning par 73, 6254m Oceânico Old Course is not only the oldest in Vilamoura, it is still the best in the opinion of many. If you haven't played The Old Course yet, then it needs to be on the agenda for this year.

Oceanico Group is set to showcase its first rate facilities throughout a full calendar of events in 2014, including the 2014 Portugal Masters, Oceanico World Kids Gold Championship and the Grande Trofeu Vilamoura 2014

For more information visit www.oceanicogolf.com

TO "HIRE" OR "NOT TO HIRE"?

You doubtless spent a great deal of time selecting your clubs before you purchased them so your attachment to them is natural. However...

The trend is definitely shifting as the quality of equipment for hire in Vilamoura improves. More and more people are choosing to hire clubs, a clear testament to this is that Travel4golf in Vilamoura have recently invested in a further twenty new sets of clubs, adding brands such as PING, Titleist, Mizuno and Taylor Made to their ever growing selection.

Airlines vary, but on average it will cost you ≤ 120 to get your clubs to Portugal and back. This is not to mention the added time at the airport, and the additional transport costs. By contrast, club hire is between ≤ 45 and ≤ 60 for a week's use so is well worth considering.

As long as you don't plan on wrapping your 9 iron around a tree, then the benefits are clear for everyone!





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Inaugurated in 1976 and designed by Frank Pennink, the architect of the nearby "Vilamoura Old Course". The course has had several refinements over the years. It is typified by the "Umbrella and Atlantic Pines" that line many of the fairways. Ponds and a stream come into play on five holes but are not serious threats to the above average golfer.

THE OLD COURSE

Opened in 1969 and completely renovated some 27 years later, this is the "Grande Dame" of Algarve courses. The Old Course meanders through impressive pine trees over gently undulating natural terrain, the pine trees offering the principal hazard. The addition of the new clubhouse and putting green only increased the attraction of this favourite Vilamoura course.

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This conventional Par-72 course opened in the year 2000. Millenium is without question one of the most beautiful courses ever built in Portugal. Boasting excellent integration into the natural surroundings with sympathetic and well thought-out landscaping, the care taken in designing this great course is very evident.

I AGUNA

Unlike the other Vilamoura courses, Laguna is located on relatively flat and open terrain. The strategic placement of bunkers and water hazards demand high accuracy of play. The child of American designer Joseph Lee, the first 9 holes were inaugurated in 1990, the back 9 were ready for play in 1993.

VICTORIA

Victoria Clube de Golfe is the most ambitious golf project in Portugal. Victoria aims to be one of the finest courses in Europe and is not far away thanks to famed architect Arnold Palmer. The manmade lakes provide hazards and also reservoirs for irrigation illustrating the innovative design. Current home of the Portugal masters, Victoria is a must play course for any visitor.



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The Par 73 Ocean Golf Course features undulating fairways which run alongside the nature reserve, before leading gently down to the shores of the Atlantic The front nine are located on slightly hilly land which characterises Vale do Lobo, surrounded by pine trees with a sea view from several holes.

The back nine in particular are characterised by spectacular ocean views, with some holes almost stretching down to the beach. On reaching the brow of the hill on the 11th, players come suddenly upon a sight fit to take the most concentrated golfer's breath away.

The fairway runs directly down towards the beach and, for the next few holes, outstanding views and Atlantic breezes are guaranteed to make a player's round exhilarating, even if his game is below expectations.

Valid handicap certificates are necessary upon check in, handicap limits: Men 28 and Ladies 36

Soft spikes, socks and collared shirts are mandatory.



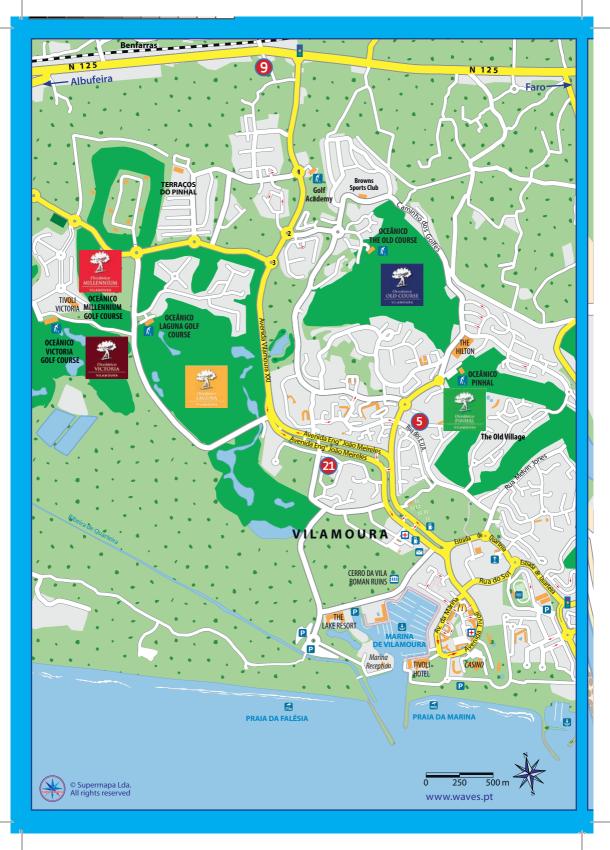


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MARINA LIFE

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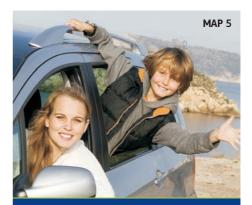
This year Vilamoura Marina celebrates her 40th birthday. Like most 40 year olds, and good wines, our marina continues to improve with age! We are very proud of what is now universally regarded as one of Europe's finest Marina's.

Vilamoura was the first Marina to be built in Portugal with approval granted in 1970. Eric Lyons and Ivor Cunningham from the UK won the bid for design and construction began. The Marina was ready for use at a turbulent time in Portugal's history following the 1974 April 25th Revolution.

The original Marina had mooring for 1000 boats. Today it has berths for 825 boats due to some of the original smaller berths being adapted to handle larger vessels. Berths are supplied with water, electricity, internet and daily refuse collection.

We also have a Boatyard with cranes, workshops and maintenance areas for about 200 boats.

We are looking forward with anticipation to the next 40 years which will be equally as exciting with the "Lake City Project". Watch this space! www.lusort.com/pt/cidade-lacustre Circle Clearance on Anti-foul Anodes, Cleaning Products Dinghy's and RIBS

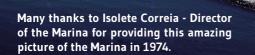


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Many kinds of boat trips and excursions depart from Vilamoura Marina including Glass Bottom boats and Luxury Motor Yachts, where the Champagne flows. Anything from a romantic sunset cruise for two, through to "all out party boats" catering for large groups are on offer.

The choice is endless and the choice is yours.

A good start point is to visit www.wavescharters.com.

Alternatively visit SEAFARIS on the marina. (Map 4) www.algarve-seafaris.com









VILAMOURA TODAY

Vilamoura is a purpose built tourist development, actually the largest in Europe, and as such you can enjoy a wealth of activities. Everything from horse riding to scuba diving is available, you can find booking centres and ticket offices throughout Vilamoura.



In addition to these activities, we also have The Family Golf Park - "Super Mini-golf" (located next to the police station).

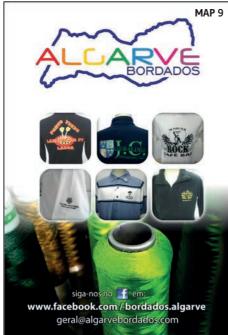
The Vilamoura Tennis Academy offers good rates and also coaching if required. (00351) 289324123

Alternatively, for the less "active" you can relax on the white sandy beaches either side of the Marina entrance. Falesia (West of the Marina) is a favourite for walkers. This long stretch of Blue Flag beach has many unobtrusive coffee shops and bars to refuel, not to mention the spectacular scenery en-route.











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24 HOURS OF FOOD AND DRINK

Vilamoura has so much to offer we could fill hundreds of pages in every edition! We simply don't have that ability yet, so in every edition we will try to bring you a few ideas and suggestions based on feedback we receive.

Twenty four hours of food and drink in Vilamoura would have to begin with a good breakfast. English and Irish breakfasts are plentiful and a short walk around the marina will provide many choices.



You may need a little "pick me up" mid morning and Portugal certainly offers great coffee! Explore the areas just behind the marina and try coffee Portuguese style. "Moura Pao" across from McDonald's is a good choice.

Lunch Menus in Portugal are great value reflecting the cultural habit of lunch time dining. Tuttapanna have some great lunch time specials with an interesting mixture of homemade Italian dishes and Sushi.

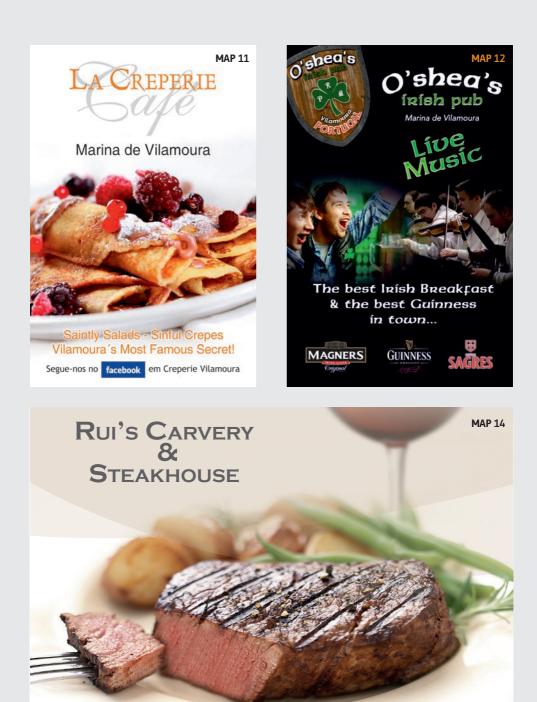
In the evening there are many choices, a well established favourite here on the Marina is Akvavit where you will find some of the finest quality foods in town. If you are feeling more 'East than West' MyThai is a new arrival here on the marina and already getting great reviews.

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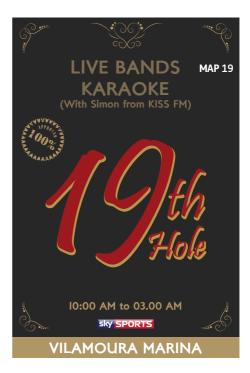
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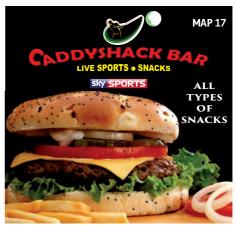
Hidden Treasure - Patacas is a great "local" bar established in 1987 and located just behind the marina. This is a "must find" on day one of your stay. With a pool table, great staff, \notin 2.00 happy hour pints until 8.30pm and the warmest of welcomes it would be rude not to!

Sports - Harry's Bar is a firm favorite for sports in Vilamoura showing all major networks, games and sports. Prices are permanently on "happy hour" and a good atmosphere is a standard. All this and only 50 meters from the marina!

Live Music - "The 19th Hole" on the Marina really rocks after 10.00pm with a mixture of Live Bands and Karaoke hosted by the infamous "Si Frater". (morning show host on the Algarve's " Kissfm). Great 'holiday memories' guaranteed!

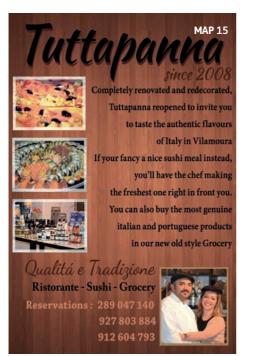
Family - Ruis Carvery offer a really good value Kids menu which is a favourite with families on holiday. A kids meal for €7.50 including a drink and desert is hard to pass by.





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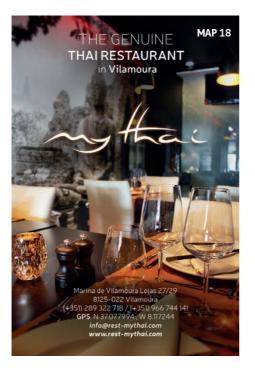


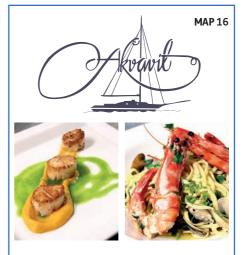
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Whether this is your first time in Vilamoura, or you are a regular visitor, it is a general consensus amongst tourists that Vilamoura is a great place to be! Boasting over 300 days of sunshine per year, great beaches and some of Europe's finest golf, it is no surprise that many people choose to take the next step and buy a property here.

Some buyers are looking for a winter escape from the harsh Northern European climate. Some are looking to make an improvement to their quality of life. Combine the obvious "lifestyle" benefits with a buoyant rental and tourism market and you can rest assured that buying in Vilamoura represents a good investment.

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A PROPERTY OWNERS PERSPECTIVE

"We currently own a property in Marina Gardens, the triangular shaped building on the Marina. Initially we bought the property as a home. We found it very handy being actually on the marina especially with the underground parking. The shops and bars are literally on your doorstep.

As our situation changed we decided to use the property for holiday rentals. It has taken us a year to get ourselves going, but now we have back to back bookings with many people returning time and time again. We had never really thought of the apartment as an investment, but it has turned out to be much better than the banks, and much more `welcoming`!

It is then, with some sadness that this year we will be selling our apartment. To others thinking about buying in Vilamoura we heartily recommend taking the step. It has been a fantastic journey for us.

Feel free to email me if you would like more information or advice" David.

You can email David via info@waves.pt noting "FAO-David" in the subject box.



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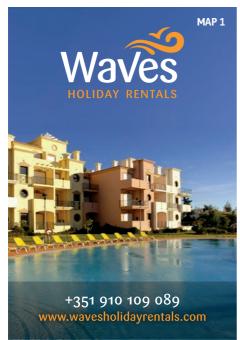


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NOT TO BE MISSED

Mercado da Vila. Street market. 2nd Sunday of the month from March 09th.

WRC Portugal Rally. Official start 20.30hrs April 11th. Vilamoura Marina.

Boat Show. Dates to be confirmed. April

Circuit Turns Vilamoura May

Algarve Classic Car event July 12th – 14th

World Kids Golf Oceanico July 21st – 25th

Vilamoura Cycle Chic August

Portugal Masters Golf Oceanico Victoria. October 9th – 12th

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE VISIT THE INFRAMOURA OFFICE LOCATED NEXT TO THE POLICE STATION

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A wide variety of excursions are available from Vilamoura. Bus trips for local markets and traditional villages are available. Trips futher afield also depart from Vilamoura, including destinations such as Gibraltar, Seville and Lisbon.

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