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This route takes us back to Odeceixe beach, this time on the southern shore, in the lands of the Algarve. We set off to walk further kilometers of fishermen trails, crossing irrigated fields and the coastal heathland, on the way to Aljezur.

Before leaving Odeceixe, do not forget to go to the mill, one of the few that is still in operation and can be visited. Around it, wooden walkways and benches invite you to sit and take in the village houses, the Seixe stream mouth and the Mediterranean shrubs on the south-facing slopes - a treat for the eyes!










The floodplains lie on the banks of the stream, where on days of heavy rain, the water that collects in the banks will go on to be store and build deep and fertile soils. During the rest of the year, the water from the flood is efficiently used to grow vigorous crops and pastures. Some of these banks still remain in their wild state, occupied by reeds and rushes. These are environments rich in birds, like the grey heron and the great egret.

In the sand dunes there are abundant aromatic shrubs such as juniper, shrubby everlasting, camphor thyme (endemic to this coast), lavender and rosemary. These plants, although specially adapted to the arid environment of the tops of the cliffs, have some difficulty in dealing with the invasion of exotic species such as acacia and the hottentot-fig. In the wettest places, where the water reaches almost the surface, the marshes covered with rushes provide habitat to the most endangered rodent in Europe, the cabrera's vole.

The agricultural fields that play a dominant role along this route make a harmonious mosaic of small clumps of pine, eucalyptus or cork oak forests, with marshes (wetlands) and water lines. Temporary ponds and agricultural ponds also add to this landscape, a mosaic that houses breathtaking biodiversity.

In the avifauna, it is worth noting the presence of the tawny and meadow pipits, carrion crow, zitting cisticola, shrikes, woodpecker, corn-bunting, Eurasian nuthatch, linnets, European crested tit and the ciril bunting. Hidden in the woods, the birds of prey go out to hunt in the open fields. This is the case of the short-toed snake eagle or the black-winged kite.

RULES & RECOMMENDATIONS

-  The trails cross sensitive areas of the Southwest Alentejo and Vicentina Coast Natural Park. Maximum of 20 people per group.
-  Only for hikers. The circulation of vehicles on the dunes is prohibited.
-  It is forbidden to camp along the entire Fishermen's Trail. Look for authorized camping grounds.
-  Trail with some degree of difficulty are not recommended for people with vertigo or fear of heights.
-  The cliffs are in a constant process of erosion. Walking along them be careful of the danger of falling.
-  Respect Nature. Do not collect or disturb animals, plants or rocks.
-  Trails without WC, bring a bag and leave the paths clean.
-  Keep your dog on a leash and clean up after it.
-  Prepare your hike well, don't run any risks from lack of preparation or planning.

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ODECEIXE » ALJEZUR

FISHERMAN`S TRAIL | 22.5 KM

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DESCRIPTION OF ROUTE

Leave the main road by following Rua da Praia. Continue walking along a dirt road, leading through a heart of the floodplain. The route then follows an asphalt road to the Odeceixe beach. Here you can have a coffee and enjoy the view of this beach, considered one of the wonders of Portugal. Afterwards, keep walking along the road until you reach a large parking lot. Then, follow the path to the right, leading to the south. From here onwards, you will be walking along the coast with plenty of opportunities to appreciate the cliffs and the breathtaking views.

After crossing two water lines, you will reach the deep ravine of Maria Vinagre. Here, the trail leads away from the coast via a small road. After a little more than 1 km, at a fork, turn right to cross the ravine. Soon after, you will turn right again and walk towards the coast, leaving the Circular Route. Enjoy another beautiful section of the Fishermen's Trail to the village of Estibeira. Then, turn inland and go towards the village of Rogil, following an agricultural path. After reaching Rogil, continue south towards Aljezur and follow the signs of the Historical Way.



FACT SHEET

Distance: 22.5 km

Approximate duration: 7 h

Accumulated climb: 150 m

Accumulated descent: 150 m

Difficulty level: Average

Max. / Min. Altitude: 90 m / 10 m

Recommended season September to June

Where to start?

Odeceixe: beginning of Rua do Rio, going to Largo 1º de Maio (main square of Odeceixe).

Aljezur: in front of the Municipal Market, then follow the Historical Way.

Important warnings

Between the village of Odeceixe and the beach, the route follows along the road. Be careful.

From Rogil, this route coincides with the

Historical Way. Therefore you will follow the red and white marks.

This section overlaps with other routes. Pay attention to the signs.

Tips

Refreshments along the way: At 3 km on the beach of Odeceixe, between April and September.

Stay another night in Odeceixe: Enjoy the Circular Routes in this area and spend some more time in Odeceixe.

