**L’Algarve e le sue spiagge - 5 giorni**

**Algarve and its beaches – 5 days**

**1st Day: faro – albufeira (45 km)**

Arrival in **Faro**, the gate of entrance for thse who arrive by plane, here in fact is the only airport of Algarve. Accommodation In hotel to **Albufeira**. Dinner and overnight. **Typical dishes**: “**carapausalimanos**” (boiled mackerel), “**sardinhaassada**”(sardine on the grill), “**arroz de polvo**”(octopus rice), “**Xerémcomconquilhas**”(a type of polenta with clams or sausages), “**Dom Rodrigo**” (typical cakes of Algarve with eggs and almonds, enclosed in paper colored cards).

**2nd Day: Albufeira**

Breakfast and a morning dedicated to the visit of **Albufeira**, one of the finest touristic centers of Portugal, with its typical white houses and the maze of thin streets. In that way you can admire the precious main monuments and points of interest of the city, of evident roman and Arabian science: from the **Tower of Relogio**, illuminated for the most important anniversaries with the support of the tower bell in wrought iron; to the Tower Bell of the Tower **Sineira**, 28 m tall; the **Church of Igreja Matriz**, in neo-classic style of the XVIII century, to the **Church of Sao Sebastiao**, situated in the square of Miguel Bombarda. Lunch and afternoon at disposal for a relax on the beaches, individual visits and shopping. The **beaches** gave international fame of **Albufeira**, departing from West, there is the **Praia dos Salgados** with dunes of white sand. Then are following beaches framed by rocks carved by erosion like the ones of **Gale, Castelo, Sao Rafael or Arrifes**. Dinner and overnight.

**3rd Day: Albufeira – Faro – Albufeira (90 km)**

After the breakfast, a departure to Faro. The day is dedicated to the visit of the city starting from the splendid historic center surrounded by antique walls; there are the **Gothic Cathedral Se**, the **PaçoEpiscopa** or the palace of the bishop, the Church od Saint Francesco, the Church of Saint Pietro, the Arch da Vila and gracious streets. The **Chapel Dos Ossos** is a place that distinguishes from the classic touristic itineraries. The rests of many people were deposited in this chapel, because the cemeteries once were found filled. The chapel is in the complex of the **Church of Carmo** and the bones are incorporated in the designs and ornaments of the structure of the same church. We proceed to **Jardim Manuel Biva**r and the elegant **Rua de Santo Antonio**, famous for shopping. Another interesting touristic point is the Square Alfonso III, where rises the majestic statue of the king, that remindes the conquer of the city in 1249. Another zone that must be mentioned is **Olhao**, famous for the typical gastronomy and concentration in the seafood specialties. Lunch and a free afternoon for the beach and shopping. **Beaches**: **Praia de Santa Eulalia** is a long an sand beach, awarded with the famous blue flag; **Praia da Falesia**, a long sand beach, fas breath-taking white and ocher cliffs, excavated from the time of intriguing shapes and beautiful pines. Return in hotel, dinner and overnight.

**4th Day: Albufeia – Sagres – Albufeira (170 km)**

After the breakfast, departure to **Sagres**, lively village of fishermen situated in the most western point of Algarve and famous for the cliffs that on sunset become pink and orange. It is worth to be noticed Ponta de **Sagres**, an enormous stone pointed to the ocean, that recalls the past of this port bonded to the era of the Portuguese Discoveries. The **Fortress** is very suggestive, constructed in the XV century and famous for the roses of the twenty traces on the soil with stones, of a diameter of 43 meters. The tour proceeds to **Cabo San Vicente**, where according the Romans was finishing the known world and that were calling the “Promostorium Sacrum”, from where you can admire the beauty of the lateral. **Curiosity**: the twenty constants are not letting to the plants to grow, creating like that an ambient that reflects the antique believing that it was the emd of the world. Lunch and an afternoon at disposal for visits, beaches and shopping. Return in the hotel, dinner and overnight.

**Typical drink**: the “Ginjinha” is a liquor of sour cherries (in Portuguese ginja) and sugar. It is served in a bowl with a peace of fruit in the bottom ()comelas.

**5th Day: Albufeira – Faro (45 km)**

Breakfast and free time for the last shoppings. Transfer to the airport for the return home.