

PORTUGAL





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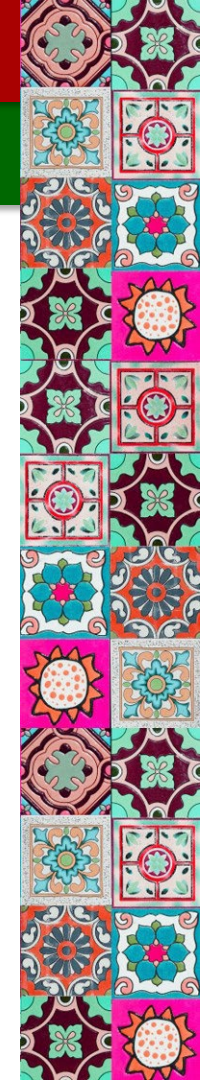
INSPIRATION

Top Countries in the World: Readers' Choice Awards 2022

Condé Nast Traveler readers rank their favorite countries around the world, with Europe dominating this year's list.

Why Portugal?

- 6th safest country in the world
- High standard of European living at an affordable price
- 6th most powerful passport in the world
- 3rd best healthcare rating for 'Quality' in the world



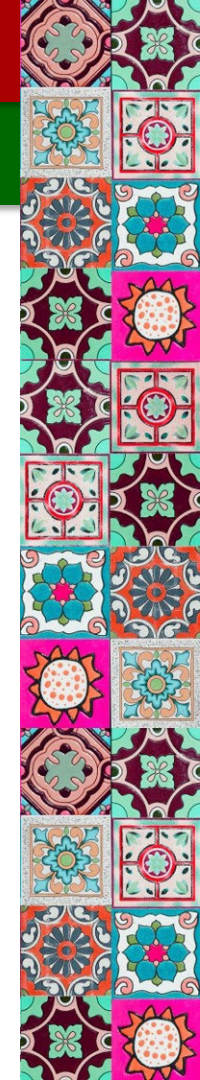
Portugal is best

- The weather! The country maps the climate and landscape of California
- Large established expat community
- No need to learn the language as English is widely spoken
- 90% of the country has good internet provision



Portugal's Assets

- Historic cities and towns
- Numerous award-winning beaches along the coast
- World-renowned golf courses
- Friendly people and relaxed way of life



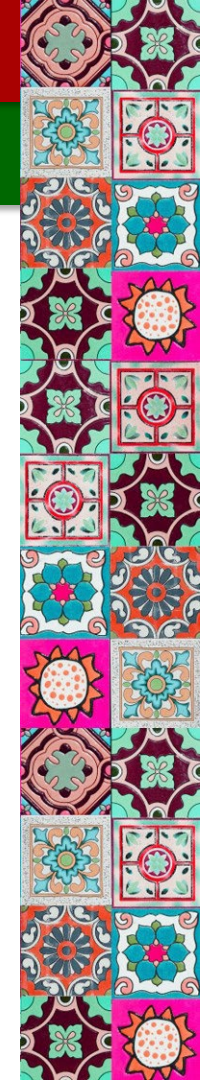
Access At A Glance

- 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!



Lifestyle

- LIOS - Number 1 retirement choice for the last eight years
- Easy access to Europe
- Excellent property investment opportunities
- Not a place to hurry!
- 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)



Lisbon





Aveiro



Porto



Coimbra



Sintra

The Algarve



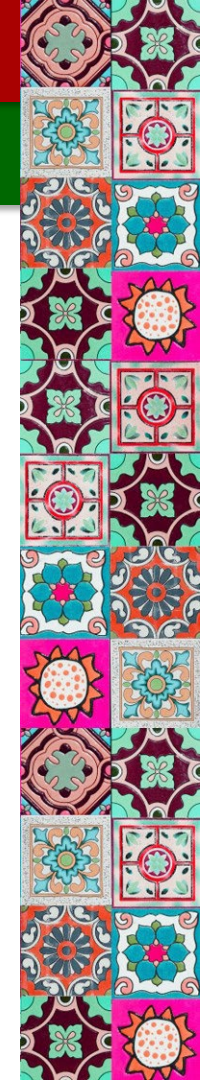


Ferragudo



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



Ferragudo Cons

- 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





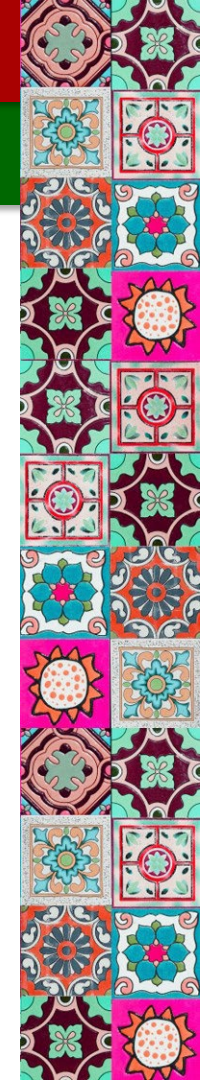
Tavira Pros

- The main waterfront area has lovely fish restaurants and cafés with gardens and lots of history
- Tavira Island has a long sandy beach and the Ria Formosa Natural Park with wildlife incl. flamingos!
- The town has everything you could need, most of it is within walking distance



Tavira Cons

- Outside of the main town there are more (ugly) apartment blocks and complexes
- You are on the far eastern edge of the Algarve
- Can be hard to find a long-term rental property here
- Little access to culture or shows

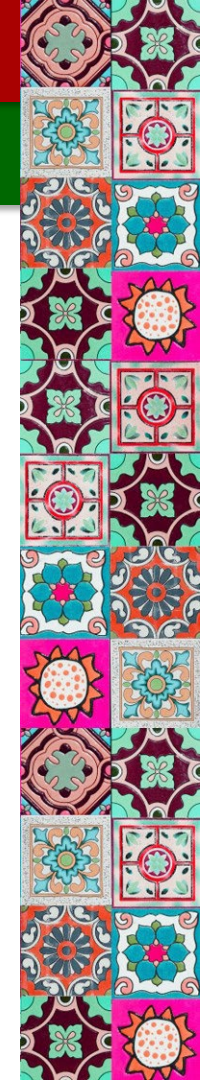


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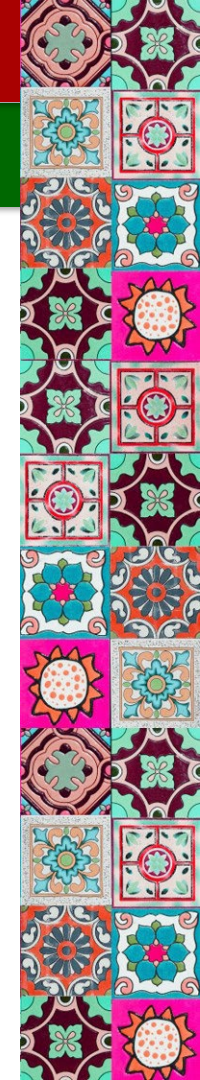
Lagos Pros

- 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



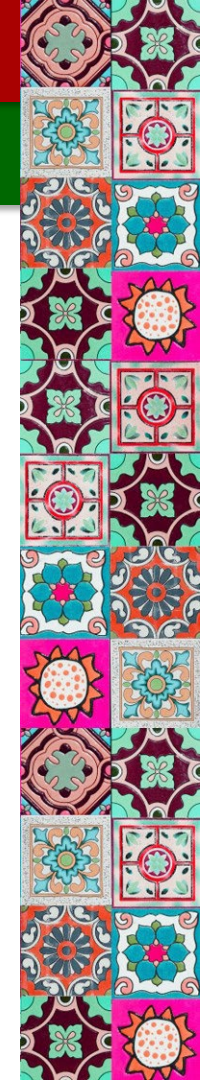
Lagos Cons

- 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

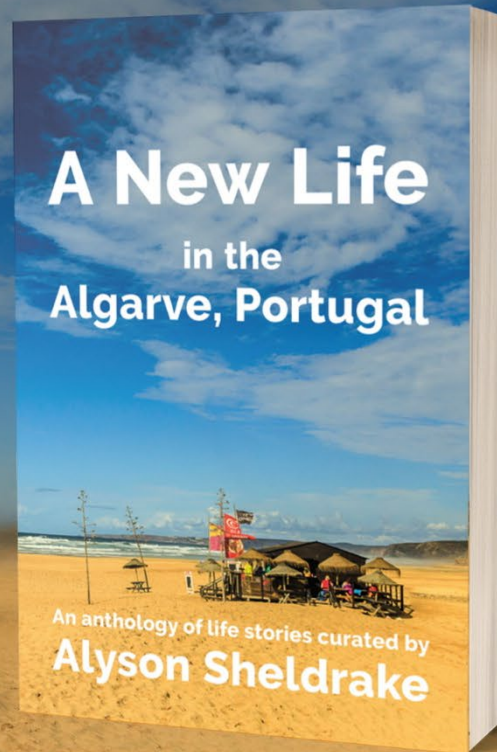
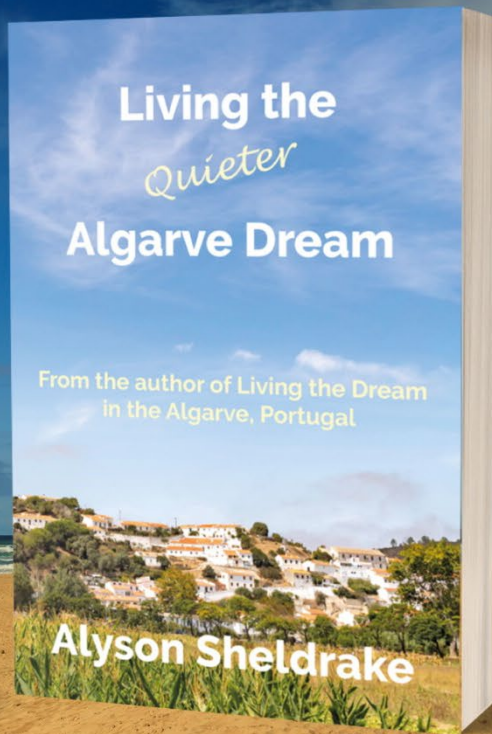
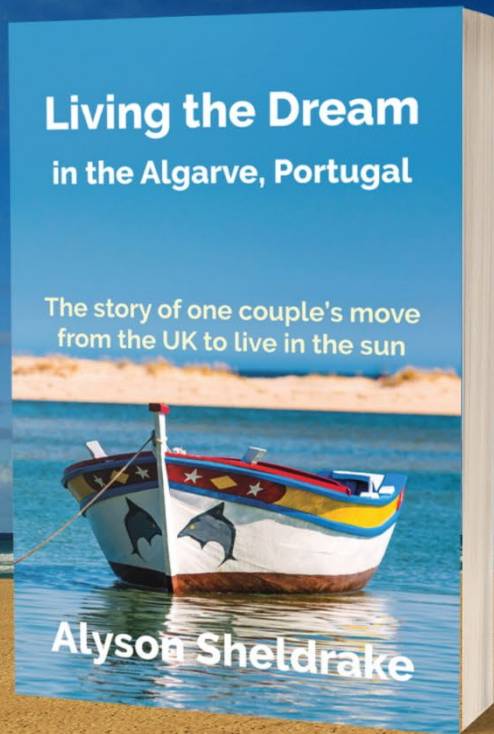


Portugal Summary

- 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

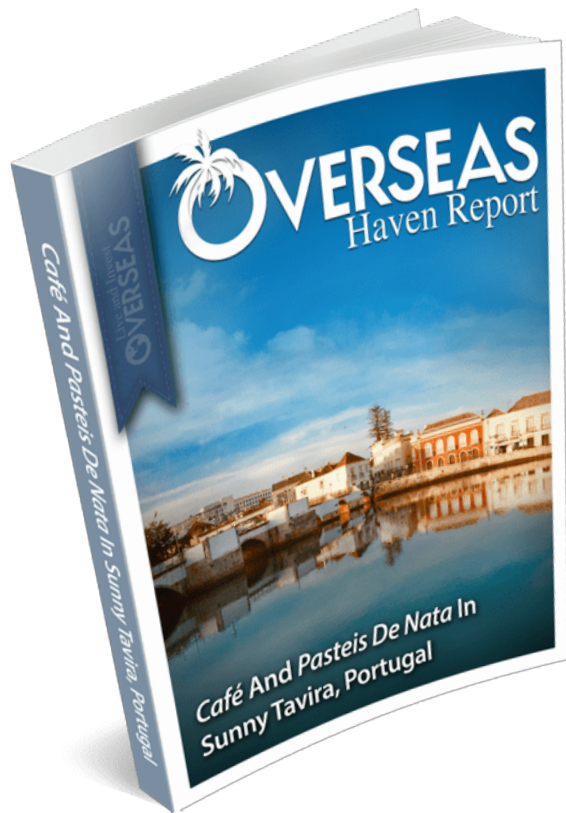


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