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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE AND WELCOME

Welcome to the 10th edition of Algarve Bike Challenge, one of the most spectacular MTB stage races in Europe. From 10th to the 12th of March 2023, 1248 riders from 22 countries will ride some of the best trails from the Algarve!

Once again, the meeting point is the beautiful city of Tavira which has proven to be the perfect place for a demanding organisation as this event, transforming this weekend in a fantastic and unforgettable experience.

The quality of the course, competitiveness, the historical and landscaping beauty of the Algarve inland region combined with the picturesque official Hotels where the participants will stay, shows to the world the potential for Tourism of this region. All this and more makes the Algarve Bike Challenge a unique event!

As tradition, the Algarve Bike Challenge will debut with the spectacular night prologue in the historical centre of Tavira. Three teams starting simultaneous race through the streets of this picturesque city, transforming a common night in a fantastic show of competitiveness and healthy lifestyle.

For the success of this race, we would like to thank for the very important support of our sponsors and as well as the cooperation of Algarve Tourism Board and Tavira Council. Since the beginning, these entities believed in us and that have given us the opportunity to organize this successful event.

To all of you, the Organisation and my serve would like to wish success,



Marco Fernandes  
Race Director – Algarve Bike Challenge  
Associação Clube BCF

## THE ALGARVE REGION AND TAVIRA CITY

The Algarve region is extensive and pleasant, with a Mediterranean climate, marked by the smell of the sea at low tide and the scent of wild flowers.

Tavira: Beautiful empty beaches with sands that seem to go on forever. Fields of orange trees, heavy with the scent of blossom. Then hills of fig and almond trees and houses with dazzling whitewashed walls and distinctive chimneys decorated to resemble the fine tracery of lace. And last of all, the great open spaces of the hills, where eagles soar, birds sing and flowers bloom.



This is just a hint of the charms of Tavira and its municipality, an invitation to come and find out more in [http://www.visitalgarve.pt/pressroom.file.php?fileID=207&file=guia\\_tavira\\_en.pdf](http://www.visitalgarve.pt/pressroom.file.php?fileID=207&file=guia_tavira_en.pdf)

### VISITING TAVIRA...

Tavira is a beloved holiday destination that combines breathtaking beaches with Portuguese culture. Regarded as one of the most beautiful towns of the Algarve, you will find a unique mix of traditional architecture with Moorish influences. It is sometimes also called the Venice of the Algarve. This historic town with picturesque plazas and cobbled streets has everything you need for a great visit

Tavira is built on both sides of the Gilão River. There are several bridges to cross the river, but the most interesting one is known as the Roman bridge (in Portuguese: Ponte Romana).

## HOW TO GET TO TAVIRA

**Location** - Tavira - Latitud: 37° 07' 38.42" N / Longitud: -7° 38' 55.00" W

### By Air

Faro International Airport located in Faro, just 30 km away from Tavira, has regular connections to the main European cities as well domestic flights.

170 km away is located the Seville Airport also with connections with several European cities.

From Faro airport, you can arrive Tavira by car, bus or train.

### By Car

From the north coming by the "Sul highway" (A2) with connection with IP1/A22 (Via do Infante) towards Vila Real de Santo António / Spain or by the ER125.

### Bus

There are several internal services connecting the main cities of Portugal and also from some International cities to the city of Tavira.

Transports Coordination Centre: +351 281 322 546

EVA Transportes: [www.eva-bus.com/](http://www.eva-bus.com/) RNE - Rede Nacional de Expressos:

<http://www.rede-expressos.pt/> RENEX: <http://www.renex.pt/>

### Train

CP - Portuguese Rails Network Company

Tavira Train Station - Web: [www.cp.pt](http://www.cp.pt)



Tavira welcomes with enthusiasm and satisfaction one more edition of the Algarve Bike Challenge. In a scenario of great heritage and landscape beauty, this event is a challenge to all those who chose mountain biking as a way of exercising and escaping the daily routine.

The taste for adventure and freedom characterize this sporting event that acts as a stimulus to the endurance and the physical and technical capacity of its participants. In teams of two, elite athletes and amateurs alike, they are faced with trails that appeal to effort and the capacity of resistance, providing, simultaneously, direct contact with nature.

The irregularities and obstacles on the route encourage fun and increase the adrenaline of the participants and spectators. Without a doubt, an experience not to be missed!

Sports and healthy lifestyle habits should be encouraged and encouraged. For the Municipality of Tavira, sport occupies a central position in adopting a lifestyle conducive to the classification of the Mediterranean Diet as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

For all this, and because sport is a priority of the municipality, I take the opportunity to congratulate the organisation, the technical team and the athletes for the accomplishment of another event that dignifies not only the sport, but Tavira and the whole Algarve region.

I take my leave wishing you the greatest successes.  
My best wishes to you all!



The Mayor of the city council,  
Ana Paula Martins

# 10 2013 - 2023 ALGARVE BIKE CHALLENGE 10 - 12 MARCH '23. TAVIRA

## ALGARVE BIKE CHALLENGE 2023

The Algarve Bike Challenge is a demanding yet rewarding 3-day stage race. With a fresh new route each edition, it's a great test of endurance, resolve and skill with the staggering beauty of the Algarve's sunshine landscape set as the perfect antidote to the physical and mental demands of off-road racing. Two-person teams, top elite riders and ambitious amateurs alike, explore the seemingly endless, amazing trails, staying overnight in double rooms in Tavira by the sea - an unforgettable Portuguese experience!

Team members can be of different age and gender and have to ride together all the time in order to be classified.

Teams will race under a specific regulation available on the race official website. This is a timed race with 3 days duration that includes a Night Prologue and 2 Marathon Stages covering a total of 160Km extension. Along the marathon stages multiple feeding areas sponsored by GoldNutrition and control points will be available to support the riders.

Besides the ideal conditions to race, this course offers panoramic views over the Algarve's coast that will delight the riders.

In terms of organisation, Associação Clube BCF will be the responsible of all the technical and logistics issues of this event, course definition, food and drinks supply, safety, accreditation, promotion of the event and for all the necessary infrastructures.



[WWW.ALGARVEBIKECHALLENGE.COM](http://WWW.ALGARVEBIKECHALLENGE.COM)

## PROGRAM

### Friday, March 10th 2023

11h00	Opening of the Race Office	Mercado da Ribeira
15h00	Opening of the Paddock	Jardim Público
15h00	Official training session and opening of the prologue course	Praça da República
18h00	Closure of the Race Office	Pavilhão Municipal
18h00	General Briefing	Praça da República
18h15	Closure of the prologue course for official training session	Praça da República
18h30	Start of the Night Prologue	Praça da República
22h10	Estimate end of the Prologue	Praça da República
23h00	Closure of the Paddock	Jardim Público

### Saturday, March 11th 2023

06h00	Breakfast room opening	Official Hotels
08h15	Start Line opening gates according the categories in race	Praça da República
08h30	Awards Ceremony of Stage 1 - Prologue	Praça da República
09h00	Official start time for the first 150 teams on the General Classification	Praça da República
09h10	Official start time for teams 151° to 299° on the General Classification	Praça da República
09h20	Official start time for teams 300° to 449° on the General Classification	Praça da República
09h30	Official start for all the remaining teams	Praça da República
10h00	Estimated time for the first teams to pass by Feed Zone 1	Água de Tábuas
10h55	Estimated time for the first teams to pass by Feed Zone 2	Fonte Férea
11h35	Estimated time for the first teams to pass by Feed Zone 3	Santa Catarina
12h25	Estimated arrival time of the first team at the Finish Line	Jardim Público
15h00	Massages and physiotherapy service at the official hotels	VG Albacora e Tavira
15h00	Awards ceremony	Jardim Público
17h55	Estimated arrival time of the last teams	Jardim Público
19h30	Official dinner for the riders with premium package	Hotéis Oficiais
20h00	Massages and physiotherapy service closure time	Hotéis Oficiais
22h00	Closure of the Paddock and Bike Parks	Hoteis Vila Galé



### Sunday, March 12th 2023

06h00	Breakfast room opening	Hotéis Vila Galé
08h15	Start Line opening gates according the categories in race	Praça da República
09h00	Official start time for the first 150 teams on the General Classification	Praça da República
09h10	Official start time for teams 151° to 299° on the General Classification	Praça da República
09h15	Official start time for teams 300° to 449° on the General Classification	Praça da República
09h20	Official start for all the remaining teams	Praça da República
10h10	Estimated time for the first teams to pass by Feed Zone 1	Champana
11h00	Estimated time for the first teams to pass by Feed Zone 2	Mata da Conceição
11h45	Estimated arrival time of the first team at the Finish Line	Jardim Público
15h00	Awards ceremony	Jardim Público
16h20	Estimated arrival time of the last teams	Jardim Público
17h30	Closure of the Event	Jardim Público

The participants of the Algarve Bike Challenge must follow the schedule establish by the organiser. Due to security, logistic or by the decision of the organisation, this schedule can be changed. Eventually changes or important informations will be announced on the official website, social feeds and by email to all participants.

### ACCREDITATION

**Location: – Mercado da Ribeira: 37.125590, -7.647760**

**VERY IMPORTANT:** The participants should know their race number which can be checked on the Race Entry List. Personal identification such as passport or UCI 2023 License should be presented at the Race Office and the signed Statement of Responsibility.

The Race Office will take place on the March 10th from 11:00 to 18:00 at the Mercado da Ribeira, in the city centre close to the Start and Finish area. At the Race office, it will be delivered the Race Kit, identifying number to be placed in the front of the bike and identifying bracelet for the athlete with the contacts of the assistance and emergency.

### OFFICIAL RACE ENTRY LIST

## GENERAL MAP - LOCATION



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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 - Stages Start and Finish       | 5 - Maria Nova Lounge Hotel             |
| 2 - Accreditation and Pasta Party | 6 - Vila Galé Albacora                  |
| 3 - Medical Center                | 7 - Showers - Pavilhão Eduardo Mansinho |
| 4 - Vila Galé Tavira Hotel        | 8 - Fire Station                        |

**Stages Start:** At the city center in front of the Municipality building – Praça da República

**Stages Finish on Saturday and Sunday:** At the city center in Rua José Pires Padinha.

Once again in 202e the riders will have the possibility to store a bag with warm clothes on an identified tent at the paddock area in front of the old market. Please do not leave any valuable items as the organisation will not be responsible for lost items.

### **Bike Parks:**

- Hotel Vila Galé Tavira
- Hotel Vila Galé Albacora
- Golden Club Cabanas Hotel
- Paddock located by the Old Market of Tavira



Bikes should be stored at the Bike Parks which are supervised 24 hours a day by an accredited Security company.

Bikes are not allowed on the bedrooms of Vila Galé Hotels and Maria Nova. Any bike seen inside the bedrooms will be taken by the hotel management and the organisation have no responsibility over them.

To have access to the Bike parks, the bike must have the participant's number well placed on the handlebar and its rider must have the bracelet identifying the corresponding team's number. To collect a bike from a bike park only the rider with the corresponding number and letter can take the bike. The Organisation will not be responsible for any kind of loss or robbery in Vila Galé Hotels or inside the Paddock.

Please note that on Sunday 12th after 4pm all bike parks will be closed and dismantled so all the bikes must be out of the bike parks before 4pm. Please ask hotel reception to store your bike.

**Bike Wash:** There will be a bike wash available at the Paddock and another located in the other side of the river in front of the Galp Gas Station.

**Podium:** The athletes that are subject to the prize giving ceremony should present themselves with the jersey and race shorts of the team and sports shoes

**Teams Logistics:** The teams and staff can have their logistics at Jardim Municipal or at Praça da República. This logistics should be auto-sufficient and assure the safety of their own structures. The organisation will not be responsible for any damages or robberies occurred.

**Feeding and drinking Area after stages 2 e 3:** The organisation will serve a Pasta Party in the end of each stage to the athletes. It includes a soup, cold salads, fruit, cakes, water and juices. This Pasta Party is not included for the companions and/ or Staff of the teams. On the day of the Prologue, the organisation will not serve any parcel of food to the participants. There are several restaurants in the centre of the city.

## Paddock Algarve Bike Challenge

The paddock area of the Algarve Bike Challenge is located at the Jardim Público de Tavira and Mercado da Ribeira, close to Gilão river, in Tavira city center.

Concerning the Algarve Bike Challenge organisation, several services were allocated to serve the participants needs.

In front of Mercado da Ribeira (accreditation place) you will find the official Algarve Bike Challenge store as well as other promotional stands from the event partners and suppliers.

You will find as well the mechanical assistance service provided by Bikesul Store and 14K Store.

In this place there will be also the following services:

- Access to start gates and finish area and recovery area;
- Area for supporting teams;
- Bike wash;
- Podium;
- Bike Park;
- Permanent office;
- Pasta Party
- Medical and emergency services and covid19 isolation area;
- Sunday Finishers Podium.

**After the race you can check all your personal photos online through our partner Sportshot: <https://www.sportshot.de/8901078/algarve-bike-challenge-2023?l=en>**



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**OFFICIAL HOTELS OF THE ALGARVE BIKE CHALLENGE 2023**

**Hotel Vila Galé Albacora \*\*\*\***

Quatro-Águas, 8800 – 901 Tavira

Tel.: 281 380 800 | Fax: 281 380 850

E-mail: [albacora@vilagale.com](mailto:albacora@vilagale.com)

GPS: 37.11934, -7.627

[www.vilagale.com/pt/hoteis/algarve/vila-gale-albacora](http://www.vilagale.com/pt/hoteis/algarve/vila-gale-albacora)



**Hotel Vila Galé Tavira \*\*\*\***

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Tel.: 281 329 900 | Fax: 281329950

E-mail: [tavira@vilagale.com](mailto:tavira@vilagale.com)

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Site: <https://goldenclubcabanas.com/es/>



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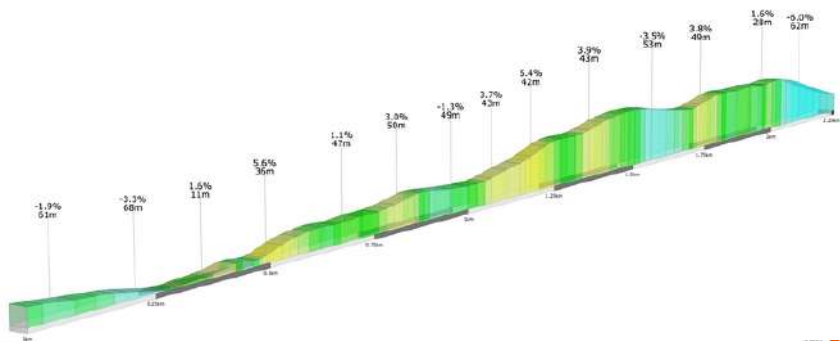
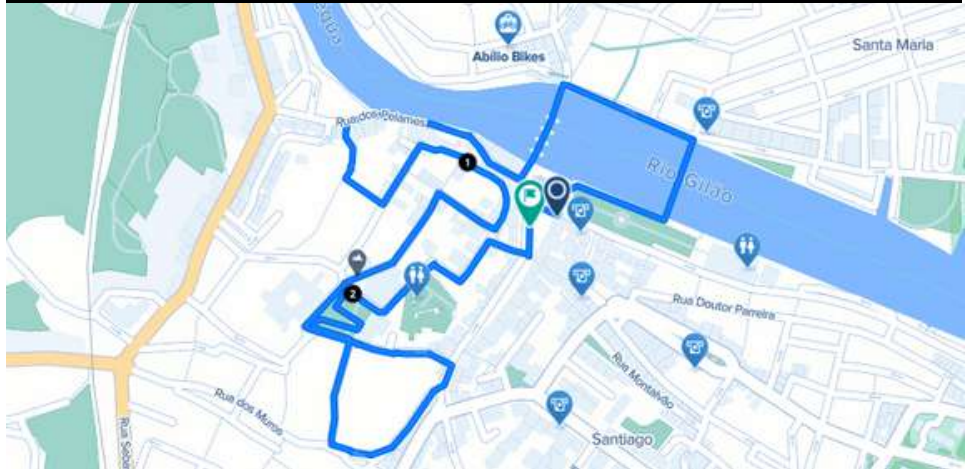
## THE ROUTE – DETAILS AND LOCATIONS

### 1st Stage - March 10th 2023 - Night Prologue - 2,5 Km

The use of night lights in the prologue is mandatory. White front light and red rear light. 3 teams start every minute.

Teams that don't start in the Prologue will be allowed to continue on the race although they will be credited with the time of the last team classified on the night prologue plus 20 minutes penalty.

There will be a pre-call to the Prologue 5 minutes before each start to improve the access to the start point. All teams must respect this asset.





## 11th AND 12th OF MARCH 2023 - Stage 2 and Stage 3– IMPORTANT INFO

### START GRID (BOX)

**GRID 1** – Top 10 of the General Classification – Grid Opening at 08:15

**GRID 2** – 11<sup>o</sup> to 49<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification - Grid Opening at 08:15

**GRID 3** – 50<sup>o</sup> to 99<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification – Grid Opening at 08:15

**GRID 4** – 100<sup>o</sup> to 150<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification - Grid Opening at 08:30

**GRID 5** – 151<sup>o</sup> to 214<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification - Grid Opening at 08:30

**GRID 6** – 215<sup>o</sup> to 299<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification - Grid Opening at 08:30

**GRID 7** – 300<sup>o</sup> to 374<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification - Grid Opening at 08:40

**GRID 8** – 375<sup>o</sup> to 449<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification - Grid Opening at 08:40

**GRID 9** – 450<sup>o</sup> to 549<sup>o</sup> of the General Classification - Grid Opening at 08:50

**GRID 10** – 550<sup>o</sup> and remaining team - Grid Opening at 08:50

Teams must be in their starting Box up to 5 minutes before the starting time. In case that does not happen, the team will start integrated in the last grid.

The leaders of each category must be in the podium area at **08:30am** of day 2 and 3 for the podium ceremony.

The race uses normal paved roads, crosses towns and villages and occasionally uses trails in private land. Racers must take in consideration that none of the roads or trails will be closed to other users. Racers may encounter vehicles, animals and people circulating in either direction on the race course.

In order to promote the racers security in these situations you will find visible signage (STOP) and a crew member to control the traffic. In some intersections, there will be police officers controlling the crossing. Participants must keep always on right side and respect the Portuguese traffic regulations.

Algarve Bike Challenge 2023 will be guided by Gps but some areas will be marked on the course with ribbons and signs.

The tracks and Gps maps will be sent to the e-mails informed at the online subscription of the race. In case the user does not receive this information by e-mail should contact the organisation.

During the event, tracks will not be loaded on Gps devices. If you have troubles uploading them to the device please contact the organisation in advance.

Along the course, organisation will set several control points which will not be revealed. Any team that doesn't pass by all these points will not be considered to the Classifications. Both team members have to ride together along the course. Penalties will be applied if this rule is not respected. The penalty will be 5 minutes per 1 minute of delay.

At the Feed Zones the riders will find water, isotonic drinks, gums, fruit and cakes. Basic mechanical service will be also available as well as lube service.

For safety reasons the riders have a limit time to pass at the Feed Zones. All riders arriving a Feed Zone after the defined limit time informed ahead on this Race Book will be considered out of the Race and will not be allowed to continue in the course. The Organisation will provide car transportation for these riders and their bikes to the Start / Finish area.

During both stages, several streams will be crossed. Some of them will be very slippery and can be dangerous so we strongly recommend caution in these points.

The Organization intends to respect the environment as much as possible, so it will only be possible to leave any type of garbage on the ground in the identified Feed Zones. Any athlete who is detected leaving litter in other areas of the course, the respective team will be penalized in 60 minutes for each mentioned action.





## Penalty Board - Algarve Bike Challenge 2023

Cause / Action	Penalty	Recurrence
Non-use of Cycling Helmet	Disqualification	
Non-use or loss of the Race Number	1 hour	
Non-use of the wrist bracelet	1 hour	
Miss a Checkpoint	Disqualification	
Disrespect the limit time control at the FZ	Disqualification	
Disrespect other riders	1 hour	Disqualification
Disrespect traffic rules	1 hour	2 hours
Disrespect instructions from Marshalls, Security Forces or Safety Crew	Exclusion of the Race	The Rider will not be allowed even to keep on the course.
Throw garbage out of the designated areas.	1 hour	Disqualification
Non-Assisting an injured rider	Disqualification	Mechanical issues are not considered
External assistance out of the Feed Stations	1 hour	Disqualification
Refuse to use a tracker	Disqualification	
Team members riding with a gap over 2 minutes	5 minutes per minute of gap between riders.	1 hour
Ride out of the oficial race route	30 minutes	1 hour
Not start on the correct team start time	30 minutes	2 hours

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**STAGE 2 - 10th March 2023 - Serra do Caldeirão**

↔ **Distance**  
↕ **Climbing**  
⚡ **Difficulty**  
🕒 **Best Time**

**86 km**  
**2000 mt**  
**Hard**  
**3h30 min**



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	LOCATION	KM	COORDINATES	1st TEAM	CUT OFF
Start	Tavira	0	<u><a href="#">37.12597, -7.64946</a></u>	09h00	09h40
Garmin KOM Challenge	Cruzes	25	<u><a href="#">37.20124, -7.7916</a></u>	10h00	12h00
Feed Zone 1 Technical Area 1	Água de Tabuas	27	<u><a href="#">37.20514, -7.80855</a></u>	10h05	12h35
Feed Zone 2 Technical Area 2	Alportel	47	<u><a href="#">37.17976, -7.91035</a></u>	10h55	14h15
Feed Zone 3 Technical Area 3	Santa Catarina	65	<u><a href="#">37.15262, -7.77985</a></u>	11h35	16h00
Finish Line	Tavira	84	<u><a href="#">37.12597, -7.64946</a></u>	12h25	18h00

### Technical details of Stage 2

- Distance from the Start to the Feed Zone 1: 27km - 880mt of climbing;
- Distance from the Feed Zone 1 to the Feed Zone 2 - 20Km - 435mt of climbing;
- Distance from Feed Zone 2 to Feed Zone 3 - 18 km - 400mt of climbing;
- Distance from Feed Zone 3 to the Finish Line: 19km - 255mt of climbing;

In order to provide an easier and safe start of the marathon stages the first kms of the stage will be in tarmac roads. For the 2nd stage it will be a 7km tarmac section until the place called Pego do Inferno

This section will be lead by the police so the roads will be closed to the traffic and exclusive to the race. After the km 7 only the road intersections will have police control and the gravel intersection will have organisation marshals.

The advice the riders to have extreme caution in the downhill at km 41 due to the steepness and tight bends.

### CUT-OFF Times

- Feed Zone 1 - Água de Tábuas -Km 27 - Cut-Off time: 12h35m
- Feed Zone 2 - Fonte Férrea -Km 47 - Cut-Off time: 14h15m
- Feed Zone 3 - Santa Catarina -Km 65 - Cut-Off time: 16h00m

## GARMIN KOM Challenge - Memorial Jorge Fernandes

In memory of Jorge Fernandes who unfortunately passed away last November, was an important member of the Organisation and responsible of the Bike Parks since the first edition.

This is the only section of the race where team members can separate from each other. In this timed section located between **km 20,5 and 25** of stage 2 the fastest men and the fastest women will be awarded with a **Garmin 830** Gps Device.

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**Distance: 4,5 km**  
**Climbing: 300 mt**  
**Max Step: 21%**  
**Avg Steep: 6,6%**



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### COMPANIONS - Where to watch (Recommended Spots):

**Umbria** - Km 16,3 - Location: 37.18793, -7.74461

**Miradouro Alto da Ameixeira** - Km 39,6 - Location: 37.21165, -7.89361

**Bico Alto** - Km 53,1 - Location Gps: 37.1698, -7.86912

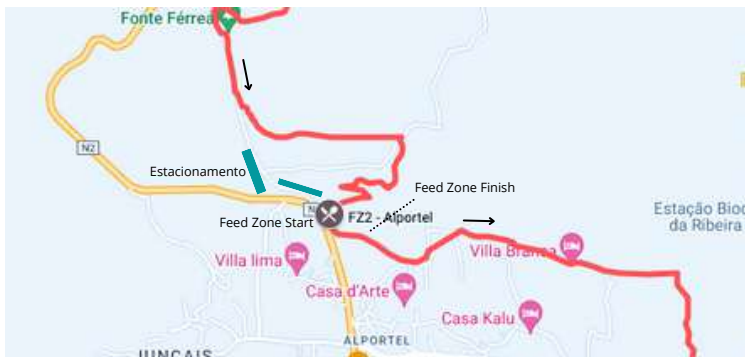
**Pocilgões** - Km 61,2 - Location Gps: 37.16003, -7.79837

**Santa Catarina** - Km 64,5 - Location Gps: 37.15232, -7.77946

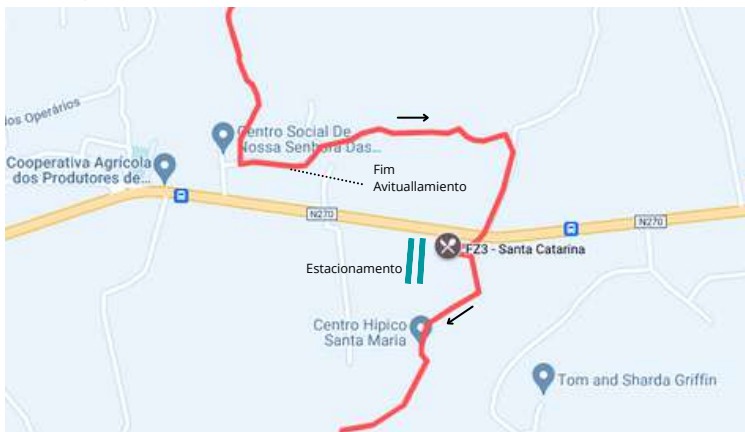
### Stage 2 - Feed Zone 1 Map



### Stage 2 - Feed Zone 2 Map



### Stage 2 - Feed Zone 3 Map

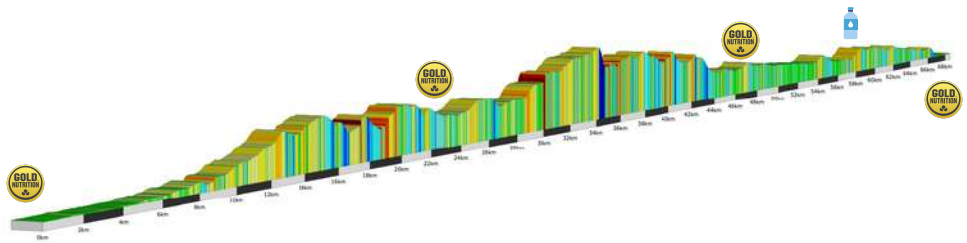


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## STAGE 3 - 12th March 2023 - Cacela Trails

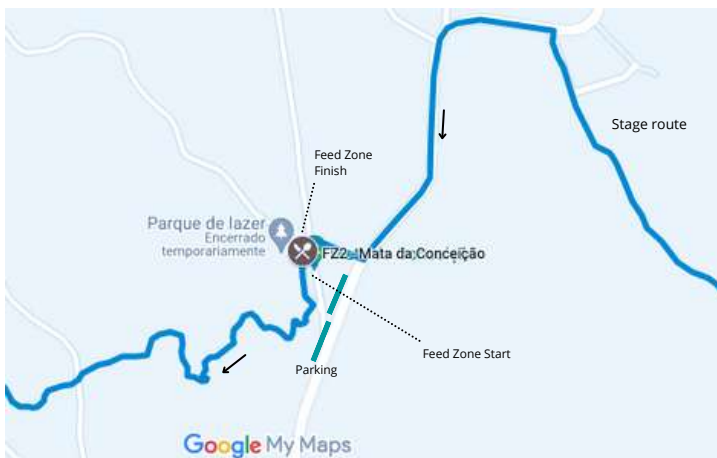
↔	<b>Distance</b> <b>70 km</b>	↕	<b>Climbing</b> <b>1460 mt</b>	⚡	<b>Difficulty</b> <b>Medium</b>	🕒	<b>Best Time</b> <b>2h45 min</b>
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## Stage 2 - Feed Zone 1 Map



## Stage 2 - Feed Zone 2 Map



### COMPANIONS - Where to watch (Recommended Spots):

**Casa Queimada** - Km 19,5 - Localização: 37.20551, -7.62874

**Eiras** - Km 23,7 - Localização Gps: 37.19751, -7.60093

**Mata da Conceição** - Km 28 - Localização Gps: 37.19328, -7.56826

**Monte do Forno** - Km 38 - Localização Gps: 37.22721, -7.53968

**Pocinho** - Km 47 - Localização Gps: 37.18989, -7.54356

**São Marcos** - Km 65 - Localização Gps: 37.15764, -7.64909

	LOCATION	KM	COORDINATES	1st TEAM	CUT OFF
Start	Tavira	0	<a href="#">37.12597,-7.64946</a>	09h00	09h30
Feed Zone 1	Champana	20	<a href="#">37.20977,-7.56764</a>	09h55	11h45
Feed Zone 2	Mata da Conceição	30	<a href="#">37.18905,-7.57096</a>	10h50	14h00
Finish Line	Tavira	70	<a href="#">37.12597,-7.64946</a>	11h45	16h00

### Technical details of Stage 3

- Distance from the Start to the Water Point: 20Km - 445mt of climbing;
- Distance from the Water Point to Feed Zone 1: 10 km - 255mt de climbing;
- Distance from Feed Zone 1 to Feed Zone 2: 20km - 415mt of climbing;
- Distance from the Feed Zone 2 to the Finish Line: 20km - 355mt of climbing;

### Cut-off zones and times in Stage 3 (after the indicated times the teams will be out of the race):

Feed Zone 1 - Champana -Km 30 - Cut-off time: 12h30m

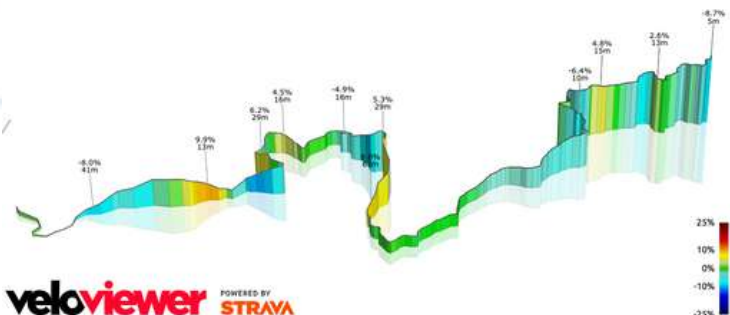
Feed Zone 2 - Mata da Conceição -Km 50 - Cut-off time: 14h20m

### GARMIN Trail Challenge

This is the only section of the stage where the riders of the duo can distance themselves. In this timed section, between km 50.5 and 55, individual prizes will be awarded to the fastest male and female elements, with an offer of **1 Gps Garmin 830 device**.



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## CATEGORIES

The team's category is determined by the gender and age of the younger athlete in 31st December 2023.

There are 7 categories in the competition:

CATEGORY	AGE
<b>Open Men</b>	19 to 39 years
<b>Master Men</b>	40 to 49 years
<b>Grand Master Men</b>	Both riders over 50 years
<b>Open Women</b>	Over 19 years
<b>Master Women</b>	Both riders over 40 years
<b>Mixed</b>	19 to 39 years: Male and Female
<b>Master Mixed</b>	Over 40 years: Male and Female

The distribution of the teams in the start grid is according the general classification per category. The stat in the prologue is defined according the categories in race.

## PRIZE AWARDING

The winners of the stages will go up to the podium to receive the corresponding prizes.

The podium for the prologue will be held on the morning of Saturday, March 5th, before the start of the 2nd Stage.

**The male and female absolute winners will also receive 1 Garmin 830 device per athlete.**

**Awards by category of the Final General Classification:**

CLASSIFICAÇÃO	Premio
<b>1º</b>	Camisola de líder + Trofeu + Inscrição light Algarve BC 2024
<b>2º</b>	Trofeu + Inscrição light Algarve BC 2024
<b>3º</b>	Trofeu + Inscrição light Algarve BC 2024



## OTHER PRIZES

The organization will also reward several participating teams with gifts from our partners, namely:

- 2 entries voucher for **Portugal Brasil Ride 2024** - To be awarded to the team classified in **21st** place in the overall final classification;
- Voucher for 1 night at one of the **Vila Galé hotels** valid for 2 people (subject to the conditions defined in the voucher offered by the hotel chain) - To be awarded to the team classified in **160th** place in the absolute final general classification;
- Voucher for 2 nights at the **Golden Club Cabanas** hotel for 2 people (subject to the conditions defined in the voucher offered by the hotel unit) - To be awarded to the team classified in **444th** place in the absolute final general classification;
- Voucher for 2 registrations for the **Algarve Sunset Ride 2023 event** - To be awarded to the best team in the Algarve (whose district of both athletes was mentioned as Faro when registering);
- Voucher for 2 registrations for the **Epic Race Pontevedra Non Stop 2023** - To be awarded to the team classified in **251st** place in the absolute final general classification;
- Voucher for 2 registrations for the **GEO TOUR 20234** - To be awarded to the team classified in **333rd** place in the absolute final general classification;
- 1 Garmin device to the team classified in **627th** place in the absolute final general classification.

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For the success of the event, the organization relies on the collaboration of the following associations and sports clubs



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Safety Manager	Nelson Ramos
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Ponte Santiago Norte

N 37 ° 07, 911' W 7 ° 38, 512'

Ponte Santiago Sul

N 37 ° 07, 911' W 7 ° 38, 512'

Skate Park

N 37 ° 07, 825' W 7 ° 39, 208'

Mercado Municipal

N 37 ° 07, 330' W 7 ° 38, 554'

Docapesca Sul

N 37 ° 07, 505' W 7 ° 38, 762'

Ponte Descobrimentos

N 37 ° 07, 447' W 7 ° 38, 674'

Bela-Fria

N 37 ° 07, 560' W 7 ° 39, 214'

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