

WELCOME TO VILAMOURA

This is our third edition of the Waves Vilamoura Guide and will be your companion from September '14 through to March'15.

At the time of writing this we have just emerged from another frantic and bubbly summer season. For those of us living and working here, August is a month that we generally get through with copious amounts of caffeine and about 3 hours sleep!

Vilamoura has had a great summer all in all with tourists visiting us from all across the globe. Several new businesses have opened and the upcoming 12 months look very positive.

Living up to Vilamoura's famous slogan, "I wasn't born here, but it's where I belong", buoyant property sales this year indicate the growing popularity of Vilamoura. It is, after all, an amazing place to be, whether just for a holiday or for a long term move.

Help us to help you.

We received a great deal of feedback from the last edition which we are always very grateful for, please keep it coming and email your suggestions to: myideas@waves.pt

Have a great stay and see you again soon.

River Adams

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Linha Verde – "The Green Line" is a circular bus route encompassing Quarteira and Vilamoura and offers a convenient way to get around.

for information. Tickets are purchased from the driver approx €0.75/person

Taxi - There are two taxi ranks in Vilamoura. One is just in front of the Casino. The other one is located in front of Hel's Kitchen. (Number 8 on the Map). Alternatively you can call (00351) 289 300 160 to book one. The operators generally speak English. August is very busy and you can often wait for an hour for a taxi at the ranks so plan in advance.

Walkers Guide

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



WHITE BIKES - Vilamoura has both a mild climate and a flat landscape so it is the ideal place to use bicycles for travelling around.

THE PUBLIC BIKES - Fondly referred to as the "White Bikes" are now in their third year and have been a welcome addition to Vilamoura. The shared bike system offers pollution free convenience and reduces traffic, not to mention the obvious health benefits in encouraging people to be more active.

The bicycles are designed exclusively for Vilamoura and are manufactured using materials of the highest quality and safety standards. They were specifically made for ease of handling and convenience.

The network covers the whole of Vilamoura, both its business/tourist and residential areas, and the system is designed to allow users to rent bicycles and return them to any station, therefore avoiding the need to go to a central point to collect or return them. There are over 35 stations spread across Vilamoura with over 200 bikes available for use.

The Public Bikes, operated by Inframoura, are currently available only to property owners and customers of Inframoura. Some hotel receptions may also have cards available for you to use. For more information visit the Inframoura office next to the Police station.



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Vilamoura offers everything you need for the perfect holiday. With beaches, golf, the marina and a whole host of activities to keep you busy you may not feel a need to venture out of town. There are however a wonderful array of destinations on your doorstep, should you wish to spend a day or two out and about.

TO THE EAST - The Golden Triangle

This covers the three points of Almancil, Quinta do Lago and Vale do Lobo. The area is very affluent and offers an abundance of luxury resorts and developments set amongst some of the finest golf courses and beaches in Portugal. Almancil is more the shopping and commercial area within the Triangle whilst Vale do Lobo and Quinta do Lago have been described as "some of the most exclusive resorts in Southern Europe". The area is well worth a drive around and places such as Breeze down on the beach in Vale do Lobo offer great dining options with stunning views and a relaxed atmosphere. Quinta Shopping is also a good stopping point with a small but comprehensive array of boutique shops.

TO THE NORTH - Alte

Alte is a delightful village located about 25 minutes inland from Vilamoura. It is a typical Algarvian village with picture postcard whitewashed houses dotted along narrow cobbled streets. Alte is a "font" town built around wonderful natural springs and is a great "picnic" destination. Alte is a popular stop with locals and tourist alike. The summer months can be quite busy because along with the waterfall and general beauty of the area there is also a swimming hole in which to cool off.

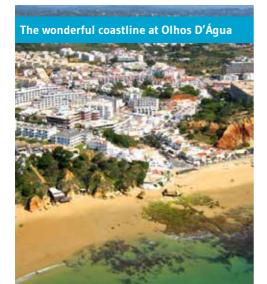






TO THE WEST - Olhos d'Água

Olhos d'Água is a small fishing village located between Vilamoura and Albufeira. It is generally quiet and peaceful compared to its neighbours but does get busy in the summer months. In terms of "Things to Do", Olhos d'Água is all about relaxation. The beautiful white sand beaches with Umbrella Pines lining the cliff tops provide a dramatic backdrop to while away the afternoon. It is a nice walk from Vilamoura along Falésia beach at low tide but don't underestimate the distance.









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

"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 Oceanico 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.

Oceânico Group is set to showcase its first rate facilities throughout a full calendar of events in 2014/2015, including the 2014 Portugal Masters, the Grande Troféu Vilamoura'14 and the Oceânico World Kids Golf Championship'15. For more information visit www.oceanicogolf.com



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PINHAL

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.



Oxyanico LAGUNA VILANDUKA

MILLENNIUM

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.

LAGUNA

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. The current home of the Portugal masters, Victoria is a must play course for any visitor.

GOLFERS BREAKFAST - ENGLISH MENU - SUNDAY ROAST

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The eyes of the European golf industry are set to be on Quinta do Lago in October when it unveils its eagerly-awaited totally revamped North Course – predicted to become one of the new stars of European golf.

Redesigned by renowned American architect Beau Welling in close collaboration with European Ryder Cup captain Paul McGinley, the new layout has been built to the highest specifications with a €9.6m investment programme and is in line to become the new number one course at the prestigious family resort.

The North Course has been redeveloped with the emphasis firmly on precision and strategy. While many modern-day developments tend to focus on length, Welling and McGinley have been keen to design a golfing experience where accuracy and course management are the key factors, and a course that is playable and fun for golfers of all abilities.

Welling, who has worked on more than 90 projects worldwide, said: "We have kept the routing of the North Course intact, but we have totally reworked the golf experience within the existing corridors. Specifically, we have worked very hard to make the experience more playable for higher handicappers while at the same time created precise target areas for the better player looking to score.

"Paul has been great to work with. He is very passionate about golf in general, but he has a particular and keen interest in Quinta do Lago.

"We quickly realised we were very much "aligned" in terms of what we wanted to see happen with the improvements to the North Course, so collaboration has been easy. We







in asking golfers to use their creativity when approaching a shot. The new experience of the North Course is going to require strategic thinking and have a lot of shot values, no doubt a big imprint of Paul's influence."

both put a big premium on playability, but also

Among the changes introduced on the 6,776yard course which has been closed since last December, all greens, tees, bunkers, irrigation, drainage systems and cart paths have been rebuilt using the latest "state of the art" technology, with four sets of tees introduced on each hole to accommodate players of all levels.

With the existing turf on all tees, fairways and greens having been stripped back, the final figures for completing such an ambitious project make impressive reading, with 379,800 tonnes (211,000 cubic metres) of earth moved on site during the redevelopment.





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.

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2014/2015 LOCAL DIARY DATES

The autumn/winter period promises to be a busy one with some fantastic tournaments locally and globally. The Ryder Cup without doubt the one to watch with home advantage for the European team.

Make a note of the following dates and be sure to visit us again soon.

Pestana October Festival Five Course Event 29th September - 3rd October 2014

Portugal Masters 9th - 12th October 2014 Victoria Golf Course, Vilamoura,

Vale de Lobo 3rd Knockout Week. 16th - 22nd November 2014

XXVII Big Trophee Vilamoura 04th - 07th December 2014. The Old Course and Victoria - Vilamoura

Vale De Lobo 22nd Amateur Week 25th - 31st January 2015

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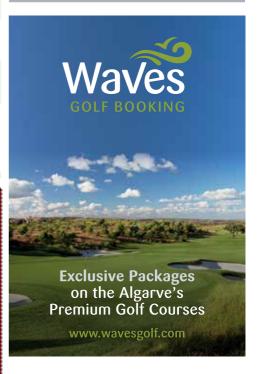
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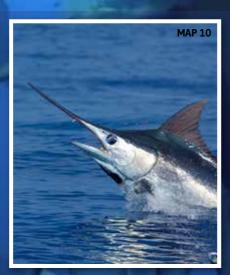
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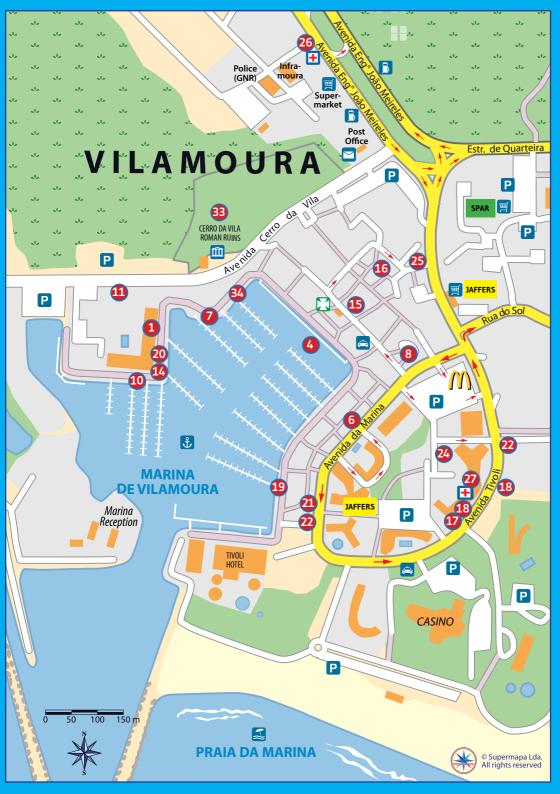
Dorado, Swordfish, Scalloped Hammerheads, Bluefin Tuna, are all a possibility, not to mention one of the best kept secrets of the Algarve, White and Blue Marlin. For a short period of time every year the warm waters of the Gulf Stream bring with them the opportunity to catch some of the most majestic and prestigious fish the oceans have to offer. The Blue Marlin, the 'king 'of the big game, can weigh in at up to 500kg and is the absolute dream fish for the serious angler. Blue Marlin is an elusive fish that generally can be sought several miles off shore in the deep blue waters.

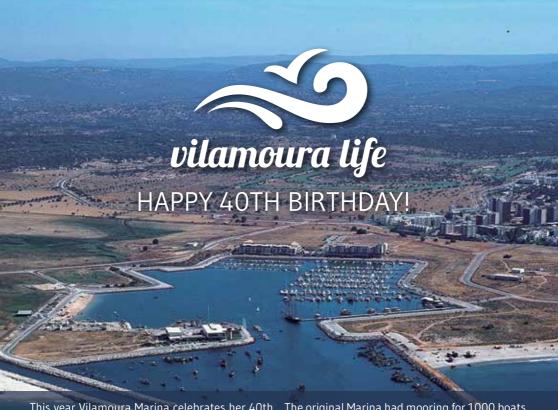
Thankfully most companies here now strictly follow a "catch and release" policy to help preserve these wonderful creatures.

An alternative to big game fishing is reef fishing, with For more information on half day trips available and high catch rates it can offer an exciting afternoon out, good for families or for info@waves.pt groups.

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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



CIDADE LACUSTRE

"City of Lakes"

Vilamoura already offers a unique and vibrant environment for tourists and locals alike and vet the best is still to come.

April 2014 saw government approval granted for the Lake City Project. The project is a huge undertaking that will see the areas behind the current Marina developed into a series of navigable lakes and canals encompassed by pedestrian walkways.

New residential areas boasting contemporary architecture will occupy 188500 square metres of the development. Lake front properties will even feature private decks with swimming pools for the ultimate luxury. The focal point will be the large central square providing an area of 14000 square metres for commercial space boasting shops, restaurants and leisure facilities.

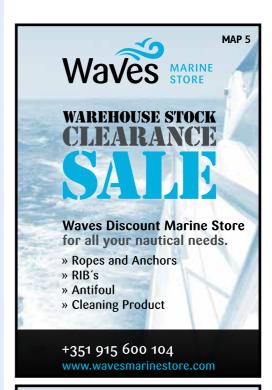
The project will see Vilamoura firmly establish itself as the premiere resort location in Europe. Watch this space!

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Vilamoura as a resort may be relatively young but the area has been of some importance for centuries. Evidence of this can be seen at Cerro Da Vila, an archaeological site in the heart of Vilamoura dating back to Roman times.

The site is well worth a visit with remains of a Roman villa, bath houses, fish salting tanks, a port area and the foundations of a funeral tower. Situated just 100 metres from the Marina, it can be a peaceful escape in the busy summer months.

Opening times 9.30am-12.30am and 2.00pm-6.00pm. Entrance is €3. Open all year.

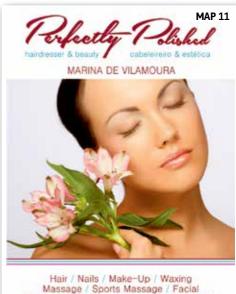
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The Old Village is an Idyllic location for a peaceful getaway from it all. Popular as a holiday destination with couples and families for many years, the quaint cobbled pathways lead you through a colourful maze of townhouses, restaurants and bars.

The Village is pretty much self contained with a mini supermarket and is a stopping point on both of Vilamoura's tourist trains, which adds to the convenience.

People visiting the area generally return year after year, a positive testament to Vilamoura's most colourful corner.

If you are staying in the Marina then why not take the tourist train and go exploring the area for yourself.

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MAP 12







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. Recommended are The Caddyshack near to the Casino, Parky's bar on the Marina and also located at Parque das Amendoeiras.

You may need a little "pick me up" mid morning and Portugal certainly offers great coffee! Urban Café on the west side of the marina is a good spot to try coffee Portuguese style.

Lunch Menus in Portugal are great value reflecting the cultural habit of lunch time dining. Look for the "Prato do Dia" signs outside restaurants and cafes for the daily specials.

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. Alternatives are the 19th hole, The Brewery and O´neills offering traditional pub food.

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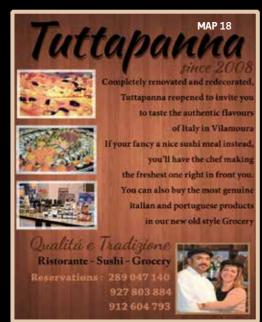
Hidden Treasure - Patacas is a great "local" bar established in 1987 and located just behind the marina. This is a "must find" on day one of your stay. With a pool table, great staff, €2.00 happy hour pints until 8.30pm and the warmest of welcomes it would be rude not to!

Sports - Most bars in town show live sports and follow the major sporting events. Some good venues include the 19th hole, O'neills and the Hole In One all on the marina itself.

The Brewery Is the new bar in town also showing all games live.

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!

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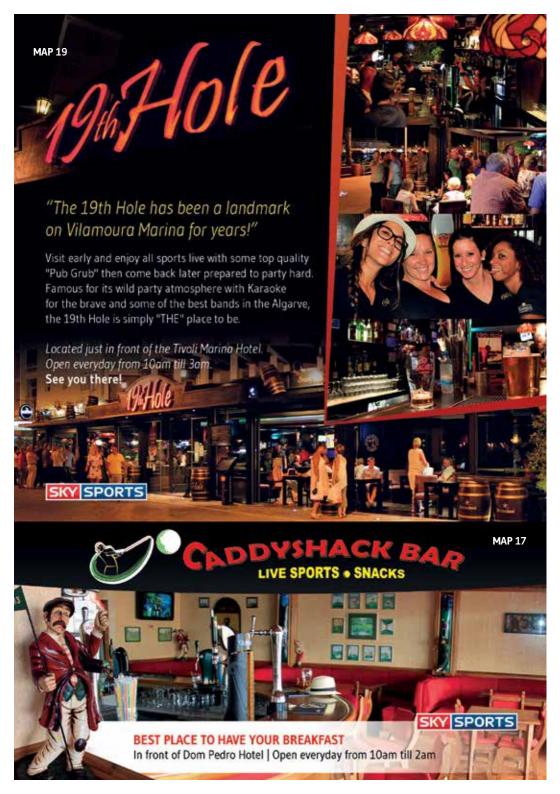
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ENJOYING YOUR STAY... WHY GO HOME?



Whether this is your first time in Vilamoura, or you are a regular visitor, it is a general consensus amongst visitors 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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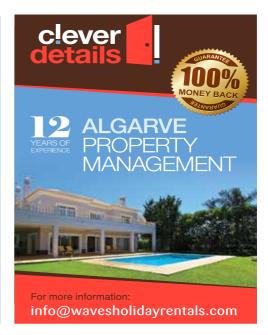
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Local Medical Centres

In case of emergency there is an accident and emergency hospital in Loulé or call 112 for an ambulance. In other cases, such as requiring a GP, then stop by one of the medical centres in vilamoura. Staff generally speak english and are always very helpful.

There are two main centres highlighted on the map: Clínica Particular (near to the police station) (MAP26) (00351) 707 28 28 28

Clínica Internacional de Vilamoura (near the casino) (00351) 289 31 42 43 or 963 852 153 (MAP 27)



Local Markets are held in Quarteira every Wednesday, and in Loulé every Saturday.

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. Bookings can be made at travel4golf (MAP 06)

USEFUL CONTACTS INFORMATION

WIFI - Is widely available in coffee shops and bars throughout Vilamoura.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY **CALL 112** (POLICE, FIRE, AMBULANCE)

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Train Station (Loulé) P. 808 208 208

Marina Reception P. +351 289 310 560

Tourism Office (Quarteira) P. +351 289 389 209

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