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## Tips for travellers

### Transports:

The Organization Committee will guarantee, free of charge, all transports between Zoomarine and Hotel Montechoro ([www.hotelmontechoro.pt](http://www.hotelmontechoro.pt)), the hotel we recommend to the participants. Negotiations are taking place to provide organized and sponsored transportation between Faro's International Airport and the Hotel (and vice-versa). On the website we will keep you up to date on the outcome of the negotiations.

In the Algarve, public transportation is scarce. Nevertheless, you might want to know that some buses are available, with the bus station located just two miles from the hotel.

Trains (very few, though...) are also available, within the Algarve, during the day, at very low rates. You can find more information at <http://www.cp.pt/> (click in the Union Jack for information in English).

Taxis are abundant; the fares depend on the number of miles/kilometres and not on the duration of travel. Thus, you should enquire about the price to your destination prior to initiating travel.

Tipping is at the customer's discretion.

Car Rental: In order to take advantage of special rates, we recommend that you contact the Local Organizing Committee in advance (which are valid before and after the conference and include unlimited mileage and liability insurance).

### Documents:

European Union residents will only require their ID card in order to travel and stay in Portugal.

If you are not a EU resident, do not forget your passport. Residents from USA do not require a VISA.

## **Hotel:**

The organization has chosen Hotel Montechoro (<http://www.hotelmontechoro.pt/>) due to its quality, location and the very special rates (43,5 and 54 euros, for a single and a double room, respectively). Should you wish to extend your stay in the Algarve (and we do recommend it!), you can take advantage of special rates that will apply before and after the conference.

## **Weather and Clothing:**

Due to our location, we are quite confident we will welcome you with very good weather (considering it will be Spring...).

Between April 17-19, you might experience some "light rain" and "some clouds" - but the temperatures should range between 18°C and 23°C.

Considering the above, warmer clothes might be useful specially at nighttime.

If you need details or confirmation, we recommend the following websites:

- <http://www.weather-forecast.com/locations/Faro.1to3.shtml>
- <http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/08554.html>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/5day.shtml?world=0047&links>

## **Meals:**

During RIOS, day-time meals will be included (coffee-breaks and lunches). A Gala Dinner will be offered by Zoomarine (April 18th).

Should you stay a little longer, do remember that, while in Portugal, you should not miss the opportunity to taste the typical Portuguese cuisine (one of the best, in the world). Most restaurants offer a wide variety of menus and good wine selections. The sea food (fish and shellfish), in Algarve, is excellent. Meat and fish are usually grilled over charcoal. Like food, the wines are some of the best in the world... Please note that prices on menus can be per kilo (specially if you are ordering fish). Vegetarians: We will make sure you can always find something suitable and... tasty!

## **Money and Banking Services:**

Portugal handles Euros, of course.

All banks are open from 8h30 to 15h00 (no lunch break), except on weekends and holidays.

All banks exchange traveller's cheques and Eurocheques. If you are arriving from outside Europe or from the UK, have your passport with you whenever cashing travellers cheques. You can use major credit cards in any ATM (in portuguese, "MULTIBANCO"); for safety reasons, only Euro 400 can be withdrawn per day.

## **Tours:**

The Algarve offers special tourism opportunities. For more information about excursions (pre- and post-workshop; for companions), please contact us so that we can recommend you some of the best locations and traditions of the Algarve (and Portugal).

Please be aware the tourist programmes are not included in the Conference Budget.

## **Outdoors Activities:**

Beach and swimming clothing are a must! If you have time, of course...

Golf lovers are encouraged to bring their equipment (albeit rentals are also an easy and cheap option) as they would not want to miss (time permitting!...) the opportunity to play in some of the best golf courses in the World!

## **Internet Access**

Zoomarine still does not have wireless internet. However, computers will be available, for your convenience, during the entire workshop.

## **Zoomarine:**

You're welcome at Zoomarine, any day, any time. So are your companions.

For admission, simply present your identification badge at the park's reception office. If you need transportation to Zoomarine after the Workshop (the Workshop will be held at Zoomarine), just ask at the the Hotel desk for the time schedule of the next bus (Zoomarine's...) leaving from Hotel Montechoro. Do not forget to confirm the return schedule (usually, at the beginning of every hour).

## **Contacts:**

Should need any assistance, please do not hesitate in contacting our Local Organizing Committee, which will be readily accessible through the phones:

- Marco Bragança: +351 96 194 86 06;
- Élio Vicente: + 351 966 966 540.

## **How to get to Albufeira**

From: Lisbon International Airport (approx. 270 km)

By car:

Head towards "Ponte Vasco da Gama", A12 highway, and follow the Algarve direction signs. Enter the A2 highway and drive to the end of this highway, a 240 km run. At the end of the A2 highway (near Paderne), enter the A22 highway (Via do Infante) and follow the Portimão/Albufeira direction, leaving this road toward the Abufeira exit.

When entering the IC1 road, drive for 1,4 km and follow the direction to Albufeira (road 395)/Faro (road E.N.125), entering in the E.N 125 road towards Faro. Ignore the Albufeira/Ferreiras (road 395) exit. 3 km after this exit, on the first trafic lighths, change direction to your right (Montechoro/Albufeira), following the Albufeira direction road signs. After driving for more 3,5 km, you will find Albufeira.

By bus:

The "Gare do Oriente" bus station is located 5 minutes away from the Lisbon Airport. Take a taxi to this bus station. Take the train towards Albufeira (Ferreiras's train station). When arriving to Albufeira, take a taxi to the desired hotel.

By train:

The train station "Gare do Oriente" is located 5 minutes away from the Lisbon Airport. Take a taxi at the airport and go to this train station. Take the train towards Albufeira (Ferreiras's train station). When arriving, take a taxi to your hotel

From: Oporto International Airport (approx. 540 km)

By car:

Leave the Oporto airport and follow the A1 highway in the direction of Lisboa Sul/Freixo. Drive through the A1 highway to Lisbon. Near Lisbon take the "Ponte Vasco da Gama" exit, A12 highway, and follow the Algarve direction signs.

Enter the A2 highway and drive to the end of this runway, a 240 km run. At the end of the A2 highway (near Paderne), enter the A22 highway (Via do Infante) and follow the Portimão/Albufeira direction, leaving this road in the Abufeira exit.

When entering the IC1 road, drive for 1,4 km and follow the direction to Albufeira (road 395)/Faro (road E.N.125), entering in the E.N 125 road towards Faro. Ignore the Albufeira/Ferreiras (road 395) exit. 3 km after this exit, on the first traffic lights change direction to your right (Montechoro/Albufeira), following the Albufeira direction road signs. After driving for more 3,5 km, you will find Albufeira.

By train:

Take a taxi from the Oporto's Airport to the "Campanhã" train station. Take the train towards Albufeira (Ferreiras's train station - in some scheduals transbording in Lisbon is necessary).

When arriving, take a taxi to your hotel.

From: Faro International Airport (approx. 45 km)

By car:

Follow through road EN 125 towards Portimão. After driving for about 30 km, at the intersection that has traffic lights, you should change your direction to the left, following the Montechoro/Albufeira signs. After driving for about 3,5 km, you will be in Albufeira.

By bus:

Take a taxi and go to the Bus Station in Faro (in the city center).

Once you get to Albufeira, take a taxi to go the Hotel of your choice.

By train:

Take a taxi and go to the Train Station in Faro (in the city center).

Once you get to Albufeira, take a taxi to go the Hotel of your choice.

From: Seville (SPAIN) International Airport (approx. 240 km)

By car:

Follow A66 highway towards Huelva. After Huelva, follow A49 highway towards Ayamonte/Portugal. As you enter Portugal, follow A22 highway (Via do Infante) towards Portimão/Albufeira, leave the highway on the exit to Albufeira and enter IC1. While in IC1, and after about 1,4 km, you should follow the indications towards Albufeira (road 395) and Faro (road EN 125) and enter road EN 125 towards Faro. Ignore the exit that says Albufeira/ Ferreiras (road 395). After driving for about 3 km, on the first traffic lights change your direction to the right, following (Montechoro/ Albufeira), and then follow the indications to Albufeira. After driving for about 3,5 km, you will be in Albufeira.