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# PORTUGAL

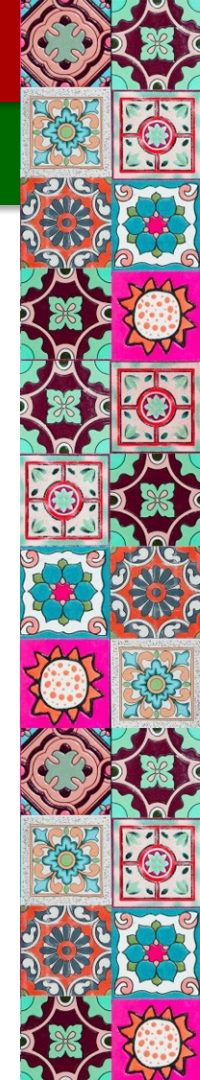


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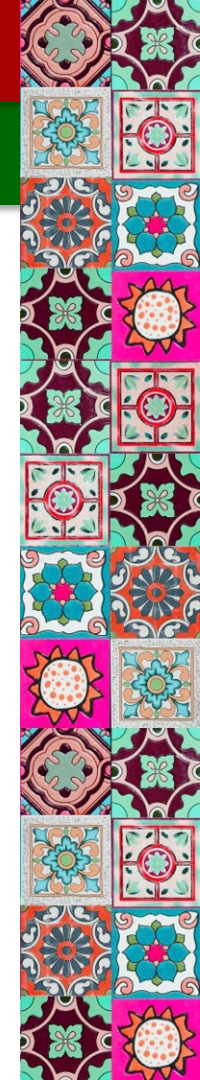
# Why Portugal?

- 3<sup>rd</sup> safest country in the world
- High standard of European living at an affordable price
- 5<sup>th</sup> most powerful passport in the world
- 12<sup>th</sup> best healthcare in the world
- Country maps the climate and landscape of California



# Portugal is best

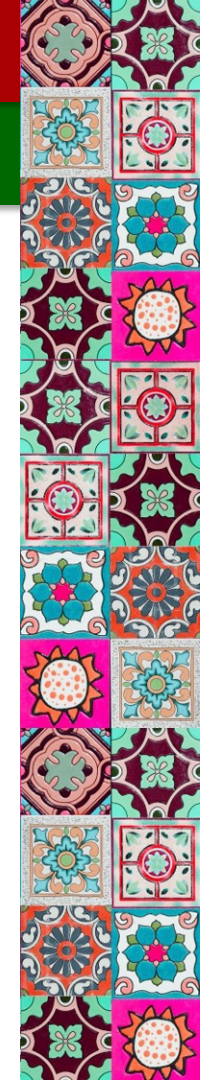
- Large established expat community
- No need to learn the language, English is widely spoken
- Historic cities and towns
- Numerous award-winning beaches along the coast
- World-renowned golf courses
- Friendly people and relaxed way of life



# Money At A Glance

## Residency

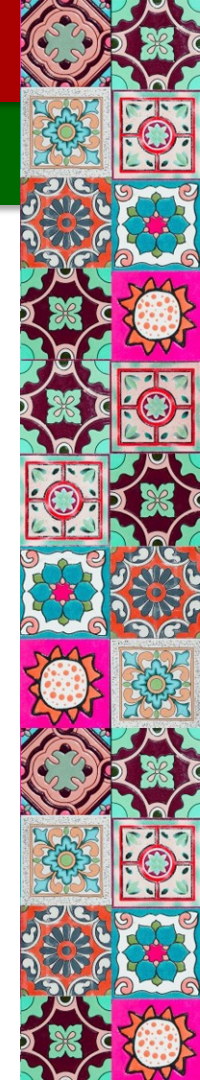
- Self Sufficiency – Income of 1,200 Euro a month (excluding rent)
- Golden Visa (Real Estate) – Investment of 500,000 Euro or more
- Non Habitual Residency program – 0% tax on eligible foreign income



# Access at A Glance

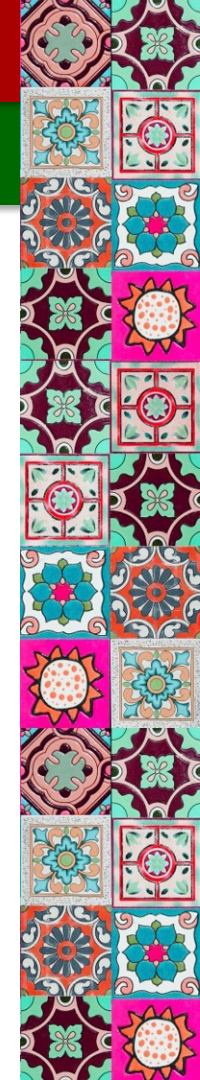
## Ease of Access and Connections

- Direct Flights from East Coast of North America
- Low Cost Airlines within Europe
- Good intercity Train System
- Good national road network – but beware the tolls!
- 90% of the country has good internet provision



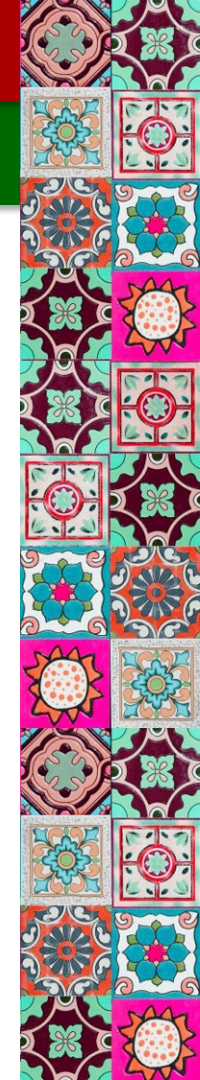
# Lifestyle

- LIOS - Number 1 retirement choice for the last seven years
- Easy access to Europe
- Excellent property investment opportunities
- Great weather - over 300 days of sunshine a year
- Fabulous local fresh food (especially fish), local wines and dining



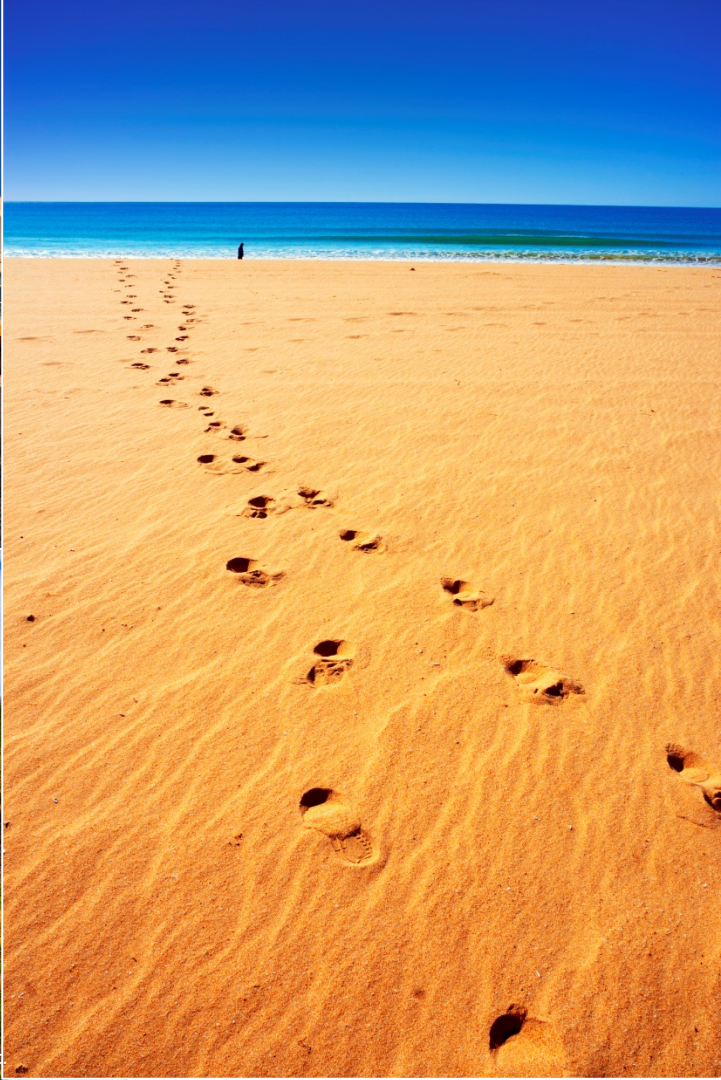
# Watch out for...

- Bureaucracy—lots of red tape—especially in real estate development
- High taxes for working people and low average wage
- Cars, fuel, electronics and tolls are expensive
- Portuguese is a difficult language (practice made more difficult as most people speak English)



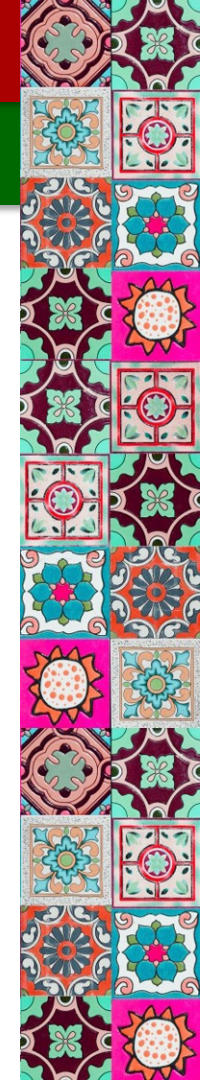


# Carvoeiro



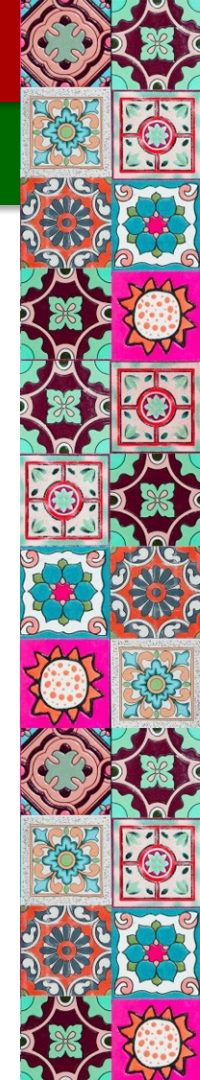
# Carvoeiro Pros

- A town that has everything you could need for a holiday right on your doorstep
- Lots of great shops and restaurants
- Lovely cliff walks and hidden beaches
- Great location for holiday rental properties



# Carvoeiro Cons

- The main beach is quite small and gets packed in the summer
- Most of the holiday accommodation is located on the very edge of town, it's quite a long walk into town
- It is a very busy place in the summer months



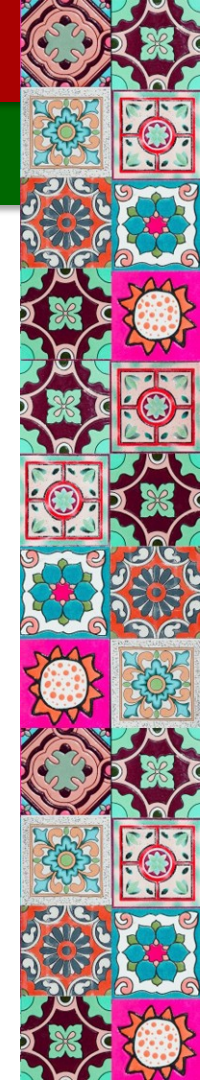


# Ferragudo



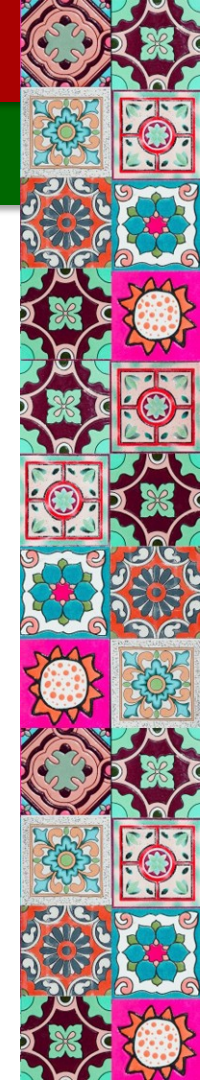
# Ferragudo Pros

- One of the most photographed places in the Algarve, this is a stunningly pretty village
- Wide selection of dining options including excellent fresh seafood restaurants
- The main beaches are long with soft sand and beautiful views



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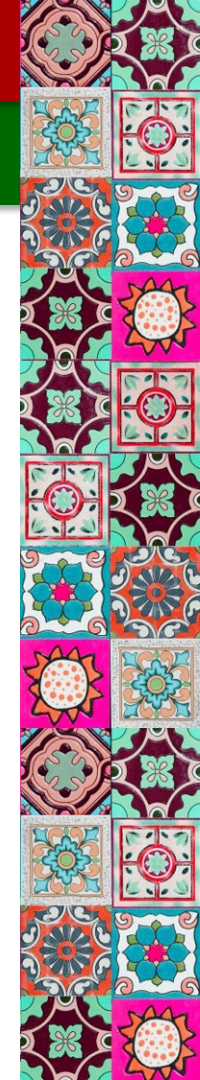
- House prices here have risen sharply
- A lot of restaurants shut from November to the end of March
- You will need your own transport if you are based here but want to explore further





# Alvor Pros

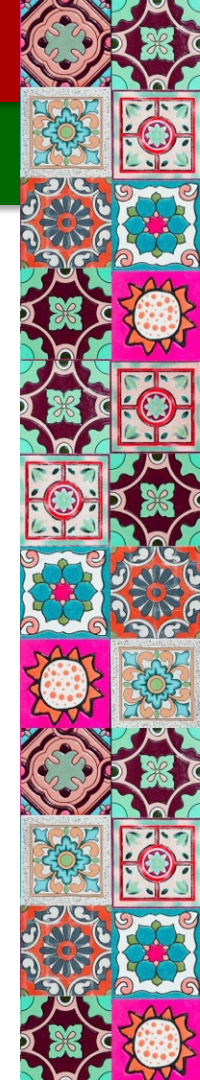
- The main waterfront area has lovely fish restaurants and cafés
- The boardwalk leading down to the wide-open beaches is a great place to walk
- The town has everything you could need, most of it is within walking distance





# Alvor Cons

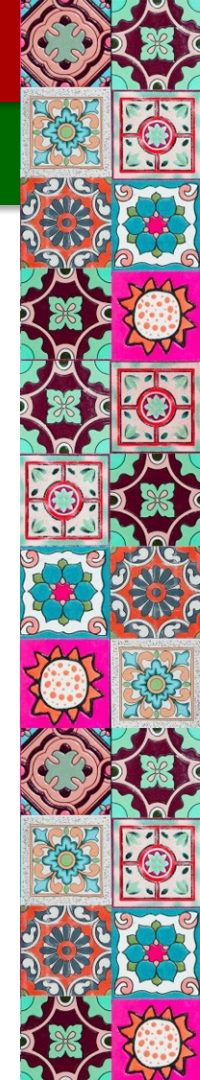
- Outside of the main town there are a lot of modern (ugly) apartment blocks and complexes
- Nightlife can be noisy during the summer months
- Lack of variety for shopping – lots of similar ‘tourist’ shops selling cheap merchandise





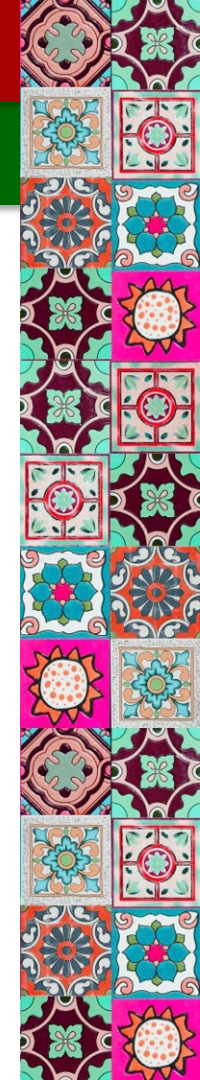
# Lagos Pros

- A busy and bustling town, with lots of shops, a hospital, historical buildings and good infrastructure
- Easy transport links to other parts of the Algarve
- Good expat community
- Doesn't close down in the winter months



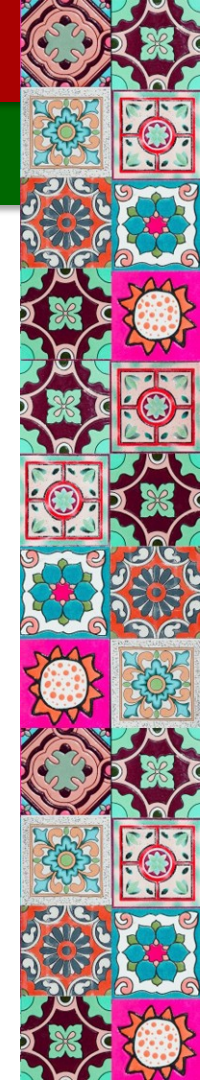
# Lagos Cons

- For some people, this is just too big and busy; and they prefer somewhere quieter
- The town has a large urban sprawl, it's easy to get lost if you don't know where you are going
- The further west you go, the more susceptible you are to the prevailing winds and colder weather



# Summary

- Award-winning safe and beautiful location
- High standard of European living at an affordable price
- One of the best climates in Europe – lots of sunshine!
- Strong expat community, English spoken, good healthcare, great food and lovely local people
- Great investment opportunities



# Recommended Resources

**Algarve Blog**

**[www.algarveblog.net](http://www.algarveblog.net)**



**Living the Dream - The Book**

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