



LET YOURSELF BE GUIDED BY THE
WATER THAT SHAPED THE ALGARVENSIS
GEOPARK - FROM THE SEA TO THE HEART
OF THE EARTH.”

In Salir, follow the tracks left by the
Metoposaurus in the former primary school and,
at Pirineu, discover why 80 million years of rock
appear to have mysteriously vanished.
End this magnificent journey at Fonte Benémola,
a natural sanctuary that breathes peace and life,
and refresh yourself in its crystal-clear waters.

ROUTE MELODY OF THE WATER

Start at the old fish market in Quarteira, where you can
be enchanted by six thousand years of stories of people
connected to the sea and the land. Follow the Ribeira de
Quarteira to Cerro da Vila, where water once nurtured
village life, trade, and the famous garum. In Loulé Velho,
we invite you to imagine life in the now-submerged Roman
settlement, a mirror of a coastline that continues to shift.
At Ancão, observe the fossil sea cliff marking the end of
the Ice Age and explore the Ria Formosa, a living mosaic
of channels, dunes, salt pans, and extraordinary biodiversity.
In Loulé, feel the pulse of the Cultural Quarter and visit
the museum, where the fossil of the iconic Metoposaurus
algarvensis takes the spotlight. Then climb the castle tower
for a view of the Sanctuary of Mãe Soberana, the largest
Marian religious celebration in the South.
Descend into the depths of the Rock Salt Mine,
where crystals sparkle, formed 230 million
years ago in the ancient Tethys Sea.



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