

Faro Marina

Your first marvel, **the Marina** is a popular meeting point trimmed with cafes, where you can take a boat trip into the Ria Formosa.

Watch the world pass you by with a craft imperial at *Boheme: Be Here For A Beer*. Next door, *Fresh Mix*, does dangerously good ice cream for **only 3 euros** a cone.

Feeling fancy? Sail up to *Hotel Eva's* rooftop bar – before the sun hits the horizon – for the best cocktails in town.

- 📍 Faro Marina
- 📍 Boheme
- 📍 Fresh Mix Faro
- 📍 Eva Senses Hotel



Mercado Municipal

If you've got an appetite, don't skip the *Mercado Municipal* in the city centre.

Not only can you get the most fragrant coffee, but it boasts a teeming indoor market. Taste sunshine from fruit stalls with seasonal favourites from southern Portugal like peaches and persimmons.

Or zig-zag indoors to **Lote 56**, and stuff your cheeks. A wedge of corn cake with a bica? Yes, please!

📍 [Mercado Municipal de Faro](#)



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Faro Old Town

Start your day with a café at **Ponto Espresso** outside Faro Old Town's walls. Pair with a sweet and savoury pastry and you're eating a traditional Portuguese breakfast.

Minutes away, the Old Town suits a post-breakfast wander. Travel through time under **Porta Nova** beside the **Ria Formosa**, or through the splendid **Arco da Vila** crowned with stork nests.

In a corner of town as legendary as the Romans, it's crazy to think **Faro survived a land-shattering earthquake** too. So it deserves a place on your Portugal itinerary.

- 📍 Ponto Espresso Faro
- 📍 Rua da Porta Nova
- 📍 Arco da Vila



The Arco Da Vila in Faro, Portugal
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Faro Beach

Faro Beach is one of 5 islands that make up the *Ria Formosa* including **Ilha Deserta** and **Culatra Island**.

With favourable public transport, you can take a *30-minute ferry* from Faro Marina for **2 euros**. Or escape the city roads with the 16 or 14 bus for **2.35 euros**. Buses are about hourly from October onwards.

In autumn, sensational sunsets tint the ocean with pearly opalescence. So unsurprisingly, it's a year-round destination for all.

If you want to lose the crowds but avoid getting stranded, **rent a bicycle from Faro** and travel the 6 kilometres with ease. It's 100 percent worth the ride, taking you deep into *the heart of the Ria Formosa* lagoon: Faro glittering in the distance like a mirage.

📍 [Praia de Faro](#)

