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In a clear response to the growth of the city and the consequent needs of its population, sports infrastructure in Albufeira have been undergoing considerable expansion of late. Today, Albufeira boasts some of the most modern sports facilities in the country. Pavilions, swimming pools, pitches and courts with natural grass and synthetic surfaces, and athletics tracks provide thousands of the municipality's inhabitants with the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports.

But the Municipality of Albufeira is also a frontrunner in tourism and this is why we feel that by combining the qualities of our sports and tourism facilities we can create new market opportunities. The climate, the quality accommodation, our central location and easy access – particularly thanks to our proximity to Faro International Airport – are factors that complement our sports infrastructure, thus contributing to an attractive business proposition.

We believe in the value of the work we have undertaken and this is one of the reasons why we support and organise major sporting events, such as the European Cross Country Championships, which Albufeira will be hosting in 2010. And it is also one of the reasons that major clubs and international teams are already seeking us out.

So why not take us up on our invitation? When you consider our modern sports infrastructure, exceptional climate and natural conditions, excellent accommodation facilities, professional service, central location and easy access, you can see why Albufeira is a cut above the rest when it comes to sports tourism.

The Mayor,
Desidério Silva




FOOTBALL

Albufeira Municipal Stadium



Located on the outskirts of the city, Albufeira Municipal Stadium was chosen by the Dutch national team as its training ground during the 2004 European Championship.

The stadium has floodlighting and a 400m 8-lane tartan athletics track. The grass area inside the track measures 106m x 67m, meaning the facility is suitable for all track and field events.

The stadium has already staged international events such as the “A” Series of the European Champions Cup in Athletics, and a variety of friendly matches between first division football clubs. It is equipped with four changing rooms, a referees’ room, a doping control room, laundry, press conference room, gymnasium, medical room, physiotherapy room with massage area, sauna, Turkish bath and Roman style baths.

There is also a separate area just outside where there is an 11-a-side synthetic pitch that can be divided into two 7-a-side pitches.

Specifications

Location	Albufeira - Sports City
Dimensions of the central grass area	106m x 76m
Floodlighting	Yes
Stand	Yes, with capacity for 3,000 spectators
Equipment	2 “Belém” Model 11-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts 2 11-a-side portable aluminium goalposts with wheels on the ground frame 4 7-a-side portable aluminium goalposts with wheels on the ground frame

FOOTBALL

Albufeira Municipal Synthetic Pitch



Synthetic football pitch with the dimensions required by FIFA for the staging of official games: 1 football pitch that can be divided into two 7-a-side pitches.

While this area currently has no stand, there is a project to build one. This will have a capacity of 588 and will allow the many spectators who come here to watch national and international competitions to do so in greater comfort than at present.

Specifications

Location	Albufeira - Sports City
Pitch Dimensions	92m x 56m
Floodlighting	Yes
Stand	No
Equipment	2 11-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts with upper supports 2 7-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts fixed in anchor tubes 4 aluminium goalposts with side support frames 1 11-a-side portable aluminium goalpost with wheels on the ground frame

FOOTBALL

Ferreiras Municipal Stadium



The municipal stadium in the locality of Ferreiras is located just 5km or a ten-minute drive from Albufeira city centre.

It has a stand with seating for 700 spectators, a pitch measuring 105m x 70m, two changing rooms, a medical room with massage room, referees' room, doping control, laundry, and a small gymnasium with basic equipment.

Specifications

Location	Ferreiras
Pitch Dimensions	105m x 70m
Floodlighting	Yes
Stand	Capacity for 700 spectators
Equipment	2 "Belém" Model 11-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts 1 11-a-side portable aluminium goalpost with wheels on the ground frame

FOOTBALL

Ferreiras Synthetic Pitch



Now a benchmark facility in youth sport in the region, this synthetic pitch was a badly-needed facility that has resolved the lack of synthetic pitches for use as training and competition venues.

Specifications

Location	Ferreiras – Ferreiras Municipal Stadium
Pitch Dimensions	92m x 56m
Floodlighting	Yes
Stand	No
Equipment	2 11-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts with upper supports 4 7-a-side aluminium goalposts with side support frames 1 11-a-side portable aluminium goalpost with wheels on the ground frame

FOOTBALL

Arsénio Catuna Stadium - Guia



The Arsénio Catuna Stadium is located on the outskirts of the village of Guia. It has a stand with capacity for 1,000 spectators, floodlighting and a pitch measuring 97m x 58m. It also has two changing rooms, a referees' room, a coaches' room, a press room and a medical room.

Facilities also include a complex of synthetic pitches comprising one 11-a-side pitch which can be divided into two 7-a-side pitches, and separate changing rooms.

Specifications

Location	Guia
Pitch Dimensions	97m x 58m
Floodlighting	Yes
Stand	Yes, capacity 1,000 spectators
Equipment	2 "Belém" Model 11-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts 2 7-a-side portable aluminium goalposts with wheels on the ground frame 1 11-a-side portable aluminium goalpost with wheels on the ground frame

FOOTBALL

Guia Synthetic Pitches



An artificial grass pitch located next to the Arsénio Catuna Stadium. The independent changing rooms provide added support for training purposes and the staging of sports events.

Specifications

Location	Guia – next to the Arsénio Catuna Municipal Stadium
Pitch Dimensions	-
Floodlighting	Yes
Stand	No
Equipment	2 11-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts with upper supports 4 7-a-side aluminium goalposts with side support frames 1 11-a-side portable aluminium goalpost with wheels on the ground frame

FOOTBALL

João Campos Stadium - Paderne



Located approximately 14km from Albufeira, in the pretty village of Paderne, the stadium has two changing rooms, a referees' room, laundry and medical room.

Specifications

Location	Paderne
Pitch Size	98m x 56m
Floodlighting	Yes
Stand	Yes, capacity 1,000 spectators
Equipment	2 "Belém" Model 11-a-side articulated aluminium goalposts 2 7-a-side portable aluminium goalposts with wheels on the ground frame 1 11-a-side portable aluminium goalpost with wheels on the ground frame

FOOTBALL

Hotel Montechoro Football Pitches



The Hotel Montechoro has two grass football pitches, each measuring 99m x 64m. The facility also includes changing rooms for each pitch (4 teams), two referees' rooms and two meeting rooms. There is also a small stand (capacity 400 to 500 spectators) and a storeroom for training equipment.

The pitches are a short distance from the hotel and free transport is provided by the hotel for teams staying there.

Specifications

Location	Montechoro - Albufeira
Pitch dimensions	2 pitches, grass area 99m x 64m, play area 96m x 63m
Floodlighting	No
Stand	Yes, 2 stands in total, one at the top end of each pitch, capacity 400 to 500 spectators
Equipment	4 11-a-side portable aluminium goalposts with wheels on the ground frame 8 portable 5-a-side goalposts measuring 3m x 2m. (One of the pitches has 2 fixed 11-a-side goalposts. The 2nd pitch has two portable 11-a-side goalposts with wheels on the ground frame.)

FOOTBALL

Hotel Alfamar Football Pitches (Sports Centre)



The Hotel Alfamar has three grass football pitches (102m x 67m, 93m x 48m and 98m x 72m).

There are facilities for athletics next to the football pitches, which include multipurpose areas, a tartan running track, 6 sprint lanes (100m), and areas for high jump, discus and shot put. The hotel also has 13 tennis courts (6 with a compacted soil surface and 7 with a fast surface), 2 indoor tennis courts and a gymnasium.

Specifications

Location	Alfamar – Hotel Alfamar
Pitch Dimensions	Pitch 1 (Sports Centre) 102m x 67m Pitch 2 (Next to the studios) 93m x 48m Pitch 3 (Next to the hotel) 98m x 72m
Floodlighting	No
Stand	No
Changing Rooms	Yes
Equipment	Goalposts (sizes available): 7.50m x 2.45m adults / 5m x 2m youths

ATHLETICS

Albufeira Tartan Athletics Track - Albufeira Municipal Stadium



The athletics track has been approved by the Portuguese Athletics Federation and is fully equipped to comply with the regulations of the sport's governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

The track is used not only by some of the country's best athletes but also by some of the world's top competitors. Among them is Francis Obikwelu, runner-up in the 100m at the 2004 Athens Olympics, who not only trains at the track but also uses it as a base from which to encourage the development of the sport through his athletics school.

The facility is also used for training by the municipality's athletics clubs, and by the Algarve Athletics Association and the Portuguese Athletics Federation as a venue for a variety of official competitions, including the Group A European Champions Cup, the National Young Olympians Tournament and the Algarve Regional Championships.

Specifications

Location	Albufeira – Albufeira Municipal Stadium
Dimensions	400m / eight lanes
Floodlighting	Yes
Surface	Synthetic
Stand	Yes, capacity 3,000 spectators
Changing Rooms	4
Equipment/Facilities	8 lane track Grass football pitch in the centre of the track available for hammer, shot and discus competitions (not for training purposes) Synthetic pitch adjacent to the Municipal Stadium, which can be used for hammer, shot and discus training 4 sand pits for long and triple jump 1 pole vault mattress 1 high jump mattress

ATHLETICS

Specifications

Equipment/Facilities

2 javelin throwing areas
1 discus and hammer throwing area with cage
2 shot put areas
Official competition hurdles for use in training
Gymnasium

Track and field equipment

Quantity

14-seat timers' and judges' stand	1
Double-digit manual lap counter with shutter-style operation	1
Portable starter's podium	1
Start lane markers (set numbered 1 to 8)	2 sets
Red cone markers, 30cm in height	60
Set of 8 aluminium relay batons	2 sets
Metal starting blocks	10
Starting block carts	2
Aluminium hurdles	100
Beginner training hurdles	30
Hurdle cart	5
Steeplechase hurdles (3.95m)	3
Steeplechase hurdle (5m)	1
Carts for steeplechase hurdles	2
Red starters' sleeves	4
High jump mattress with protective cover and metal base	1
Pair of standards (high jump)	1
Measuring device (maximum height 2.5m)	1
4m fibreglass cross bar (high jump)	4
Pole vault mat with protective cover and metal base	1
Pair of pole vault standards	1
Telescopic measuring device (maximum height 8m)	1
Aluminium crossbar lifters	1 Pair
4.5m fibreglass pole vault crossbar	4
Pole vault pole, 3.35m, 36kg	1
Pole vault pole, 3.35m, 45kg	1
Pole vault pole, 3.75m, 50kg	1
Pole vault pole, 4m, 59kg	1
Pole vault pole, 4.25m, 70kg	1
Pole vault cart	1
Long jump distance marker	1
Triple jump distance marker	1
Take-off board side markers	4
Plasticine for take-off board	5kg
Plasticine smoothers	2
Plasticine scrapers	2
Take-off board supports	2
Rakes to level sand pits	2

ATHLETICS

Track and field equipment

Quantity

Distance markers for long throws (40 to 90m)	24
Distance markers for short throws (12 to 22m)	12
50mm white plastic tape (for marking sector limits)	500m
50mm yellow plastic tape (for marking qualifying line)	100m
Tape dispenser with handle	5
Metal ground staples to secure the tape	100
Competition javelin, 400grs	6
IAAF-approved competition javelin, 600grs	3
Competition javelin, 700grs	6
IAAF-approved competition javelin, 800grs	3
Javelin cart	1
Throwing balls, 163grs	3
Discus, 0.750kg	3
Discus, 1kg	3
Discus, 1.5kg	3
Discus, 1.750kg	3
Discus, 2kg	3
Discus cart	1
Hammer, 3kg	4
Hammer, 4kg	4
Hammer, 5kg	4
Hammer, 6kg	4
Hammer, 7.260kg	4
Hammer cart	1
Shot, 2kg	4
Shot, 3kg	4
Shot, 4kg	4
Shot, 5kg	4
Shot, 6kg	4
Shot, 7.260kg	4
Shot cart	1
Manual results marker (attempt, athlete's number and result)	2
10m stainless steel measuring tape	3
20m stainless steel measuring tape	3
30m stainless steel measuring tape	3
50m stainless steel measuring tape	3
100m stainless steel measuring tape	3
Windsock	3
Coloured run-up markers	100
Yellow judges' flag	15
White judges' flag	15
Red judges' flag	15
Finishing post with base	1 pair
Plastic chairs	20
Benches with back support	10
Square tables	10
Recipient for magnesium powder	1
Magnesium powder	2kg
Cart with box for transporting athletics equipment	1

ATHLETICS

International Cross Country Running Course - Açoteias



Located at Aldeia das Açoteias next to Falesia Beach, the Açoteias cross country running course is 2,000m long, of which 1500m are on grass and 500m on sand/gravel. This is to be the venue for the 2010 European Cross Country Championship.

Among the major competitions to have been held at the course are the following:

- . World University Championship (1996)
- . World Military Championship (1985)
- . World Workers' Championship (1982)
- . 32 editions of the Almond Blossom International Cross Country Race
- . 8 editions of the Men's European Champion Clubs Cup
- . 3 editions of the Women's European Champion Clubs Cup
- . 1 National Cross Country Championship
- . 2 European Championships for the Handicapped

Specifications

Location	Açoteias
Length	2000m, 1500m on grass and 500m on sand/gravel
Floodlighting	No
Surface	Grass and sand/gravel
Stand	No
Changing rooms	No, but on competition days portable changing rooms and toilets are set up

ATHLETICS

Hotel Alfamar - Athletics (sports centre)



Apart from its football facilities, the Hotel Alfamar also has a multipurpose sports area featuring a tartan running track, 6 sprint lanes (100m) and areas for high jump, discus and shot put. There are also tennis courts and a gymnasium.

Specifications

Location	Alfamar – Hotel Alfamar
Floodlighting	No
Surface	Synthetic, grass and sand/gravel
Stand	No
Changing Rooms	Yes
Equipment	400m 4 lane tartan running track 6 sprint lanes (100m) Multipurpose area for high jump, long jump and pole vault, with measurements in accordance with international standards Multipurpose grassy areas for discus and shot put - 98m x 65m Gymnasium / gymnasium with professional equipment / over 30 “Schnell” machines (Sports Centre 25m x 15m (375 m2))

INDOOR SPORTS

- Handball**
- Basketball**
- Volleyball**
- Futsal**

Albufeira Sports Pavilion



Specifications

Location	Albufeira – Cidade Desportiva (Sports City)
Sports Court Dimensions	46.9m x 24.4m
Ceiling Heights	12.20m at its highest point, free of obstacles
Court markings	Handball, basketball, volleyball and futsal
Other sports for which the pavilion can be used	The size of the sports court means it can also be used for racquet sports (badminton and tennis), elementary athletics, elementary and advanced gymnastics (floor, apparatus, acrobatic and rhythmic), dance, combat sports (wrestling and judo) and elementary skating
Multipurpose hall	16m x 14m
Sports court surface	Surface from the Mondoelastic range, Ref: Mondoforest – SOFTER or equivalent, comprising a tongue-and-groove varnished maple wood floor
Squash court surface	“ASB Sports Floor 65” type prefabricated knot-free surface
Stand	Yes, capacity 1,344 spectators
Changing Rooms	8 changing rooms for players and two for teachers/referees/monitors. The basement houses a series of facilities comprising: two squash courts (approx. 63m ²) and respective spectators’ stand (approx. 79m ²); a cardio-fitness room (approx. 231m ²); an instruction room (approx. 119m ²); and an open-plan multipurpose area measuring approximately 380m ² .
Equipment	4 pavilion basketball backboards (widthways court backboards) 4 Street Rectangular WISA mini basketball goals with fixed ring 2 official competition basketball goals 2 aluminium official handball/futsal goalposts (square-shaped tubular frame) 2 posts + volleyball net Electronic scoreboard

INDOOR SPORTS

- Handball
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Futsal

Sports Pavilion at the Albufeira Basic and Secondary School in Vale Pedras



Part of the Vale Pedras school sports facilities, this pavilion meets all the necessary specifications for use as a training and official competition venue.

Specifications

Location	Albufeira – Vale Pedras
Sports Court Dimensions	44m x 25m
Ceiling Height	7m minimum ceiling height with obstacles (light fittings hanging from the structure)
Court markings	Handball, basketball, volleyball and futsal
Sports for which the pavilion can be used	Handball, basketball, volleyball, futsal, racquet sports (badminton and tennis), elementary athletics, elementary and advanced gymnastics (floor, apparatus, acrobatic and rhythmic), dance and combat sports (wrestling and judo). The facility cannot be used for skating or roller hockey.
Multipurpose hall	16m x 14 m
Surface type	-
Stand	Yes, capacity approximately 100 spectators
Changing rooms	4 changing rooms, two with adapted areas for people with mobility difficulties
Equipment	4 pavilion basketball backboards (widthways court backboards) 4 street Rectangular WISA mini basketball goals with fixed ring 2 official top level competition basketball goals 2 aluminium official handball/futsal goals (square-shaped tubular frame) 2 posts + volleyball net Electronic scoreboard

INDOOR SPORTS

- Handball**
- Basketball**
- Volleyball**
- Futsal**

Paderne Sports Pavilion



Since it first opened its doors four years ago, the Paderne Sports Pavilion has hosted countless national and international activities including the Municipality of Albufeira International Futsal Tournament.

With a capacity for around 500 spectators, the facility serves both the local schools and the community.

Specifications

Location	Paderne
Sports court dimensions	44m x 25m
Ceiling height	7m minimum, free of obstacles
Court markings	Handball, basketball, volleyball and futsal
Sports for which the pavilion can be used	Handball, basketball, volleyball, futsal, racquet sports (badminton and tennis), elementary athletics, elementary and advanced gymnastics (floor, apparatus, acrobatic and rhythmic), dance and combat sports (wrestling and judo). It cannot be used for skating or roller hockey
Multipurpose hall	16m x 14m
Surface type	-
Stand	Yes, capacity 500 spectators
Changing rooms	4 changing rooms, two with adapted areas for people with mobility difficulties
Equipment	2 mini basketball backboards. Wall-mounted, extension of 2.5m, medium density fibreboard, fixed ring. 2 street rectangular WISA mini basketball goals with fixed ring 2 sportssystem FIBA Hydroplay Official basketball backboards 2 aluminium official handball/futsal goals (square-shaped tubular frame) 2 handball/futsal goalnets in 3mm knot-free polypropylene Electronic scoreboard

INDOOR SPORTS

- Handball
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Futsal

Olhos de Água Sports Pavilion



Inaugurated on the 20th of August 2009, this sports facility is located in the Açoteias area of the parish of Olhos d'Água.

It plays a vital role in the physical development and wellbeing of the local community by encouraging them to take part in sport. It also serves as a venue for local, regional, national and international sports events.

Specifications

Location	Açoteias - Olhos de Água
Sport court dimensions	44m x 25m
Ceiling height	7m minimum, free of obstacles
Court markings	Lengthways - markings for introductory handball, futsal, basketball and volleyball Widthways - markings for basketball and volleyball
Sports for which the pavilion can be used	Handball, basketball, volleyball and futsal, racquet sports (badminton and tennis), elementary athletics, elementary and advanced gymnastics (floor, apparatus, acrobatic and rhythmic), dance, combat sports (wrestling and judo). It cannot be used for skating or roller hockey.
Multipurpose hall	16m x 14m
Surface type	BFLEX-EB wooden floor in pau-amarelo or beech with a total height of 62mm in compliance with Norm DIN 18032:2
Stand	Yes, seating for 501 spectators plus 5 places for spectators with mobility difficulties
Changing rooms	4 changing rooms, two of which have adapted areas for people with mobility difficulties
Equipment	Lengthways Courts Official aluminium goalpost and net in knot-free polypropylene for handball/futsal, with metal bracket to secure the goalpost.



INDOOR SPORTS
Handball
Basketball
Volleyball
Futsal

Specifications

Equipment

Portable schools competition basketball backboard (2.40m) and anchoring hook for portable basketball backboards.
Top level competition aluminium volleyball post, knot-free polypropylene volleyball net and lidded metallic sleeve to support the volleyball post.

Widthways Courts

STREET semi-circular WISA mini basketball goal with fixed ring, basket and anchoring hook for portable street basketball backboards.
Multi-purpose metal post without hoist for volleyball, tennis and badminton, and lidded metal sleeve to support the volleyball post.

SWIMMING

Municipal Swimming Pools



Albufeira’s Municipal Swimming Pool Complex constitutes a fundamental facility for local residents who benefit from having access to a venue where they can not only go swimming but also enjoy a range of other healthy water-based activities. The pools are also available for use by tourists and temporary residents, and as a venue for training camps and events.

The staging of major sports events here, including the International Water Polo Tournament, the Area Swimming Tournament and the 4th World Downs Syndrome Swimming Championship, clearly demonstrates the quality of the facility and the excellent conditions it offers.

Specifications

Location	Sports City - Albufeira
Number of pools	3
	1 Competition/Training pool
	Dimensions: 25m x 17m
	8 lanes
	Cubic metres: 900m3
	Minimum depth: 2m
	Maximum depth: 2.20m
	1 Leisure and Recreation Pool
	Dimensions: 17m x 10m
	Cubic metres: 130m3
	Minimum depth: 0.90m
	Maximum depth: 1.50m
	1 Teaching Pool
	Dimensions: 17m x 10m
	Cubic metres: 90m3
	Minimum depth: 0.60m
	Maximum depth: 1m
	Access ramps for special circumstances and handicapped users

SWIMMING

Specifications

Stands

Upper-level stand – capacity 124 spectators
 Portable stand, next to the pools, capacity 164 spectators

Other Facilities

Sauna
 Turkish bath
 Jacuzzi
 Multipurpose room with synthetic floor surface for keep-fit and psychomotricity activities
Changing rooms:
 Communal
 Special
 Individual
 Bar
 Access facilities to the pools for people with reduced mobility
 Aqua cycling, aqua step and aqua treadmills
 Pool lift to provide access for people with reduced mobility to the pools where there is no ramp
 Wheelchair to provide access to the pool with a ramp

SKATEBOARDING
BMX
INLINE

Albufeira Radical Sports Park



Albufeira’s Radical Sports Park is considered the largest skate park in the Iberian Peninsula. The project was designed with the main aim of creating proper infrastructure for skateboarding, BMX Freestyle and inline skating.

After the park opened there was a dramatic increase in the number of people taking part in these sports in Albufeira. The facility is also a valuable asset for the municipality in terms of tourism because radical sports are now enjoyed by thousands of people all over the world.

Important competitions in various radical sports have already been staged here including the Odessa Skate Series and the 3rd stage of the Etnies Skate National Circuit.

Specifications

Location	Sports city - Albufeira
Ramp Zone	There are two types of ramp in the ramp area: a snake run and a bowl. The only ones of their kind in Portugal, they are much sought after not only by skateboarders, BMXers and inline skaters but also by surfers who also do these sports, since they are the ones that most closely resemble the tubular movements of the waves.
Street Zone	The park also has an area for those who want to do street skateboarding. This area is sub-divided into sections with different difficulty levels.
Beginners’ Street Zone	At the northern edge of the park is the Beginners’ Street Zone. Here, the obstacles have been designed to offer good conditions for anyone starting out in these sports, with ramps of low difficulty levels. The area comprises curved and straight ramps (more commonly known as “quarter pipes” and “flat banks”, all generating speed between themselves. Two of the slopes, or flat banks, form a hip (a junction forming a 90° angle between two ramps), which is then completed with a quarter pipe.

**SKATEBOARDING
BMX
INLINE**

Specifications

Beginners' Street Zone

In the central part of the beginners' area is a "Fun Box", which is a combination of various different obstacles, namely grind rails and curbs (boxes or walls bordered with 3mm folded metal plate). Also at the centre is another obstacle known as a curb box.

Difficulty levels in the Street Zone

Set at the uppermost edge of the park, the beginners' area leads on to a variety of different routes offering three skill levels of greater or lesser difficulty: a platform with a drop of 0.5m; another with a drop of 1m; and a third with a drop of 1.5m. All the different slopes are interrupted by a variety of obstacles such as stairs, curbs, walls, grind rails and even ramps. The other platforms are interconnected with similar obstacles thus creating a variety of different skate and foot routes, from the highest part of the park to the lowest.

The lowest part of the park is bordered by ramps culminating from the upper platforms and connecting them to this level, either to the north or to the east. In the centre is a ramp commonly known as a fun box and which consists of a series of ramps, walls and grind rails, which form hips and a number of other variations. To the south is another series of curved ramps (quarter pipes), and slopes (flat banks) that generate the perfect speed for skateboarders to take the best advantage of the lines. There is also a green zone here, and various entrances, one next to the cycle route and another, farther north, leading directly into the skate park.

In the eastern section, adjacent to the Street area, is a snake run bordered by a green zone. The finishing gradient of this ramp, which begins in the highest part of the skate park, next to the Beginners' Street Area, is located lower down, more specifically, in one of the bowls. The difference in gradient between the top and bottom of the ramp is one metre but a number of different height variations have been included along its length.

Finishing off the Skate Park to the south is a learning bowl with a variety of curves and lines. The bowl's location next to another deeper one allows skateboarders to develop their skills progressively at the rhythm that suits them best.

GOLF

Balaia Golf Village



Specifications

Location	Balaia – Olhos de Água - Albufeira
Architect	Southern Golf
Year of Opening	2001
Holes	9, Par 36
Length	984m

Description

The true challenge for any golfer is the test of their skill in controlling the distance and direction of their shots. The course at the Balaia Golf Village comprises nine par 3 holes and is ideal for intense practice of the short game or for those taking their first steps in the sport. The undulating fairways and the excellently maintained greens are pleasantly appealing for players of every handicap.

Balaia Golf Village is located next to the main road between Albufeira and Vilamoura. The Academy and Driving Range are strategically positioned next to the modern club house served by a restaurant-bar and swimming pools. There are two putting greens alongside, offering lovely panoramic views over the golf course and the sea, just 500m away.

The golf course is open daily from 8am to 6pm during the winter months and from 8am to 8pm the rest of the year.

The complex facilities also include:

- A practice ground – an academy with 40 individual practice positions with areas for practising putting, bunker and chipping techniques;
- Private and group lessons under the guidance of the resident PGA professional;
- Bags, clubs, shoes, and trolleys and carts (manual and electric) are available for hire;
- Golf shop offering a large selection of well-known brand name clothing and equipment;

GOLF

Specifications

Description

Ladies' and gents' changing rooms with hot showers. Towels and individual lockers available;
 Le Club: restaurant-bar serving light meals throughout the day;
 Swimming pools with bar service outside the Club House;
 Accommodation in one- and two-bedroom apartments with view over the golf course;
 Shopping area with medical centre, mini-market, newsagents', etc.;

Services

9/18-hole prize golf tournament every Wednesday. Open to all, with free drinks and canapés for all participants.
 Pro-shop, Driving Range - 40 bays, 3 putting greens, chipping-green, practice bunker, Golf Academy



GOLF

Pine Cliffs Golf & Country Club



Specifications

Location	Açoteias - Albufeira
Architect	Martin Hawtree
Year of opening	1991
Holes	9, Par 33
Length	2,274m
Description	Enjoying a spectacular view of the cliffs and the sea, this 9-hole course is 2,274 metres long and comprises four par 3 holes, four par 4 holes and one par 5 hole. Strictly speaking, this last is really a 400m-long par 4 but it is an excellent hole nevertheless.

However, the Pine Cliffs course hallmark is hole 9, played over a ravine several dozen metres deep and from which you can glimpse the vast, inviting sands of the Algarve's beaches.

The world famous "Devil's Parlour" is a challenging par 3 which crosses the cliff and offers a superb view over the Atlantic Ocean.

Pine Cliffs has provided its golf academy with the best equipment, in order to satisfy the demands of both professional and amateur players.

The practice area includes a driving range with 9 different flag positions which can be approached from a variety of directions and distances (between 50m and 200m) providing perfect conditions for practising the short game and putting.

Also available are a chipping and pitching area and a huge putting green.

At the golf shop, you can not only purchase any extra items as a complement to your own equipment, but also hire whatever you need for a perfect game.

The Club House's magnificent open-air terrace is an open invitation to enjoy a drink or snack at the end of your round of golf.

GOLF

Specifications

Requirements

Handicap Certificate.

Max. men and women = 36. Soft spikes obligatory

Services

Driving range, putting green, trolleys, golf academy, club hire, pro-shop, restaurants, bars, hotel.



TENNIS

Hotel Montechoro



The Hotel Montechoro offers excellent tennis facilities and has organised countless professional and amateur/social events over the years, including:

- . the Albufeira Ladies Open, which counts toward the WTA tour world ranking
- . the National Under-12 Team Championship
- . the Under 10/16 and 18 National Team Championships

Specifications

Location	Montechoro – Hotel Montechoro
Court dimension	Standard
Stand	Yes
Changing rooms	Yes
Equipment/Facilities	8 fast courts 4 courts with floodlighting Stand for approximately 150 spectators Health club Reception / bar / restaurant Pro-shop Gymnasium

TENNIS

Hotel Alfamar - Tennis (Sports Centre)



The hotel's tennis facilities comprise 13 outdoor courts (6 with compacted soil surface and 7 fast courts), two indoor courts and a gymnasium.

Specifications

Location	Alfamar – Hotel Alfamar
Court Dimensions	Standard
Stand	-
Changing Rooms	Yes
Equipment/Facilities	6 compacted soil courts – international standard 7 fast courts – international standard 2 indoor courts – international standard, with lighting Special facility: Mini-tennis for the children Gymnasium

SCUBA DIVING



Conditions along the Algarve coast are excellent for scuba diving. With sea water temperatures ranging from 14°C in winter to 21°C in summer, you can dive wearing a 5mm or 7mm wetsuit.

Located in the centre of the Algarve, the city of Albufeira serves as an ideal base from which to easily access the east or west by boat, making it possible to dive in depths of between 10m and 30m. Along the sea bottom off the Algarve coast you'll find reefs, sunken ships and planes, caves, strangely-shaped rock formations and an abundance of marine life.

Albufeira offers excellent diving conditions all year round but since this is the Atlantic Ocean, things can change very quickly. Visibility also affects diving conditions here and can vary from 2m to 15m depending on the day.

The underwater plant and animal life is extremely varied and colourful. Depending on the time of year you can see a huge variety of seaweed and marine plants, coral, octopuses, cuttlefish, pink flatworms, starfish, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, crabs, razor clams, bream, sea bass, gilt-head bream, moray and conger eels, pouting, damselfish, scorpionfish, ballan wrasse, weever fish, rays, triggerfish and others.

SPORTS FISHING



The Algarve is also well-known for its excellent sports fishing conditions, with the waters off the coast of Sagres Peninsula being amongst the best in Europe for fishing species such as blue sharks, white sharks, swordfish, tuna, sea bream and croaker.

The warm waters and the fact that this is a through route used by migratory fish on their way to the Mediterranean at various times of year mean that the Algarve's coastal waters are perfect for big game fishing.

PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE



Paderne Synthetic Court

A project exists for the refurbishment of the current training pitch at Montes Elóis, where the compacted soil surface is to be replaced with synthetic grass. The project also includes renovation and expansion of the changing rooms and exteriors, specifically improving access to the pitch and providing a car park and enclosure. As a result, the facility will be a suitable venue for domestic and international competitions.

Refurbishment of the João Campos Stadium

A project is planned for the João Campos Stadium in Paderne, whereby the sector for athletes and public will be refurbished. Specifically, the stands are to be remodelled and an adjacent complex of synthetic pitches is to be built.

Guia Sports Pavilion

This facility, which will be incorporated in the future premises of the "EB1, 2 e 3" School in Guia, will mean that schoolchildren and the general public will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sports. Various events are planned and the facility will hold around 350 spectators.

Fontainhas Sports Pavilion

This pavilion belonging to the civil parish of Ferreiras' network of sports facilities will serve schools and the local community giving everyone the chance to take part in a variety of sports.



**PROJECTED
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Spectators' Stands for the Albufeira Municipal Synthetic Pitch

While this area currently has no stand, there is a project to build one. This will have a capacity of 588 and will allow the many spectators who come here to watch national and international competitions to do so in greater comfort than at present.

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