

# TransAlgarve Cycling MTB

ADVENTURE | NATURE



**2018**



**DESCRIPTION**



**A pure adventure through the deepest soul of Algarve**

An incredible cycling route along Portugal’s most southern region, from the border with Spain until Sagres, where you reach Cape São Vicente, the place where the land ends and the sea begins. In the meantime, you will have a taste of what the Algarve has best to offer. Ride along valleys with Mediterranean vegetation, clear water streams and typical villages. Explore the Natural Park of Ria Formosa, a lagoon system that extends itself over 60km of coast with hundreds of different bird species. Discover the lovely Moorish town of Silves or the cliff site of Ponta da Piedade in Lagos. Nothing is missing in this trip, only you!



**TRIP INFORMATION**

**ACCOMMODATION**

Superior

**DISTANCE**

35—67 Km/ Day

**TOUR GRADE**

FIT | Leisurely

**ROUTE**

25% road | 75% off road  
 Dirt and gravel roads or double roads, some single tracks and some short sections of sand or rocks. Last day: 50% single tracks

**DURATION**

8 Days | 7 Nights

**START | END**

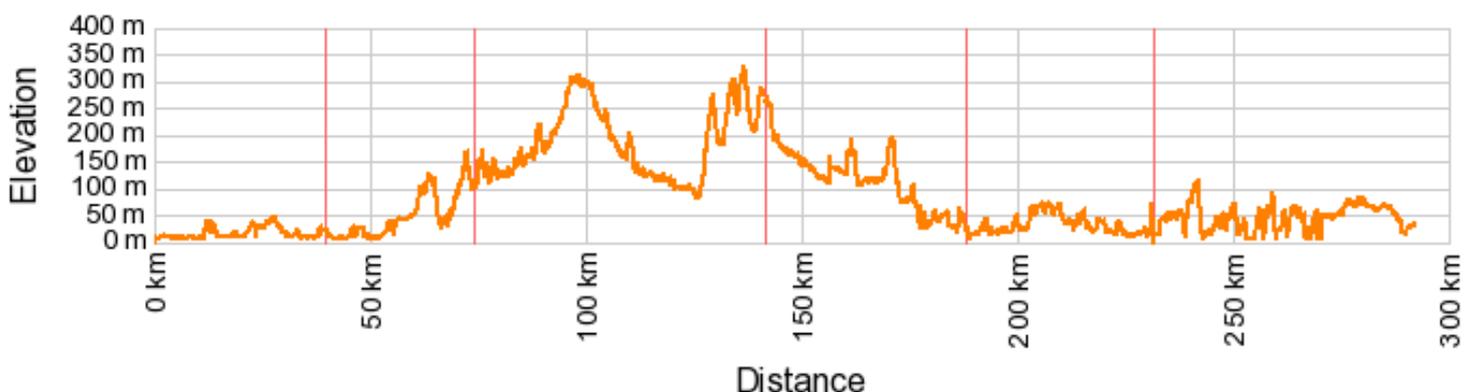
Vila Real Santo António  
 | Sagres

**PROFILE**

Moderately Hilly

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Ria Formosa, a wild Paradise
- Old cities, typical villages and wonderful sites
- Cape S. Vicente – once known as “the end of the world”
- Moorish-style architecture
- Mediterranean nature and ocean landscapes



## THE ITINERARY

### DAY 1 | ARRIVAL

Welcome to Algarve! In Vila Real de Santo António you will find an interesting old town on the banks of Guadiana river, which forms the border between Spain and Portugal. The town is full of character and not particularly touristy. Enjoy your rest here because tomorrow new adventures await you!



**ACCOMMODATION |** Apolo Hotel

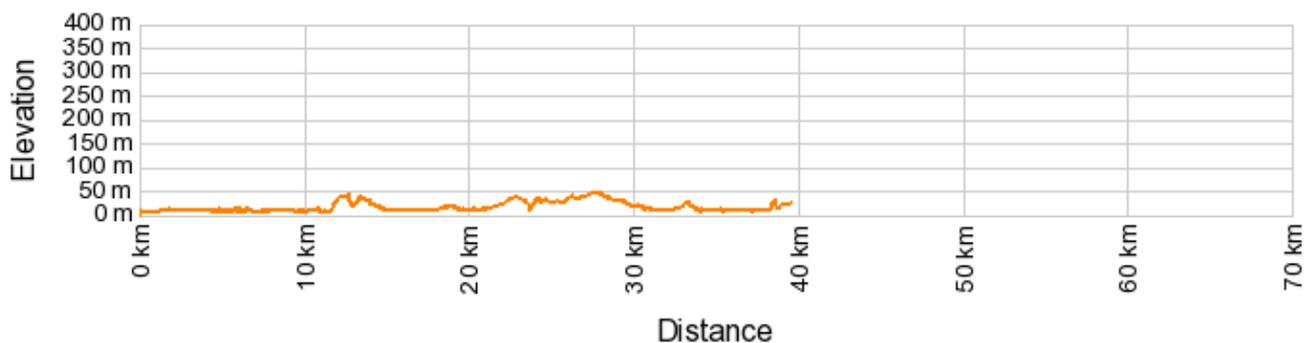
### DAY 2 | VILA REAL SANTO ANTÓNIO to TAVIRA

Let's start smoothly! Your first day of cycling is a gentle ride along the *Ecovia do Litoral*. The way will pass through the coast of Monte Gordo and Cacela Velha, where you have the best view over Ria Formosa Natural Park, which is a wild paradise with clean water and blue shaped landscapes. Your trail will roll over the Sapal area, with huge variety of birds above your head, look up and record the moment. Arriving at Tavira take some time to explore a mix between Roman, Arab and Christian architectural heritage!



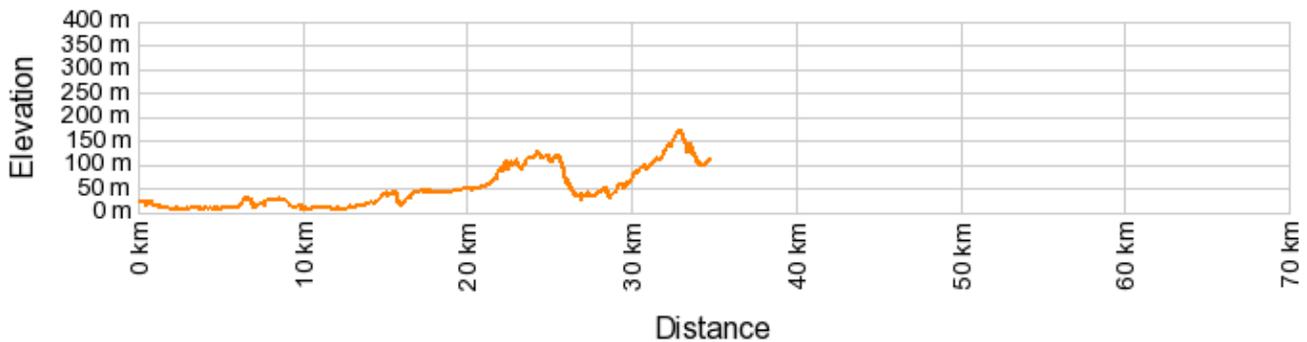
**ACCOMMODATION |** Vila Galé Tavira

**BIKE |** 40 Km; + 350m



## DAY 3 | TAVIRA to MARCO

After a great breakfast start still along Ria Formosa, ready for an experience of contemplation in one of the most beautiful natural parks of the country. After that your riding will be among small villages, old roads and rural paths crossing a vast area of orange trees. Take a deep breath, pick up a fruit and sit down between green and orange fields. Towards Marco village you will feel the landscape changing and among Mediterranean vegetation arrive at *Pego do Inferno* the most beautiful waterfall in the Algarve. Such a day!

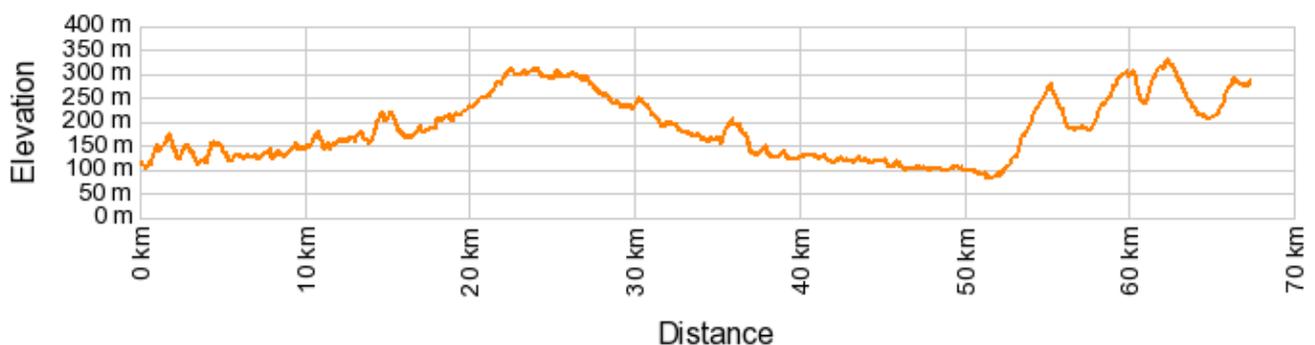


**ACCOMMODATION | Herdade da Corte**

**BIKE | 35 Km; + 450m**

## DAY 4 | MARCO to ALTE

Today is the most challenging day rolling up and down through the hills, very close to Algarvean mountains, but well worth the effort for the tremendous breathtaking scenery. After that you will see small villages with Moorish architecture details and historical references. A great choice of roads and trails will take you to the lovely hillside village of Alte, famous for its white painted houses, fresh water springs and delicious pastry with fig and carob. Look for the famous fountains and dive in natural swimming pools.



**ACCOMMODATION | Alte Hotel**

**BIKE | 67 Km; + 1400m**

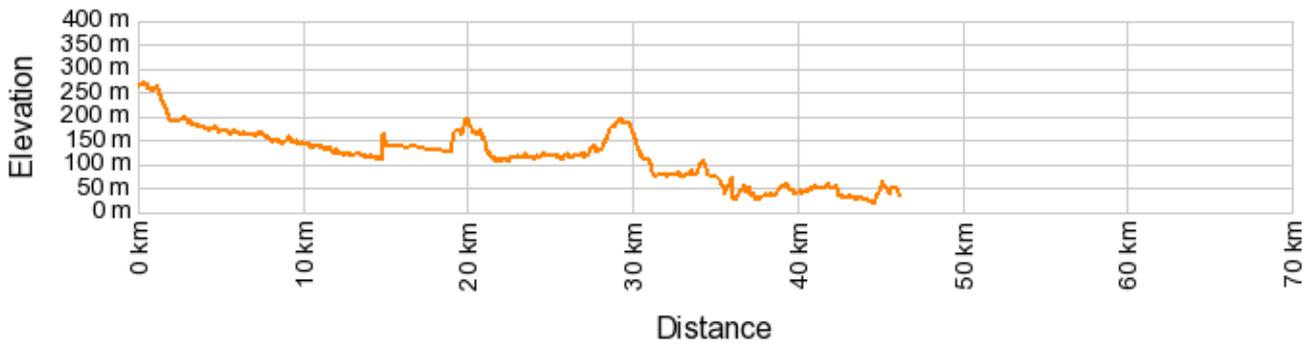
**DAY 5 | ALTE to SILVES**

Wake up at the highest point of the tour and start riding towards Arade Dam. Today between fruit trees, green valleys, blue sky and some unique single tracks enjoy one of the greatest experiences of this tour. Later discover a large forest of cork-oak trees, which Portugal is a big producer of and then gently cruise down the valley towards your destination. Silves is a lovely historic town in which its worth exploring the castle and the Moorish architectural sites. Finish your day with a good meal with castle view.



**ACCOMMODATION | Colina dos Mouros**

**BIKE | 48Km; + 650m**



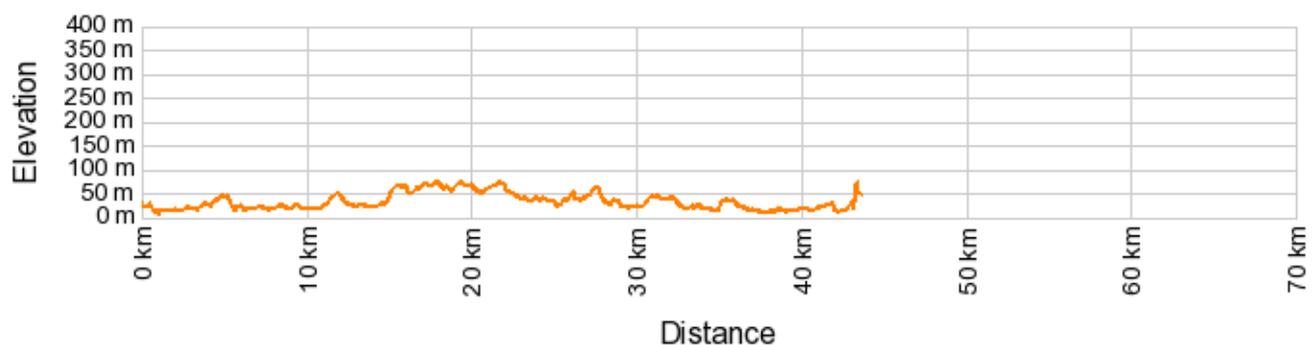
**DAY 6 | SILVES to LAGOS**

You leave Silves on asphalt through a valley following rural areas and fine golden sand beaches. Straight to the sea you must feel delight with incredible local culture and coastal fisherman lifestyle. You will cross a footbridge over the river Bensafrim and reach the city of Lagos, the oldest town of Algarve, with evidence of the Moorish wall surrounding the town. Lagos is also an historic center of the Portuguese age of discoveries, home of the famous Henry the Navigator. Reserve some time to walk at around downtown and dine.



**ACCOMMODATION | Hotel Tivoli Lagos**

**BIKE | 44 Km; + 550m**





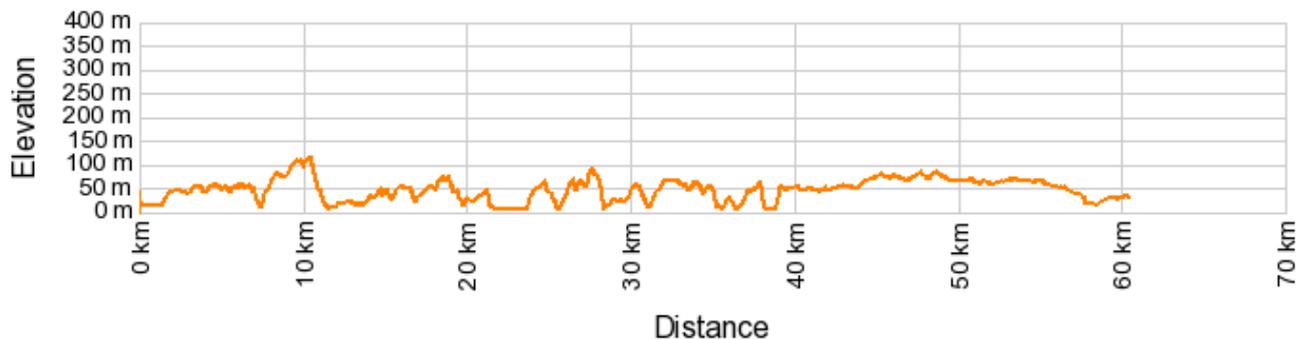
## DAY 7 | LAGOS to SAGRES

You will be dazzled! Even though today will be quite a challenging cycling with a few hills and irregular terrain, as you approach the rugged coastline around Sagres. Follow amazing trails along the cliffs passing through Ponta da Piedade, dramatic sceneries, caves and rocks with an amazing mixture of colors! Today you will be surrounded by nature, colors, smells and sounds. Close to Sagres you have the opportunity to step on the south-westernmost continental point of Europe, named Cape São Vicente. Enjoy your last night with Atlantic view.



**ACCOMMODATION | Memmo Baleeira**

**BIKE | 61 Km; + 1100m**



## DAY 8 | DEPARTURE

Time goes by so fast when you're having fun! Get ready for your trip back home, our Guide will pick you up at the hotel.





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