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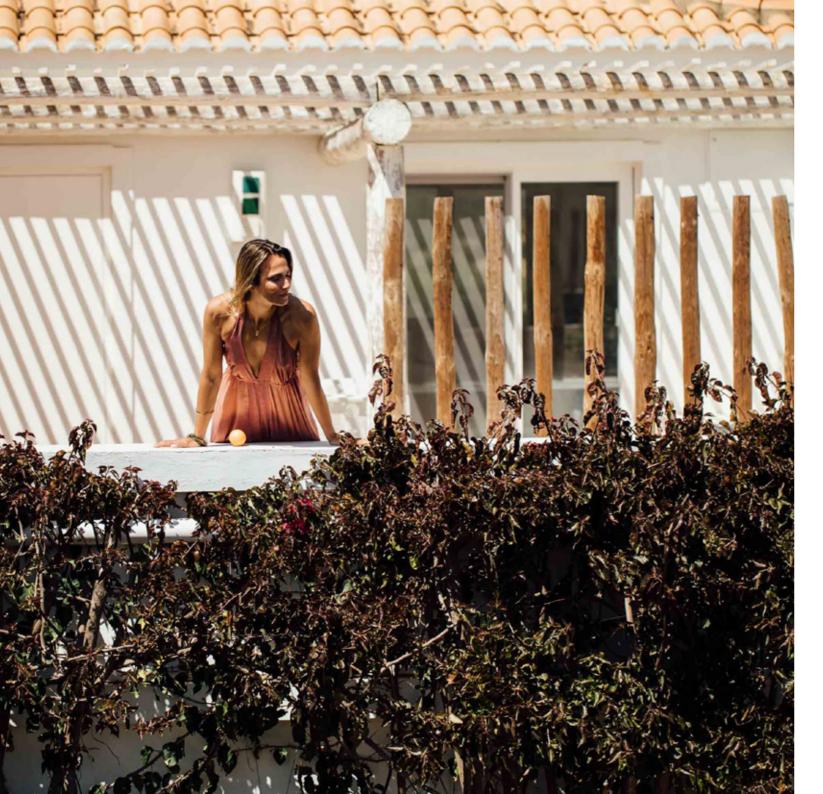
Vila Monte

Experiences



Welcome to the world of Octant Hotels Vila Monte

We are Vila Monte. We find ourselves in the Eastern Algarve, in the precise place between the mountains and the ocean. Here time has a different time. Ancestral. It's the time of traditions, of tastes. It's the time of the cadence of the seasons, which dress the trees of our garden in different tones, with flowers and fruits. It's the time of the tides of the Ria Formosa, of the life that is preserved there and of the fragile ecosystem in which it is maintained. Of the villages whose origins have long been lost, from the shepherd's slow pace or the time it takes since the fisherman's net is launched until it reaches the sea. But it is also the time of great changes, new challenges and experiences. Of a boiling world. And it is here that we exist, in the balance between what we want to preserve from our roots and what we want to receive from this new world. We want to share this experience with you. At a space that escaped the haste of the crowds. Southern land. This Algarve. Intact. Raw.



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Explore with OUR PEOPLE



Octant Hotels Vila Monte All year

Here at Octant Hotels Vila Monte you will find different options for your gastronomic moments. Whether in our main restaurant, À TERRA, whose dishes respect local traditions and products, on a picnic in our gardens or in one of the bars for a cocktail or light meal.

À TERRA Restaurant

Lunch, snacks and dinner: **12h00 – 22h30** All year

Laranjal Restaurant & Terrace Breakfast: 08h00 – 11h00

Lobby Market, Lobby Bar, Garden Bar All year

Bars Tanque das Bicas (main pool) Lobby bar

Wellness & Sports Casita: 09h00 – 19h00 Gym: 24h Tennis court Summer: from 8am to 8pm Winter: from 8am to 5:30pm

Private tennis lessons available. Contact us for more details.

Activities Calender We have a weekly activities calendar different throughout the year. Please contact us to know more.

Harvest and traditions calendar

Understanding the Algarve ecosystem is also appreciating what we are made of, the culinary traditions of the region and what we intend to share with those who visit us. It is essentially understanding that each season gives us different things, from the land or the sea, in a perfect balance.

January

Orange, Lemon, Dry fig, Cabbage

February

Orange, Lemon, Dry fig, Arbutus distillation, Bean

March

Orange, Cockle, Arbutus distillation, Bean

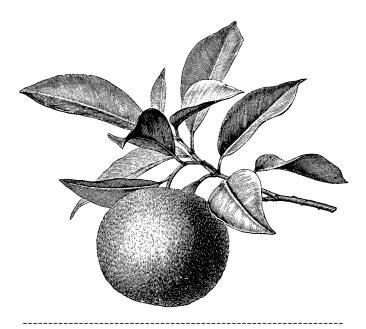
April Loquat, Cockle, Spinach

May Loquat, Apricot, Bean clams, Cockle, Salt flower

June Loquat, Cherries, Muxama, Oysters, Bean clams, Clams, Cockle, Razor clam, Almonds, Salt flower

July

Fig, Figo de Pita, Blackberry, Raspberry, Cured ham, Muxama, Oysters, Cockle, Sardines, Bean clams, Clams, Razor clam, Almonds



August

Carob, Figo de Pita, Honey, Muxama, Oysters, Carob, Cockle, Sardine, Bean clams, Clams, Razor clam

September

Carob, grape Harvest month, Honey, Acorn, Carob, Cockle, Clams, Razor clam

October

Chestnut, Quince, Plum, Physalies, Olives

November

Chestnut, Arbutus, Persimmon, Pomegranate, Litão, Olives, Dry fig

December

Arbutus, Orange, Almonds, Persimmon, Pineseed, Litão, Dry fig



Experiences by night

If during the day you took the opportunity to stroll in our gardens, drink a cocktail by the pool or spend the day at the beach, it is at night that our sky gains another charm. Enlighted by of the full moon, we will walk to the Serra watching the nocturnal wildlife or meditate. We will reflect about life, learn about the power of the stars and their meaning. On the other hand, you can enjoy an outdoor movie session (includes popcorn, but don't tell anyone).

See the policy for booking and canceling activities and experiences, on the last page of this brochure.



FULL MOON Escape hike

On the night of the Full Moon. A guided hike starting from Vila Monte into the Serra, focusing on nocturnal wildlife, lit solely by the light of the full moon.

€40 /pax (min. **2** pax) / **3**h

In the full moon night.

STARGAZING Only on the nights of the New Moon

Our sky, our stars and the planets. Unplug from everything and observe our sky with other eyes together with Filipe.

€130 (2 people) €190 (3 to 5 people)

Location: Vila Monte gardens

POPCORN TIME

21h30 / From May to October



À TERRA Vila Monte

More than a restaurant, À TERRA is a way of life. Inspired in nature's products, this restaurant is also a journey to humans' origins and to what was naturally pure and genuine. We invite you to enter this gracious restaurant where dishes are served with love and meals are prepared with skill and heart.

À TERRA is a restaurant based on homemade, delicious, healthy and rustic food. Based on the concept of sharing, it includes a continuous all-day service and uses many local ingredients such as olive oil, "flor de sal" (pure salt), figs, carobs, oranges, mushrooms, eggplants, tomatoes, coriander and others alike.

Explore these flavors.



Gastronomic experiences

Our gastronomic experiences are aligned with the harvest calendar.

Premium wine tasting

Live a unique and a private experience with our sommelier. A journey throughout Portugal to discover the complexity of the Portuguese wines accompanied by a selection of traditional cheese.

Maximum **8** people. Contact us for more information about prices.

Garden Picnic

Who doesn't love to throw a blanket down under a beautiful tree listening the beautiful and peaceful nature's song? Leave the set up with us and the Chef will prepare you a picnic basket full of great local delicacies.

From May to October. Subject to weather conditions. Contact us for more information about prices.

Traditional "petiscos" tasting

Take a seat at the table, embracing the spirit of sharing and indulge in our selection of regional "petiscos" made with the freshest market ingredients.

Minimum of **2** people. From September to June. Contact us for more information about prices.

At the Chef's Table

Get to know with our team the flavors and fresh products of Algarve during a private and exclusive meal at the Chef's Table, with traditional dishes and regional wine pairing, surrounded with Vila Monte's nature and the aromas of the Algarve by our aromatic garden. A unique gastronomic and cultural experience for adults, couples or even for a small group of friends.

Subject to availability. Minimum of **2** people. Maximum of **6** people. Contact us for more information about prices.

Romantic dinner for 2 by the Lake

A romantic and gastronomic experience customized for you by the lake and surrounded by nature. Our Chef and sommelier will surprise you with a unique tasting menu with the best ingredients and wine pairing.

Contact us for more information about prices.





For the little ones

FUN noun / Pleasure, enjoyment, or entertainment.

Adventures club

Your children are very welcome to join us in our Adventures Club in the gardens of Vila Monte, which ingredients have been carefully chosen to form a playful and dynamic space that invites learning, experience and to know new friends. Set in the beautiful gardens of Vila Monte and right at the heart of the hotel, near the restaurant and main pool. There will be something for everyone to enjoy and to be inspired by with daily activities every day of the week from **10**am to **6**pm. Suitable for different ages, the program is created by our dedicated team. We welcome children unaccompanied from **4** years old and up. Younger children accompanied by an adult are welcome to join the activities. This service is complementary. _____

A day at the farm

A Pedagogical Farm with a personalized welcome and whose philosophy is based on the most genuine traditions, culture and history of the region. Where families can have contact with animals and there are several activities that can be carried out, from making bread in a wood oven, learning to make handmade soaps, among others.

2h / €**90** (up to **5** people)

Available from October to May. Transfer not included.

Pizza Workshop

€25 per child (max **3** children) _____

Pottery for the little ones

€65 (1 child) / 1h €45 per child (2 to 3 children) / 1h From 6 to 12 years old. Transfer not included. _____

Our fishes and turtles Also have their tea time

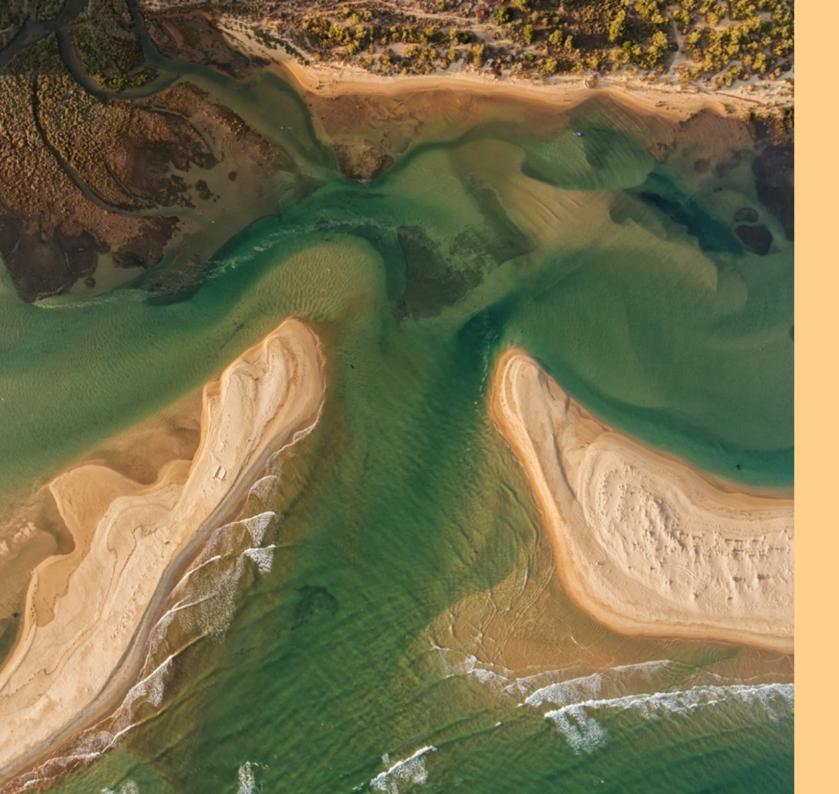
The fish and turtles, that live in our lake, also have their leisure time. Feel free to feed them anytime! Every day. _____

Picnic in the garden

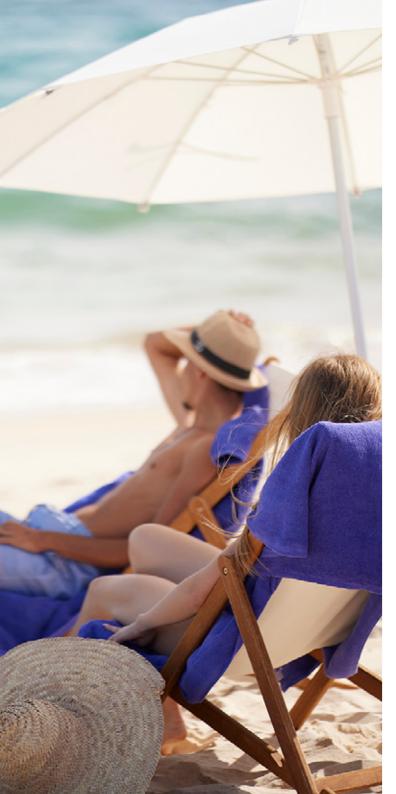
€25 per child / 1h (Min. 2 / Max. 10 children) _____

Horseback riding

/ in the countryside / at the beach Check more information on page 40. _____



Explore with the PEOPLEOF THE SEA



Beach day Awaits Leave the Planning to us! With the feet in the sand in a beautiful island of Ria Formosa

June to September. Book 24 hours in advance.

Take me to Fuzeta island

Itinerary Vila Monte – Transfer – Boat – Island beach

Beach Package

Includes: Transport to and from the beach, towel, sun umbrella, chair, water included.

€40 per person

Picnic boxes are available with delivery at the beach. Free for children up to 12 years old. Children's kit included.

Other beaches recommendations:

- / Barril Beach
- / Terra estreita beach (access by boat)

- / Armona beach (access by boat)
- / Deserta beach (access by boat)
- / Farol beach (access by boat)
- / Praia verde beach

Contact us for more information. Book 24 hours in advance.

At Ria Formosa



Oysters of Ria Formosa

Experience the authenticity of Ria Formosa. Depart from Olhão and enjoy a boat trip around the different islands. Passing through deserted islands, fisherman villages and have the opportunity to have a pit stop at the Oysters farm and get to know about the daily life on the island, and taste oysters caught fresh along with some Portuguese white wine.

3h / €490 / From 2 to 5 people

Only during low tide. Transportation to the harbor is not included.

Sailing charter

From Fuzeta to Armona in a sailing tour through Ria Formosa Natural Park there will be time to enjoy the peaceful of Ria Formosa and yet learn how to sail. On your way back you will pass through tuna and mussels farms. Meal on board available with additional cost.

3h / €475 / From 2 to 4 pax Subject to wind and tide conditions. Transfer not included.

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A route around the islands

A complete guided boat tour through the main islands of Ria Formosa (Deserta, Farol, Culatra and Armona islands).

3h / €**350** / From **2** to **5** people

On board of a speed boat. Transportation is not included.



On board of a yacht

What about having a private yacht just for you? Get to know Ria Formosa on board of a private yacht departing from Olhão city. A private and tailor made experience with all the comfort you need, where the Captain will take you around the National Park, tell the history of its region regarding the daily life, oyster and clams farms and show you around the deserted beaches. You will still have time to enjoy the beach, its crystalline water and white sand.

High season Jun - Sept Half day (4h): €695 Full day (7h): €1390

Low season Oct - May Half day (4h): €540 Full day (7h): €900

Drinks and Snacks on board included (no open bar). Min. **2**, maximum **8** people. Subject to weather conditions. Transportation is not included.



On board of a yacht by the caves

Explore the magnificent rocky coast of the Algarve with the most charming sceneries of the region, the small paradisiacal beaches between the caves and cliffs onboard of a private luxury yacht with all the elegance and comfort you need. An attentive crew will take you on an unforgettable adventure over the crystalline waters, customizing the trip in your own way.

High season May - Sep Half day (3h30): €920 Full day (8h): €1800

Low season Oct - Apr Half day (3h30): €695 Full day (8h): €1450

Drinks and Snacks on board included (no open bar). Min. **2**, maximum **10** people. Subject to weather conditions. Transportation is not included.



Catamaran cruise

Endless options of relaxing on the luxury cruiser, jumpinginto the tranquil waters of the lagoons. You also have theoption to stop in one of the islands for lunch or just to explore.

Included: skipper, hostess, white wine, soft drinks and water (no open bar available). Departing from Faro.

High season Jun - Sept

Half day (**3**h): €**1040** Full day (**6**h): €**1650**

Low season Oct - May

Half day (**3**h): €900 Full day (**6**h): €1375

Drinks and Snacks on board included (no open bar). Min. **2**, maximum **14** people. Subject to weather conditions. Transportation is not included.

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Let's see the wild dolphins

Observe the behavior of dolphins in their natural habitat. The species most frequently seen are the common dolphin or bottlenose dolphin, but there may be sightings of flying fish, moonfish, ocean turtles, among others. On board of a yacht with all the comfort you need.

€495 / From 2 to 5 people €55 per additional person

Supplement of day at the island

€540 / From 2 to 5 people
€55 per additional person

Transportation to the harbor is not included. This trip is always in early mornings. Depending on weather conditions. Available from April to October.



Exploring the caves on the west side

Your time to visit the caves in a private and guided trip, from Arade river to Marinha Beach. An exclusive trip with drinks on board, with the chance to stop for a swim.

2h / €420 / Min. 2, maximum 8 people

Transfer not included. Subject to weather and sea conditions. Available from March to November.



Kayak

2h / €55 per person / Min. 2 pax Transfer not included.

Stand-up Paddling 2h / €60 per person / Min. 2 pax Transfer not included.

Kite Surf

On land On sea Transfer not included. 1h/€95 per person 2h/€175 per person

Fishing

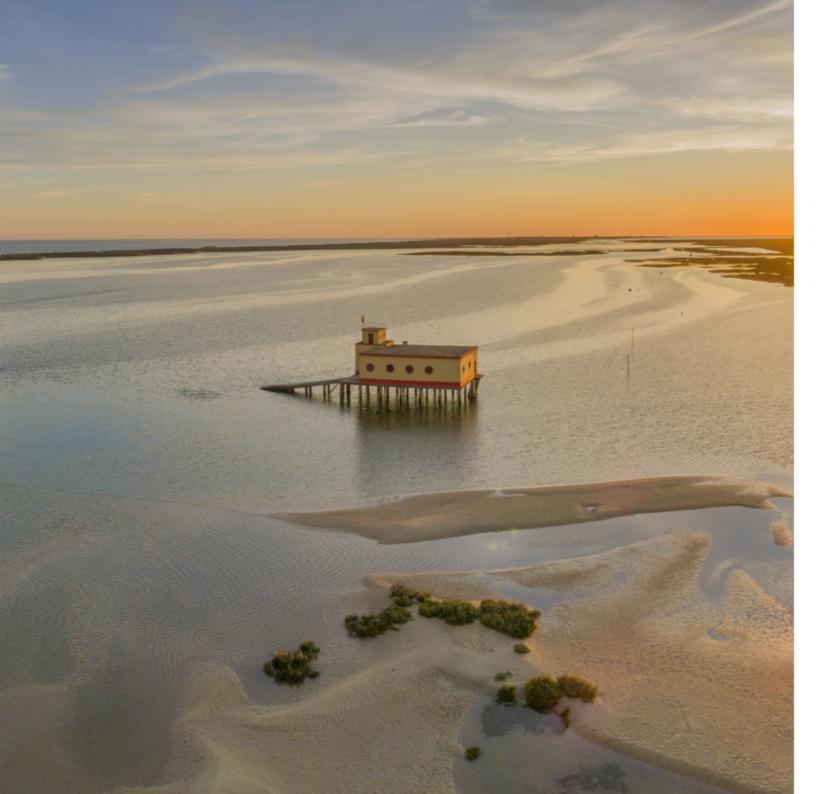
Bottom Fishing Big game fishing $3h \neq 500 \neq up$ to 5 people $7h \neq 1415 \neq up$ to 4 people

Includes: fishing equipment, licenses, snacks and drinks (no open bar).

Surf

Private surf lesson for all levels. 2h / €90 per person / 1 to 2 people / €60 per person / as from 3 people Transportation not included.





By the sunset

Subject to weather conditions.

Sunset cruise in Ria Formosa

Cruise along the lagoons of the Ria Formosa Natural Park on the Mistress Yacht, passing the fishermen islands and observing the spectacle of the Algarvian sunset, seeing the colours of the sky change rapidly while fishing boats pass by.

Total exclusivity, a caring team of skippers and the holistic beauty of the Ria Formosa as the day comes to an end.

On a yacht

2h30 / Min. 2, maximum 8 people €**495** (Jun – Sep) €420 (Oct - May)

To be added if you wish: Dine on the exclusive boat, tasting a typical seafood platter prepared by a restaurant of one of the fishermen islands with the additional cost of €70 per person with drinks included.

On a catamaran

2h30 / Min. 2, maximum 14 people €845 all year

Beverage not included. Transportation is not included. _____

Romantic sunset on your own

Departing by boat from Olhão harbor, escape to an island beach along with all the colours of the sunset of the Ria Formosa natural park. Enjoy the best of Algarvian sunsets at a deserted beach, tasting our luxury seafood picnic and sparkling wine prepared by our Chef and taken from you at Vila Monte on a picnic basket.

€300 / Max. 2 people

Transportation is not included. Available only in May, June and September. _____

Sunset from the sea to the rocky caves

Dare to witness one of the most picturesque sunsets in the Algarve where the horizon merges the sky and the sea while both get colored in the warmest shades of the sunset and the cliffs and caves add a breathtaking tone to the spectacle. Toast to the beauty of the small moments with your family and friends on board of your own private yacht.

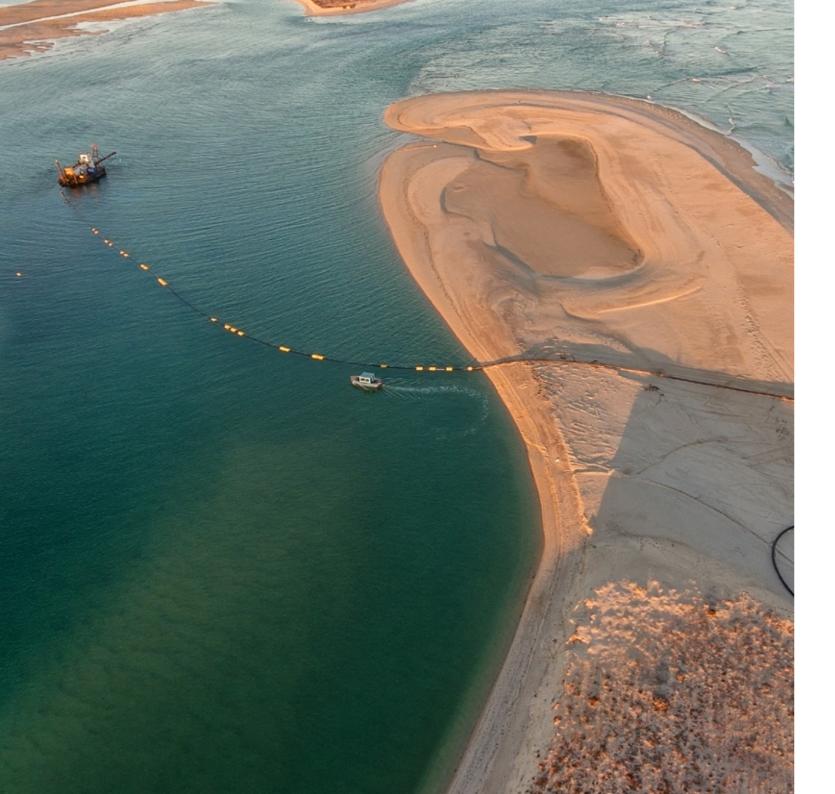
€720 / 2h30 (May to September) €690 / 2h30 (October to April) Mínimo 2, maximum 10 people

Drinks and Snacks on board included (no open bar). Transportation is not included.

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Explore with the LOCALS OF OURLAND



Experiences Map

We know the eastern Algarve like no one else. Our boat trips meander through the Ria Formosa, our cultural walks explore the countryside. The walks in Tavira, the visits to the salt pans in Castro Marim or the contact with the artisans, make us feel like locals.



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On the western side of the Algarve, a hot air balloon ride in Lagos awaits us or a boat trip through the caves in Lagoa.

Your time to learn our region production



A day with the beekeeper and the hive

Challenge yourself in the magic of nature's sweetest treat - Honey. Discover all its secrets with the young and passionate beekeeper Tomás. Right in the countryside enjoy a **4**x**4** ride and participate in the daily routine of a beekeeper. Understand the complex interaction between bees, flowers and the hive. And finish this experience with a picnic of regional flavours and of course with a tasting of this delicious phenomenon called honey.

From **3** to **5** hours / €**350** / Maximum **3** people

Not available during summer time. Safety equipment is included.



Salt harvesting

Test the artisanal practice of harvesting Flor de Sal in one of the salt mines of the Castro Marim wetland reserve with Jorge, salt artisan. Get to harvest your Flor de Sal, learn to taste the difference between industrial and artisanal salt and dive into the complex science of salt making. The visit ends with a salt tasting and aperitif with typical Algarvian tapas.

3h / €80 per person €40 from 6 to 16 years old

Transportation not included. Subject to weather conditions.



The secrets of cork

Get to know the daily life in the world of cork, explore a cork production site born from a family tradition. Finish your visit with a refreshment or an herbal tea with regional sweet delicacies.

1h30 / €60 per person / Min. 2 people Transfer not included.



Your time to hike



Birding wildlife route

Discover the Ria Formosa during this light hike with Luís, who knows all about the impressive biodiversity of local and migrant bird species and the geological processes that formed the natural park's unique landscape.

3h / €55 per adult / Min. 2 pax €25 between 8 and 12 years old

Free up to **7** years old. Transfer is included.



Cultural serra hike

Escape the agitation of the coastline and enter the tranquility and peace of the Serra, full of rich tradition and authentic experiences. Luís guides you through the hills of the hinterland, which are diverse in wildlife and flora, and allows you to discover the culture of the Serra with all its crafts and traditions.

3h / €55 per adult / Min. 2 pax €25 between 8 and 12 years old

Free up to **7** years old. Transfer is included.



Ria Formosa cultural hike

During this light hike with Luís you will explore the richness of Ria Formosa natural park through its land and lagoons. Get to know the importance of this beautiful phenomenon to the species of plants and animals and local population. Pass through roman ruins, tide mills and if you get lucky some pretty unique species might cross your way.

3h / €55 per person / Min. 2 people €25 from 8 to 12 years old

Free up to **7** years old. Transportation is included.

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Hanging Valleys hike

A medium level hike, parallel to the sea with breathtaking sceneries from the start to the end. Through the cliffs of Lagoa region coast, escape from the noise of the city to slow down the time and enjoy the paradisiacal landscapes carved by nature. Our guide Luis will take you through the most unforgettable trail of the Algarve.

6h / €130 per person / Min. 2 people / €100 per person (4 to 8 people) / €55 children from 8 to 12 years old

Free up to **7** years old. Transportation is included.

Equestrian Escapades...



AT THE BEACH

Sun, Sand, and Saddles

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the coastline as you trot along the sandy shores and feel the rhythmic flow of the waves beneath you and the soothing sounds of the sea.

€120 per person Minimum of **2** people Not available from June to September.

Saddle up for the countryside

IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Dive in the sounds of nature where the tempo gallop of horses harmonizes with the chorus of birds in the tranquillity of the pastoral landscape and the vibrant hues of the countryside.

€130 per person Minimum of **2** people

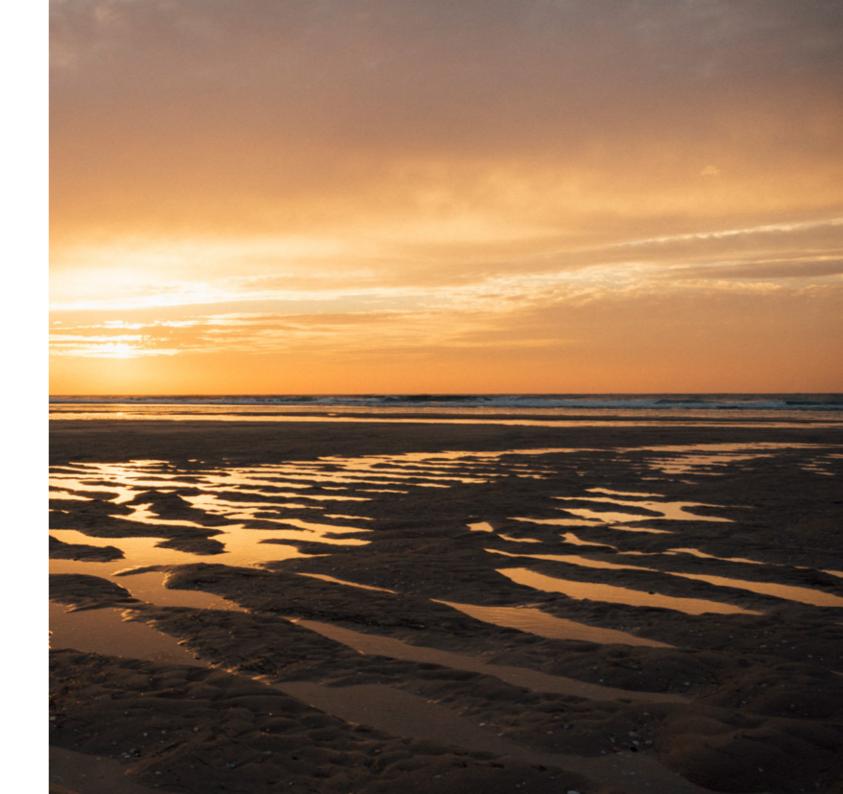


BY THE LAGOON

In the rural area of the estuary

Seamlessly blend in the tranquillity of the countryside with the coastal allure of the Ria Formosa Natural Park, offering an unforgettable journey through one of Portugal's most stunning landscapes.

€120 per person Minimum of **2** people





Experiences

CREATIVE

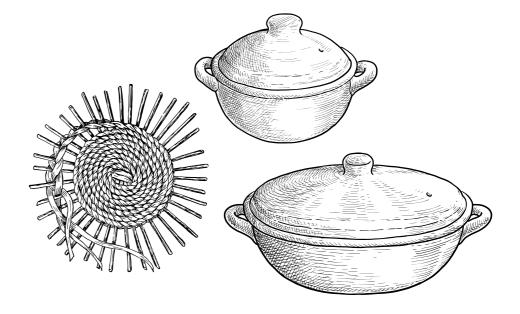












Artisans, *the* meaning of being *and* doing

We focus on the appreciation and protection of our identity and cultural heritage by promoting active and genuine engagement with the local culture.

The art of...



Pottery

Visit the atelier of Francisco Eugénio, the master of Algarvian pottery art and Learn the timeless art of shaping clay on a wheel and unleash your creativity, step by step.

1h

€70 per person for single sessions
€50 per person for group sessions (2, 3 or 4 people)

Only from Monday to Friday. Ttransfer not included.



Handloom Weaving

This masterclass provides hands-on guidance to master the art of handloom weaving, understanding the essential principles of this ancient craft. From natural fibers to finished textiles, create your own handwoven masterpieces, customize patterns, experiment with textures, and express your unique style on the loom. It includes all the necessary materials, with natural threads and wool in various colours.

Manual loom

3h / Max. 2 people €145 per person for single sessions €115 per person for double sessions (2 people)

Loom Frame or circular loom 3h / €115 per person / Min. 2 people - Max. 8 people



Tiles paiting

Dive into the ancient art of traditional tile painting and unleash your creativity. Join us for a hands-on experience that promises creativity and artistic fulfilment. After all, there are no two identical tiles.

3h / €95 per person / Min. 2 people



Baking bread in a wood fired oven

Experience the art of bread-making in a traditional wood-fired oven nestled within the serene landscapes of the countryside. Join the local community in the ancient method of kneading dough and baking it to perfection. More than bake some bread, have the opportunity to visit the atelier of the art of palm weaving, have lunch in a very local restaurant and taste some countryside gastronomy.

This authentic experience promises not just a taste of homemade goodness, but also a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage in countryside region.

5h / €135 per person Min. 5 people - Max. 8 people

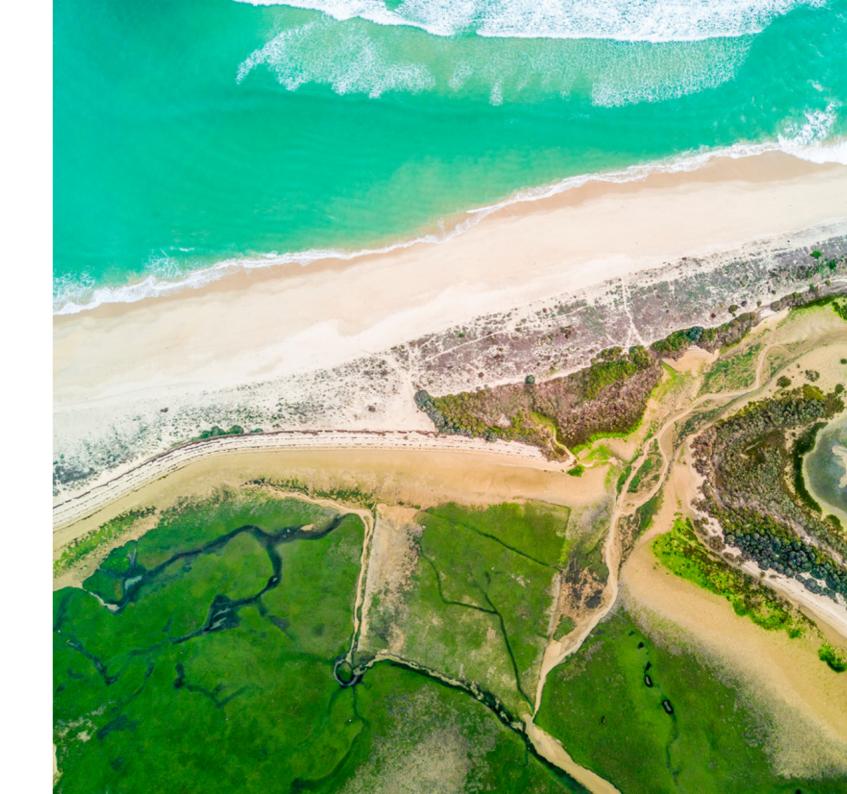
Lunch included. Transfer not included.

DHM Golf

When choosing a golf holiday, not only can one practice his/ hers favourite sport, but also regain some form of physical well-being and mental health by combining a relaxing, nature-oriented stay with the improvement of one's golf technique, whether you are an amateur or a professional.

Quinta da Ria (Vila Nova de Cacela)	H 18 / Par 72
Quinta de Cima (Vila Nova de Cacela)	H 18 / Par 72
Quinta do Vale Golf Resort (Castro Marim)	H 18 / Par 72
Monte Rei Golf & Country Club (Vila Nova de Cacela)	H 18 / Par 72
Quinta do Lago Sul (Almancil)	H 18 / Par 72
San Lorenzo (Almancil)	H 18 / Par 72

For more information and reservations, please contact us.





Sports at Vila Monte

Tennis

Private lesson 1h∕€90

Tennis clinic $1h \neq 35$ per person \neq Minimum of **3** people Play on your own. Just book the court with us.

Personal Trainer

Train your body and mind surrounded by Vila Monte's gardens or at the gym with our experienced personal trainer Flávio.

1h / €80 for 1 person / €120 for 2 people

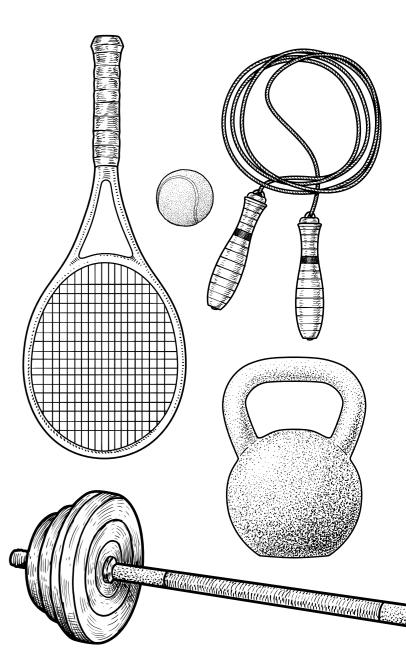
Bikes

At Vila Monte we have bicycles at your disposal. Free of charge.

Cycling

Pedal through rural paths and the splendid landscape of Ria Formosa.

3h / €115 per person / Minimum of 2 people





Our SUGGESTIONS

Local restaurants

What to visit

CASUAL

Casa Velha – Cacela Velha CHÁ CHÁ CHÁ – Olhão Cestaria - Olhão O Capelo – Santa Luzia À Mesa – Tavira À TERRA – Praia Verde, Castro Marim Tertulia Algarvia – Faro Old Tavern – Faro

VEGAN

Mogno – Olhão Outro lado – Faro

EXCLUSIVE

a Ver Tavira – Tavira 2 Passos – Praia do Ancão Gusto – Almancil Vistas de Rui Silvestre - Vila Nova de Cacela

THE REGION

SOTAVENTO (East)

Alvor

Silves Castle

Lagos and Ponta da Piedade Cape St. Vicent in Sagres



Our CONDITIONS

GENERAL

In all activities, the price is per person with a minimum of two people. All activities and experiences are subject to availability, prior booking at least **24** hours in advance and hotel's confirmation.

There may be seasonal changes and limitations because of weather conditions.

Some experiences have no transfer included. Consult our Experience Manager or the reception team.

For picnics and meals during the experiences, check availability with our Experience Manager or with the front desk team **24** hours in advance.

For bookings, please contact our Experience Manager through *experiences-vilamonte*@octanthotels.com

CANCELATION

In case of late cancellation of any experience or wellness treatment, part or all of the amount may be charged.

Cancellation up to 48 hours: free.

Cancellation up to **24** hours: **50%** of the experience's amount will be charged.

Cancellation less than **24** hours: the entire amount of the experience will be charged.



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