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Algarve

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Algarve Yacht Charter
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ALGARVE

Overview

Algarve yacht charter is a Atlantic cliff caves operation - Marina de Vilamoura embarkation, Vilamoura, Lagos & Portimão nights, and door-to-deck from FAO. We hold berths and APA in writing because peak weeks sell out the obvious slips; the week is swim mornings and held tables, not a cruise-ship itinerary.

Algarve yacht charter - Marina de Vilamoura berths, Vilamoura, Lagos & Portimão, FAO transfers and APA with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Algarve week actually runs.: Marina de Vilamoura embark, Vilamoura cadence, held tables - short legs, weather honesty.
- Embark ready: APA open, transfer timed to the passerelle, weather window checked.
- Coastal cadence: Swim mornings, held lunch, short reposition, quiet overnight.
- Tables locked: Concierge restaurants confirmed weeks out against berth nights.
- When to take the quay.: In Algarve, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Marina de Vilamoura walk-ashore energy when held.
- At anchor: Protected day-hooks when the harbour densifies.
- Usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Central Algarve
Vilamoura-Albufeira-Portimão - marina density and cliff caves.

Western cliffs
Lagos to Sagres - Atlantic swell awareness.

Ria Formosa
Lagoon islands east of Faro - shallow-draft programmes.

Toward Lisbon
Optional north extension for longer Atlantic seasons.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Marina de Lagos
Western Algarve yacht marina - Ponta da Piedade staging. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway FAO - Transfer 60-85 min from FAO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Marina de Vilamoura
Largest Algarve marina - primary crewed embark. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway FAO - Transfer Door-to-deck per marina guide - Peak lead: 6-14 weeks peak

Marina de Portimão
Arade river marina - Ferragudo and west-coast access. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway FAO - Transfer 45-65 min from FAO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Faro / Olhão lagoon berths
Ria Formosa lagoon access - draft-aware charter staging. - Max LOA ~25 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway FAO - Transfer 15-30 min from FAO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Algarve Hub Berths
Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Algarve ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway FAO - Transfer 60-85 min from FAO - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Ponta da Piedade caves
Lagos day-hook classic - swell dependent.

Benagil / Carvalho approaches
Cave coast day - tender ops; no overnight assumption.

Ilha Deserta / Culatra
Ria Formosa sand-island day.

Ferragudo roads
Arade mouth overnight alternative.

Sagres lee
Southwest tip weather window stop.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Ocean
Alporchinhos
Cliff fine dining transfer from Vilamoura.

Veneza
Paderne / transfer
Cataplana institution inland from the marina belt.

Casinha do Petisco
Lagos
Town petiscos after Marina de Lagos nights.

Dona Barca
Portimão
Riverfront grilled fish.

O Estaleiro
Faro
Lagoon seafood near FAO embark.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Vilamoura beach clubs
Vilamoura
Marina-adjacent sand daybeds.

Meia Praia
Lagos
Long sand beach west Algarve.

Praia da Rocha clubs
Portimão
Cliff-beach energy by tender or road.

DOOR TO DECK

FAO to Marina de Vilamoura.

We choreograph gateway arrivals into embarkation - chauffeur timed to the passerelle.

FAO
Primary Algarve gateway corridor for crewed programmes. FAO corridor

Chauffeur to quay
SUV briefed on Marina de Vilamoura gates and luggage. Marina meeting point Night-before hotel if late arrival

Door-to-deck options confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - ALGARVE

VAT & APA - Algarve short version.

On a Algarve charter the base fee is only the starting line.

VAT / tax
Portuguese EU VAT applies - Vilamoura is the usual commercial embark.

APA
APA 25-35% with Atlantic swell contingency and cave-coast tender ops.

What we send PAs
A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Lagos

Lagos is a core Algarve charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina de Lagos - Day-anchor: Ponta da Piedade caves - Table: Ocean

Vilamoura

Vilamoura is a core Algarve charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina de Vilamoura - Day-anchor: Benagil / Carvalho approaches - Table: Veneza

Portimão

Portimão is a core Algarve charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina de Portimão - Day-anchor: Ilha Deserta / Culatra - Table: Casinha do Petisco

Faro

Faro is a core Algarve charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Faro / Olhão lagoon berths - Day-anchor: Ferragudo roads - Table: Dona Barca

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Lagos - Crewed yacht charter in Lagos - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Algarve.
- Vilamoura - Crewed yacht charter in Vilamoura - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Algarve.
- Portimão - Crewed yacht charter in Portimão - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Algarve.
- Faro - Crewed yacht charter in Faro - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Algarve.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

Primary marina?

Marina de Vilamoura - largest Algarve base and closest practical FAO embark for most LOA.

Lagos or Vilamoura?

Vilamoura for service density; Lagos for western cliff theatre and Ponta da Piedade.

Atlantic swell?

West-coast days are weather-windowed - captains hold central alternatives.

APA?

Plan 25-35% of base fee in peak summer.

Ria Formosa?

Shallow-draft / day programmes from Faro-Olhão - not every LOA fits the lagoon.

Combine with Madeira?

Possible on longer Atlantic seasons - separate embark logistics.

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Algarve?

Yacht charter cost in Algarve depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

Which marina should we embark from in Algarve?

Marina de Lagos is the most common embarkation for Algarve, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Marina de Vilamoura

High in peak season - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 6-14 weeks peak; 2-4 weeks shoulder. Event or festival weeks near Algarve can eliminate availability. We hold Marina de Vilamoura alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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