

# PORTUGAL



## VILLA ACACIAS



### PRAIA DA LUZ LAGOS WESTERN ALGARVE



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# VILLA ACACIAS

Thank you for requesting information on our villa, which is our own, run by ourselves with the help of an excellent local management company.

We hope you are happy with what you see over the next few pages, Praia da Luz is a peaceful town in the Western Algarve. There are a variety of things to do for all ages in a historical and unspoilt setting.

Close by is the city of Lagos, at the entrance to the harbour is a 17th Century fortress, nearby there are some lovely beaches and small grottos. In the old part of the city there are a number of gift and craft shops to suit all tastes.

Further along the coastline there are the cities of Portimao and Albufeira to the east and Aljezur and Cape Vincent to the west.

Our villa is semi-detached with our own private swimming pool which is south facing allowing it to receive sunshine throughout the day. It sleeps 4-6 people, having 2 bedrooms, one with an ensuite bathroom, a sofa-bed is available if required.

The lounge is also south facing, has satellite T.V. and DVD player and an adjoining dining area seats 6 comfortably. Fully fitted kitchen with fridge/freezer, cooker, dishwasher and washing machine. There is also a toaster, coffee maker, juicer, cooking utensils and crockery.

You pay for the villa, NOT per person, so the more people in your party the cheaper your holiday.

Flights are not included in the price.

On the following pages we have tried to give you as much information as possible, but feel free to contact us for more details.

Happy viewing

Hild & Nigel Brown.



**Lounge area including Satellite T.V, DVD, CD Player, 3 piece leather suite and coffee table overlooking a south facing terrace**





**View of lounge and dining area.**



**Dining area including WiFi and PC**





**Front of Villa**



**Private Pool**



**Hallway with W.C. and view to lounge.**





**Kitchen, fully equipped with cooker,  
microwave, fridge-freezer and dishwasher.**







**2 bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and vanity unit. Bedroom 2 with separate shower room and vanity unit. Hairdryers provided in both bedrooms.**







**South facing covered terrace and patio area. Private pool which can be illuminated at night.**





**Private pool for sole use of guests  
South facing, so receives the sun  
throughout the day. Covered area for  
those who may require shade.**







**View from terrace.**







**South facing terrace with superb sea views.**





**Front Terrace**



**Patio doors from kitchen to front terrace.**



**There is ample parking facilities directly opposite the villa.**





The **"Blue Flag"** beach at Praia Da Luz which is a short 10 minute walk from the villa.





Our villa is looked after by a local family and is thoroughly cleaned during the week and after each set of guests have left. If further cleaning is required this can be arranged for a cost with either ourselves or our agent.

All bed linen and bath towels are provided but guests are asked to bring their own beach towels.



As well as our own private pool guests can enjoy the use of a complimentary Sat Nav.





# PLACES TO SEE, THINGS TO DO !!!

The peaceful town of Praia Da Luz with it's beautiful beach and sheltered cove is an ideal place to spend a relaxing holiday.

For the more active, a water sports school provides opportunities for sailing, diving, water skiing and windsurfing. There are also a number of golf courses nearby with the Boavista course only 3Km away from the villa.

The narrow streets lead up to a small town full of history, with the remains of a Roman villa and a 17th Century fortress, now a renowned restaurant.

A variety of shops are available including Supermarket Baptista which can deliver if required, but this would of course include a small delivery charge.

There is a Post Office and Bank in the town as well as the Luz Doc medical centre.



# LAGOS

The nearby city of Lagos with its fantastic marina and numerous restaurants is a short 10 minute drive from Luz.

Another place steeped in history which dates back to Henry The Navigator who had his ships built here for his voyages of discovery.

The city is full of atmosphere with its tiny shops and places of interest which include a modern auditorium, old city walls, museum and golden chapel.

Boats of all sizes can be chartered, boat trips to grottos and dolphin watch can be arranged from here.

There are plenty of regular buses and taxi services between Lagos and the town of Luz.

There is also a rail link from Lagos to Faro.

# NEARBY VILLAGES

The small friendly village of Burgau is to the West of Luz and lies on the edge of a National Park, ideal for nature lovers and walkers, also the coastal walks offer beautiful views.

A small market is held here each day.

Burgau has a lovely beach which also has a beach bar where you can relax and eat and drink right by the sea.

West of Burgau lies Salema, another village with a glorious beach and wonderful beach bar which specialises in fish dishes. There are several other beaches along this coast, many with beach bars. Surfers start from here and move up the Western coast where the waves are quite suitable for them.

Burgau and Salema are no more than a 15 minute car drive from the villa.

You will also be able to visit the most Westerly point in Europe, Cape St Vincent.



Inland is the town of Monchique located 450 metres above sea level in the mountain range, in the height of Summer, a cooler place to visit !

Cafes, craft shops and art galleries offer visitors things to do and the local restaurants offer the local speciality of chicken piri-iri.

In Summer, many places offer free tastings of Medronho, made by distilling fermented fruits of the strawberry tree.

Porches is famous for Algarve pottery, here you can see potters at work, painting plates and fruit bowls with sunflowers and grapes.

On a visit to Porches you can also visit the nearby "The Big One" theme park with its Raging Rapids, Flying Carpets and Crazy Leap Rides.

The park has the longest speed slide in the Algarve.

Portimao lies to the East of Luz and is a main fishing port, fishing trips are available from here.

River cruises to Silves and trips to explore the local caves and cliffs start from here. This is one of the best places to enjoy Algarvian seafood, especially sardines.

The popular resort of Albufeira lies a little further to the east and is full of boutiques, bars and restaurants, here is the centre of the tourist trade.

# ACTIVITIES



Golf is huge in the Algarve, there are over 21 golf complexes and 31 separate courses. Lessons are available from professionals on all courses and all are open to visitors.

Often a handicap certificate is required and there is an appropriate dress code on all courses. Soft spikes are obligatory.

Local courses to Luz are Boavista which is only a 5 minute drive from the villa and Palmares to the east of Lagos.



Many of the courses accept pre-booking from the U.K. and it is best to book tee off times at least 4 weeks in advance.

Course	Minimum Handicap Required		Journey Time from Praia da Luz (minutes approx)
	Male	Female	
Parque de Floresta	28	36	10
Boavista	28	34	10
Palmares	28	36	20
Penina	28	36	20
Alto	28	36	25
Vale da Pinta	27	35	25
Quinta da Gramacho	28	36	25
Salgados	28	36	30
Pine Cliffs	28	36	30
Vilhamora I II III	24	28	40
Laguna	28	36	40
Vila Sol	27	35	40
Millenium	24	28	45
Vale do Lobo	28	36	45
Quinta do Lago	28	36	45
San Lorenzo	28	36	50



Horse riding is available at the many Algarve riding centres two of which we have listed below.

### **Lagos**

**Tiffany's Riding Centre**  
**Vale Grifo, Almadena**  
**Tel. 282 697 395**



Tennis is another popular pastime in the Algarve and can be booked by the hour either with professional coaches or at one of the many private courts.



### **Lagos**

**Clube Ténis de Lagos (Lagos Tennis Club)**  
**Urbaniz Marina Sol**  
**Tel: 282 764297**





## **Burgau**

Centro Desportivo de Burgau

Budens

Tel: 282 697350

## **Silves**

**CÂMARA MUNICIPAL SILVES**

Largo do Município

8300- SILVES

Tel: 282 442 325



Another popular activity is scuba diving, and due to favourable conditions is available all the year round

**BLUE OCEAN DIVERS**  
[www.blue-ocean-divers.de](http://www.blue-ocean-divers.de)

**DIVE TIME**  
**INTERNATIONAL**

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Estrada de Porto de Mos  
Motel Ancora, Apartado  
789

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PORTUGAL

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### **Dive Time**

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8600-545 Lagos  
Portugal

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# AMUSEMENTS



Born in 1992, [Almancil Karting](#) is a leisure and competition complex, that's available for all lovers of the most accessible motor racing sport: Karting! Open the whole year, the Almancil Karting, inaugurated by Ayrton Senna, racetrack is a 760m length replica of the former F1 Brazilian racetrack, named Jacarepegua. The Almancil Karting receives over 250.000 visitors every year. Located in a Leisure Complex nearby Almancil, IP1 Highway, National Road EN125 and the Faro International Airport. Also, Almancil Karting is only 5 minutes away from the extraordinary Quinta do Lago and Vale do Lobo beaches.

It's the perfect place for spending quality time with your family and friends.



[Aqualand](#) Algarve, The Big One, is located in the central area of the Algarve, near the town of Alcantarilha (Armação de Pera), 15 Km from Albufeira. The park has water attractions for all tastes, some totally unique in the country, such as the Banzai, which give moments of pure adrenaline, joy, fun, adventure and relaxation.



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Algarve, Portugal.

Telephone: (351) 282 320 230 Fax: (351) 282 322 828





[Slide and Splash](#) is famous for the exciting Black Hole Whirlpool, and the park also has shops, bars and a restaurant.



**SLIDE & SPLASH**  
Estrada 125 - Vale De Deus  
Estombar  
P-8400 LAGOA  
PORTUGAL

Tel: (351) 282 341 685

Fax: (351) 282 341 826

[info@slidesplash.com](mailto:info@slidesplash.com)

[www.slidesplash.com](http://www.slidesplash.com)

[Atlantic Park](#) offers all sorts of twisting slides, even a 'twin' Kamikaze and the 'Rio Grande'. There's a deep diving pool for the brave, and a children's pool which allows parents to relax while the very young enjoy themselves.

Phone: +351-289 397 282

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[Krazy World](#) has been established for a number of years and has undergone many changes and improvements throughout this time. Some regular visitors to Algarve may remember it as Dutch Crazy Golf, American Krazy Golf or just Krazy Golf. Each year new attractions are added and services are improved.

Tél : (351) 282 574 134

Fax : (351) 282 574 898

[info@krazyworld.com](mailto:info@krazyworld.com)





**Zoomarine.** The main attraction are dolphins who give three shows a day in a large arena. The shows are roughly half an hour each, and there is enough of them to last

you a day. The shows are very entertaining and original, which makes it good value. It is possible to join dolphins in the water for a "dolphin experience" but you must pre-book. There are seals & sea lions also giving three shows a day and you can also see the aquarium with numerous sea creatures and small tiger sharks. There are also parrot shows, a play area, theme rides and a swimming pool. Zoo Marine is situated on the E125 near Albufeira on the left hand side. There is a loop road which allows you to cross the road and join traffic going in the opposite direction.



### **ZOOMARINE**

**EN 125 Km 65 - Guia**

**P-8200-864 ALBUFEIRA**

**Tel: (351) 289 560 30**

**Fax: (351) 289 560 309**

**[algarve@zoomarine.com](mailto:algarve@zoomarine.com)**

**[www.zoomarine.com](http://www.zoomarine.com)**

# SHOPPING

## Leather Goods.

Bags, shoes and belts can be purchased everywhere from markets to trendy boutiques, usually at much lower prices than the U.K.

## Pottery.

Souvenir shops in lots of resorts sell attractive ranges of pottery. Many shops along the coastal road will even pack your purchases carefully for you to carry them home.

## Fashion and Beauty.

The Algarve has numerous spas, beauticians, and fashion boutiques which are often much less expensive than the U.K.

## Drinks.

There is no limit to what can be taken home for personal consumption and the prices of wines, spirits, liquers and cigarettes are cheaper than the U.K.

## Local Liquers.

Licor Beirao (a subtle blend of herbs with an aniseed flavour.)  
Brandy Mel ( a mixture of local "firewater" and honey.)  
Amarguinha (made from almond essence.)

# RESTAURANTS

## Restaurants in Praia da Luz

The village and beach is a 10 minute walk down the hill.

Walk out of the Villa das Acacias complex.

Turn right and then immediately left, walk down the hill.

At the bottom of the hill you will see the 'Credito Agricola' bank to your left and the church immediately in front of you

### Restaurante 'Dolphino'

Tel. No. 282 789 992

This is a very nice restaurant run by a South African couple. It has a very good reputation and is often booked out in advance. Turn right in front of the church, walking past the 'Bull' pub. Follow round the corner to the left and the restaurant is directly ahead of you.



### 'Fortalenza' Restaurant

Tel. No. 282 789 926

This restaurant has been converted out of the old fort.

Excellent ocean views from the dining verandah. Walk past the church to your left.

The restaurant entrance is to your right.



### 'A Concha' Restaurant

Tel. No. 282 788 584

This is one of several restaurants located on the small front promenade overlooking the beach and ocean.

Walk down the street past the church on your left.

At the bottom, turn left and walk along the promenade.



## **'Paraiso' Café Bar**

**Situated directly on the beach.**

**Good for lunch but gets a little busy with families in the evening**

**Walk down the street past the church on your left.**

**At the bottom, turn left and walk along the promenade.**

**The 'Paraiso' will be in front of you at the end of the promenade.**

## **'Habana Bar and Grill'**



**Situated next to the 'Paraiso Café Bar'**

**Good for breakfast and light lunches**

**Walk down the street past the church on your left.**

**At the bottom, turn left and walk along the promenade to the end.**





Set out below are details and driving directions of restaurants we have used for either lunch or dinner within the local area.

In the majority of cases it is necessary to either call in or telephone at least one day in advance to make a reservation for dinner. If telephoning, remember to prefix any telephone number with the international code for Portugal '00 351' when using a UK registered mobile. Parking is relatively easy at most restaurants but can be difficult in Lagos at peak times

All restaurants feature meat, fish and vegetarian meals including Portuguese dishes

### 'Do Cais Bar and Bistro'

(Lagos Marina: 15 minutes driving time)

Tel. No. 282 792 037

A good, informal lunch menu. Very good dinner menu. Very good value house wine complimented by excellent service. Overlooks the Marina.

### **Directions:**

- Turn left out of Vila das Acacias. Drive up road
- Turn left at island
- Turn right at traffic lights onto 'N125' towards Lagos driving through 3 sets of traffic lights passing Boavista Golf Club to the right
- Straight across next island
- Turn left at next island
- Straight on at next island (chair sculpture in the middle)
- Straight on at next island driving over the estuary bridge (Marina to your right)
- Turn right at next two islands.
- Continue down road and park anywhere on the right after driving around the bend to the left or across the way in the railway station. You are now at the back of the main Marina building.

**Walk through the passageway onto the Marina.**

**Turn right and 'Do Cais' is the last restaurant on your right-hand side.**

## **'Linda - The Beach Bar'**

**(Meia Praia Beach, Lagos: 15 minutes)**

**Tel. No. 282 792 146**



**A lovely beach bar right on the sand of 'Meia Praia' beach. Very good for either lunch or dinner.**

**Particularly nice for dinner, reserve a table on the outside deck overlooking the bay on a summer's evening.**

### **Directions:**



- Turn left out of Villa das Acacias. Drive up road
- Turn left at island
- Turn right at traffic lights onto 'N125' towards Lagos driving through 3 sets of traffic lights passing Boavista Golf Club to the right, straight across next island
- Turn left at next island
- Straight on at next island (chair sculpture in the middle)
- Straight on at next island driving over the estuary bridge (Marina to your right)
- Turn right at next two islands.
- Continue down the road following bend to left, past the back of the Marina to your right and railway station to your left.
- Take the second left into the station car park and an immediate right. Drive down this road, the railway line is to your left and a boatyard to your right. Follow the road around to the right
- Turn onto a red dirt track just in front of a small disused building, follow the track up to the left over a small rise  
The rear of 'Linda's Bar' is immediately in front of you.

## 'Borsalino - Spaghetteria Bar'

(Lagos: 10 minutes)

Tel. No. 282 782 417

Closed on Sundays

This is a small and cheap but very popular Italian restaurant set in a residential area of Lagos. Used by local people.

A very extensive menu is complimented by a bistro style restaurant. Excellent food and cheap wine. There is a small terrace outside the restaurant which is used for dining during the hot summer months

Directions;

- Turn left out of Villa das Acacias. Drive up road
- Turn left at island
- Turn right at traffic lights onto 'N125' towards Lagos driving through 3 sets of traffic lights passing Boavista Golf Club to the right
- Straight across next island
- Turn left at next island
- Straight on at next island (chair sculpture in the middle)
- Pass 'Lidl' supermarket to your left
- Turn right at next island and almost immediately first left  
The restaurant is to your left occupying the ground corner floor of a block of residential apartments



## Restaurante 'Florestal'

(Barao San Joao: 15 minutes)

Tel. No. 282 687 204

Closed for dinner on Sunday and all day Monday

This is situated about 6 miles inland in the National Forest. It was featured in the 'Daily Mail' travel section as one of the best restaurants in Portugal (April 2005). Reserve a table on the outside dining terrace in the summer months which overlooks the forest and the valley below. Good for lunch and especially dinner. Excellent service. Not the easiest of restaurants to find but well worth the effort.

### Directions:

- Turn left out of Villa das Acacias. Drive up road
- Turn left at island
- Turn right at traffic lights onto 'N125' towards Lagos
- A few metres down the road turn left at next traffic lights towards the village of 'Espiche'
- Follow the road immediately to the left and then to the right, passing the 'Ninfa' Bar on your right
- Just ahead is a fork in the road. Take the right hand fork which is poorly signposted 'Barao S. Joao'
- Continue straight on for several km on a single track road
- You will arrive at a 'T' junction. Turn right
- Take first left into Barao San Joao, drive up the narrow road through the village. This road runs directly into a red dirt track as you enter the National Park.
- Drive directly on up the hill, take the first left after which you should see the sign for the restaurant, continue down this track. The restaurant will be directly in front of you

## 'Cachoa Restaurant and Art Gallery'

(Lagos: 10 minutes by car)

Tel. No. 282 782 822

Open Sunday to Wednesday, dinner only.

No credit cards.

A favourite restaurant. Go early during your stay and it is likely you will go back a second time. Set beautifully in the valley between Luz and Lagos. A lovely setting both inside and outside of the restaurant. An excellent menu complimented by attentive service. Reserve a table on the terrace during warm summer evenings. It is recommended that you DO BOOK for this restaurant.

### Directions:

- Turn left out of Villa das Acacias. Drive up road
- Turn left at island
- Turn right at traffic lights onto 'N125' towards Lagos
- Continue through two sets of traffic lights
- At the next set of traffic lights turn left  
(signed Acceso Locale...Luz is signed to the right)
- Follow the road sharply to the right. About 20 metres turn left immediately in front of a small whitewashed cottage
- Drive down this very narrow lane for a third of a kilometre  
(take care for any on-coming traffic)
- You will see a large blue sign for 'Cachoa' on your left.  
Turn down this track.
- At the bottom of the track turn left into the gravel car park. The restaurant is situated up a short flight of steps

## **'Burgau Beach Bar and Restaurant'**

**(Burgau: 5 minutes by car)**

**Tel. No. 282 697 553**

**Closed Monday evenings**

**No credit cards**

**This is situated directly on Burgau beach. Light lunches and a mainly fresh fish menu for dinner. Very popular and almost impossible to enjoy dinner without making a prior reservation.**

**Directions:**

- **Turn right out of Villa das Acacias**
- **Drive straight onto Burgau village for approximately 3 km**
- **As you approach the staggered crossroads in the village, park anywhere in this area.**
- **Walk down the steep hill (signed 'Praia') for two minutes until you reach the beach, turn right, the beach bar is in front of you**
- **There is a one way traffic system in the village, you can drive down to the beach and park but there are limited spaces.**

## 'Cabanos Velhos Beach Bar and Restaurant'

(Burgau: 7 minutes by car)

This is a recently constructed restaurant situated directly on Cabanas beach. Very nicely furnished and offers a good menu. Tables available inside and on the wooden decking overlooking the ocean.

Directions;

- Turn right out of Villa das Acacias
- Drive straight onto Burgau village for approximately 3 km
- As you approach the staggered crossroads in the village continue straight on past building work either side of the road
- Continue on a narrow road for approximately 4 kilometres Take first but very secluded left turning onto track which leads down to Cabanas beach. This can be easily missed. The brown signpost for the beach is facing the other direction



## Restaurants in the Historic Quarter of Lagos

(Lagos: 15 minutes by car or taxi)

There are many individual shops, restaurants and bars set within the historic district. This is a small but fairly hilly part of Lagos which rises up from the water opposite the Marina area. All restaurants are situated within a short walk of each other but the narrow streets can be confusing at times. Ask for directions. They are all well known to the locals.

### 'Restaurante Dos Artistas'

Tel. No. 282 760 659

Closed on Sundays

Excellent food and service. Perhaps the best restaurant within the historic quarter. A little more expensive than the norm but well worth it. Reserve a table on the inner outside courtyard to the rear of the restaurant during the summer months.

### 'O Cantinho Do Mar' Restaurant

Tel.No. 282 767 722

This is a small Portuguese restaurant of about 8 tables. Very cheap but excellent menu served by a team of pleasant waiters. Situated in a small side street almost directly opposite the 'O Dom Henrique' restaurant.

## 'O Dom Henrique' Restaurant

A modern but very friendly restaurant. Good menu.

## 'O Navigadores' Restaurant (The Navigator)

An excellent restaurant. Good menu with plenty of choice available. Reserve a table on the top floor overlooking 'Meia Praia' beach and the local coastline.

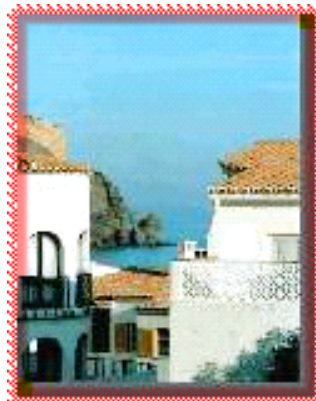
Directions to the Historic Quarter:

- Turn left out of Villa das Acacias. Drive up road, turn left at island
- Turn right at traffic lights onto 'N125' towards Lagos driving through 3 sets of traffic lights passing Boavista Golf Club
- Straight across next island. Continue ahead
- Straight across next island passing the 'Intermarche' supermarket on your right
- Straight on through traffic lights. follow the road onwards straight on past two road islands, the road eventually drops left down the hill...you will see a beach and Lagos bay
- You have now entered the main thoroughfare in Lagos, the 'Avianda do Doscombrimentos' (Waterside Way), you will see parking on your right on this road. Park anywhere along here but try to get as near to the 'Repsol' petrol station/taxi rank as you can. The garage is to be found about half way down the 'Avianda do Doscombrimentos' to your left. Parking is free after 7.00 p.m.
- To walk into the historic quarter, pass left of the 'Repsol' garage and walk along the road a very short way until you come upon the taxi rank, turn right, keeping the Post Office to your left. Keep straight on for 20m and you will enter one of the squares. The restaurants continue up the hill in the narrow streets off the square in front of you and to your right.

# Praia da Luz

## Resort Information

*'Praia de Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Luz' is the historical name of the village which meant 'the beach of the church of Our Lady of the light'. Thankfully, this has since been shortened to 'Praia da Luz', which had its origins as a fishing village.*



### Praia da Luz

*Today, Praia da Luz is a small village resort situated on the western Algarve, four miles from Lagos. Transfer by car from Faro Airport takes approximately 50 minutes. Luz is a resort which retains the charm and character of a Portuguese village and yet offers many outstanding facilities for the holiday-maker and golfer to enjoy.*

### Map of the Western Algarve



*Behind the beach and promenade, streets of white painted houses wander back to the village centre. The restaurants of the village cater for a wide range of tastes and budgets, ranging from traditional Portuguese cuisine to more international fayre. The nightly promenade alongside the beach to choose a menu is almost as much a part of the evening meal itself. Should you choose to stay within the house to eat, you will find that a wide range of ingredients are available within the village itself. Praia da Luz has five supermarkets, a butcher and a baker. Fresh fish, vegetables and baked bread are available each morning in the local market and commercial centre, often at prices you will find hard to believe when compared to those in the UK.*

*Praia da Luz is renowned for its safe sandy beach and provision of a wide variety of water sports including sailing, wind surfing, water skiing and diving.*

### *The Beach at*

### *Praia da Luz*



*Mention sport in the Algarve and it is golf which springs immediately to mind. Praia da Luz is only a ten minute drive from the breathtaking Parque da Floresta course with its demanding mountain terrain. Only a little further away is the Boavista course and to the east of Lagos is the Palmeras course. Unique for its blend of character, this 18 hole links course rises from coastal dunes to hilltop woodland. Other popular and demanding courses in the vicinity include Pestana as well as Penena. Please note that all Algarvian golf courses are pre-bookable, often require proof of a handicap certificate and demand the use of soft spikes whilst playing. A comprehensive list of available golf courses can be found overleaf.*

*A hire car collected from, and returned to Faro airport is a great way to explore the local area including:*



*The beaches, for which the Algarve is particularly well-known both on the traditional south coast and along the west coast*

*The historic town of Lagos is only 4 miles away with its marina, restaurants, bars and shopping opportunities. There are regular buses and taxi services between the village centre and the town*

*Silves and its 14 century Moorish fort*

*Cabo San Vicente (Cape St. Vincent), which is the most westerly point of Europe*

*Monchique, which was founded by the Romans and is a particularly attractive spa town within a mountain setting*

*Porches which is well known for its production of local pottery*

*Weekend markets, particularly the one at Loulé each Saturday morning*

*Lisbon is a 3 hour drive to the north, mostly via motorway. This can also be easily accessed via a high speed train link which runs from a local station Tunes. A connection to Tunes can be taken from Lagos which makes a day visit to Lisbon a real possibility. Lagos station is located at the rear of the Lagos Marina. You are advised to reserve your train tickets at least 24 hours in advance*

*Seville is 3 hour drive, mostly via motorway. The Spanish border is approximately one and a half hour's drive from Praia da Luz*

*The market town of Aljuzer which is about 30 minutes to the north of Praia da Luz*

### **Banks & Money Exchange**

Actually there is only one bank in Praia da Luz.

It is called Crédito Agrícola you can find it along the main cobbled road about 100m or so in the direction of Lagos from the Church. Look out for a fountain on the other side of the road. The Bank is not actually that obvious but the first thing you'll see is the ATM machine outside. The staff are very helpful and speak excellent English. Like any bank they will change traveler's cheques or sterling, but do make sure you understand what rate you're getting and ask what commission will be charged. The Bank has an ATM machine outside, remember your pin number as the bank has no over the counter facilities for credit card transactions. It is worth noting that in peak season this machine is often empty especially at weekends, so don't rely on it!

**Opening Hours: 9am - 3pm Monday to Friday Closed on Public holidays.**

If you find yourself short of Euros, most Bars & Restaurants will accept sterling or travelers cheques (with passport), their rate will be less than the Banks but they shouldn't charge commission.

### **The Post Office**

Luz has a fully modern air-conditioned post office with all the usual facilities, there is a bank of phone booths as well as a stamp machine outside. You'll find it 100m or so on from the bank along the cobbled road in the Lagos direction. Look for the Red sign Correio. The external post box marked Resto do pais e Estrangeiro is the one to put your post cards in!!

**Opening hours: 9am - 12.30pm & 2.30pm - 6pm Monday - Friday Closed on Public Holidays.**

### **Medical & Emergency services**

Should you be unfortunate enough to fall ill or have an accident whilst on holiday in Praia da Luz there is a very efficient and modern medical center located 70m or so from the Church on the Burgau road.

At LUZDOC the staff are all multilingual and there is a highly qualified team of medical professionals available at any time of day or night. They also have a sister facility in Lagos, for in-patient referrals. For more information have a look at their webpage.

**24 hour Emergency no: LuzDoc 917 811 988**

The moral here is to make sure that you & your family are covered by Insurance!! If you don't have insurance you can always go to the Hospital in Lagos, take your passport and present yourself in the Accident & Emergency department, don't expect it to be like anything your used to, it's pretty basic and always busy!! But the treatment is modern and there is nearly always an English speaking doctor to hand.

# AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

Average temp.	Days without rain	
15.5°	January	22
16.6°	February	17
18.6°	March	20
20.6°	April	22
23.7°	May	25
26.7°	June	29
29.8°	July	31
29.8°	August	31
26.7°	September	27
23.7°	October	23
18.6°	November	19
16.6°	December	20
22.3°	<i>Average/Total</i>	286

# 13 VILLA DAS ACACIAS

## RENTAL PRICES 2011

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rental Per Week</u>
Jan, Feb,	£350
March	£375
April,	£400
May (inc Whitsun)	£500
June	£600
July, August	£725
Sept	£600
October	£500
Nov, December	£350
Xmas, New Year, Easter	£550

Central heating optional at £30 a week or £50 a fortnight.

### DEPOSIT

£100 a week ( non-refundable if booking cancelled )

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£100 security in case of any losses or damage  
( refunded if applicable after your holiday )

### BOOKING

Tel. Hild Brown on 01746 861208 or 07989 321758 with  
required dates, or contact the web site at [www.villa4hire.com](http://www.villa4hire.com)



# Booking Terms & Conditions

## 1 General

1.2 All bookings accepted are subject to these terms and conditions.

1.3 All prices stated are in UK Pounds Sterling or Euros.

## 2 Booking procedure and payment terms

2.1 Once your booking has been confirmed, a non-refundable deposit of £100 or 150 euros per week will be required to secure your dates.

2.2 The rental balance will be due 12 weeks before your departure. If your departure date is less than 3 months away, the full rental balance will be due as soon as your booking has been confirmed.

2.3 Prior to departure, we require a cheque for the sum of £100 or 175 euros. This represents a security deposit and will be refunded after your vacation pending a satisfactory inspection.

## 3 Cancellations

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU TAKE OUT HOLIDAY INSURANCE TO COVER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY NECESSITATE CANCELLATION OF YOUR HOLIDAY

3.1 The client may cancel the holiday booked at any time after it has been confirmed. Cancellations must be in writing.

3.2 We reserve the right to cancel the holiday if payment has not been received in accordance with clauses 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 above.

3.3 The following cancellation charges will apply to all rentals cancelled in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 3.2 above.

Any cancellations - loss of rental deposit

30 to 60 days - 50% of total rental

Within 30 days - 100% of total rental

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY REFUNDS OTHER THAN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE!

WE WILL HOWEVER BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE PROOF OF PAYMENT FOR YOUR HOLIDAY INSURANCE CLAIMS.

## **4 Accommodations**

4.1 The accommodation provided is only for the use of persons named by the client on the booking form, subletting, sharing or assigning is prohibited.

4.2 The property will be available to clients after 2 p.m. Portuguese time on the day of arrival unless otherwise agreed. All accommodation must be vacated by 10 a.m. Portuguese time on the day of departure.

4.3 An adult must accompany persons under the age of 18.

4.4 We will not be liable for any loss or injury resulting from the use of the property and pool.

4.5 Swimming pools are dangerous and ours is not to be used by children without adult supervision.

4.6 While in normal circumstances you will be accommodated in the home of your choice, we reserve the right to substitute accommodation of a similar or higher standard should this be operationally necessary.

## **5 Complaints**

5.1 In the unlikely event that the client has any reason for complaint or dissatisfaction, they must contact the local Management Company caring for the property in Portugal immediately so that remedial action may be taken. Details of how to contact the management company will be found in the accommodation.

## **6 Smoking**

6.1 For the comfort and safety of clients and guests, smoking is not permitted in the homes.

## **7 Animals and Pets**

7.1 Animals and Pets are not permitted in the Homes. This condition is strictly enforced.