

Alcoutim, Algarve, Portugal

Perched on the Guadiana River with Spain a stone's throw across the water, Alcoutim is eastern Algarve at its most unhurried — whitewashed lanes, a castle with 5,000 years of history beneath its walls, and the world's only cross-border zipline just a ferry ride away.

River pontoon / marina berth

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€)

Portuguese

River cruise port

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pontoon/marina on the Guadiana; small river cruise vessels only

Best For: History, cross-border day trips, peaceful Algarve scenery

Walk to centre: 2 min from pontoon to Praça da República

Don't Miss: Castelo de Alcoutim and the zipline from Spain into Portugal

Getting around: Taxi €10–€20 (within town/area)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Castelo de Alcoutim & Archaeological Museum** — The 13th-century hilltop castle dominates the village and the river valley.
- Limite Zero — Cross-Border Zipline** — Take the ferry to Sanlúcar de Guadiana in Spain, then ride the 720-metre zipline back into Portugal at up to 70 km/h — the world's only zipline that...
- Ferry to Sanlúcar de Guadiana, Spain** — The five-minute ferry crossing to the Spanish village of Sanlúcar de Guadiana offers a completely different atmosphere — explore the Castillo de San...
- Guadiana River Cruise to Mértola** — Board a small boat for a scenic upstream cruise along the Guadiana to Mértola, a hilltop medieval town in the Alentejo region with a hilltop castle...
- Praia Fluvial do Pego Fundo River Beach** — About 500 m from the village centre on the Ribeira de Cadavais (near where it meets the Guadiana), this river beach offers calm freshwater swimming...

BEST WALKS

- Riverside Promenade & Historic Centre** 1–1.5 hrs | Easy | Flat + one hill — Start at the marina and walk north along the Guadiana riverfront promenade, taking in views across to Spain.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		73°	53°	9d
Jun		88°	64°	2d
Aug		95°	68°	0d
Sep		87°	65°	4d
Oct		79°	60°	7d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:55AM–8:05PM · Jun 6:08AM–8:52PM · Aug 6:46AM–8:21PM · Sep 7:12AM–7:37PM · Oct 7:38AM–6:52PM

Euro (€)

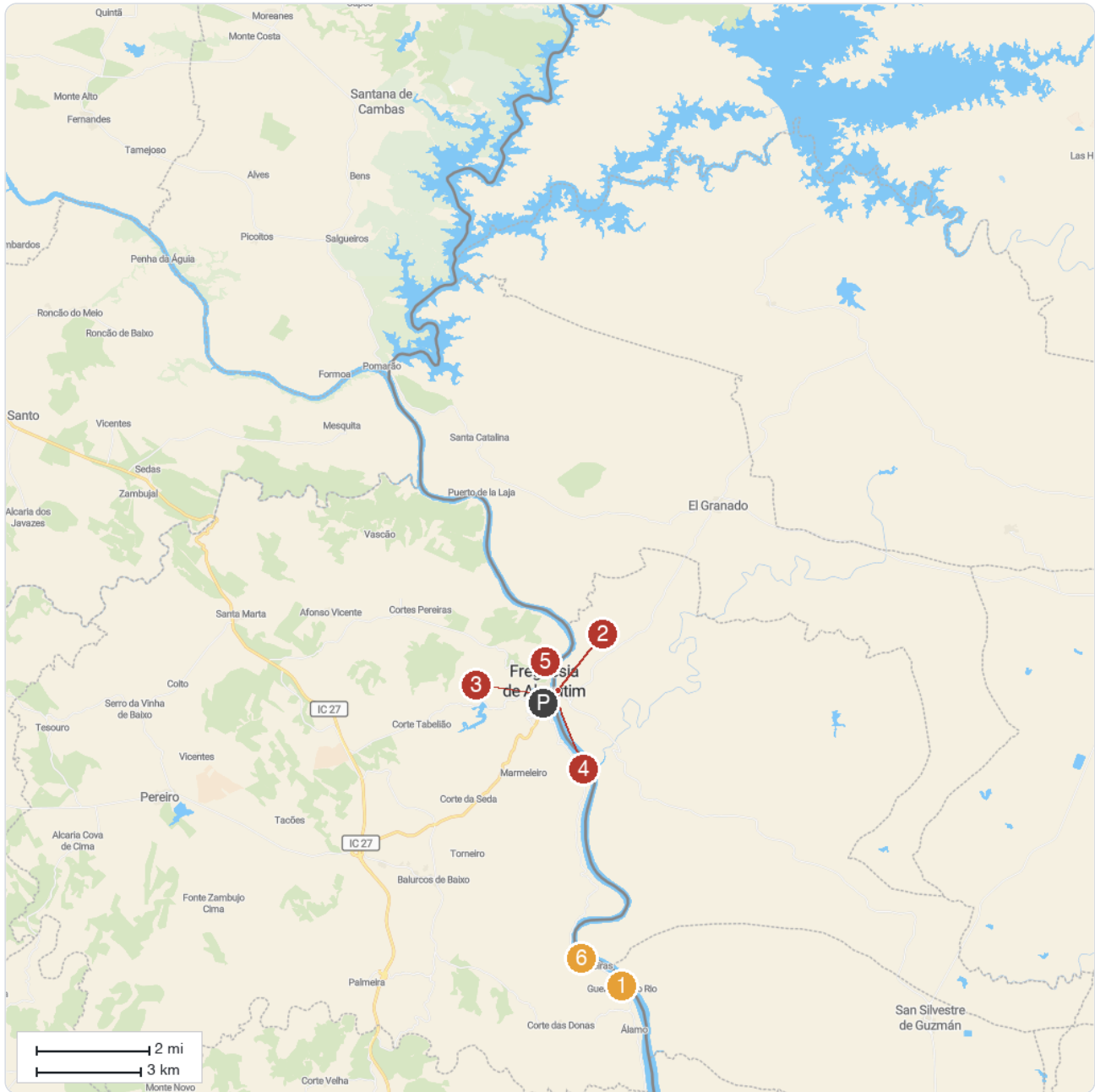
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Ferry to Spain is a must. The 5-minute crossing to Sanlúcar de Guadiana is cheap and one of the most memorable moments of a stop here — even just for a coffee and a look around.
- Book the zipline in advance. The Limite Zero cross-border zipline is popular and has limited slots per day — reserve online before your cruise if you know you'll be in port.
- Cash is king in Alcoutim. The village is small and traditional; bring euros in small bills for the ferry, local cafes, and the castle entrance fee.
- Inland Algarve gets hot. Summer temperatures regularly exceed 38°C (100°F). Carry water, wear sun protection, and plan strenuous activity for the morning.
- The castle museum is genuinely good. The Archaeological Museum inside Castelo de Alcoutim punches well above its weight for a village this size — allow at least 45 minutes.
- Eat riverside. A handful of restaurants along the Guadiana promenade serve fresh fish, cataplana, and local Alentejo wines. Lunch here beats any ship-board meal.

Alcoutim, Algarve, Portugal — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 River Museum | Explore the history and culture of the Guadiana River. | 2 Limitezero | Experience Europe's only cross-border zip line to Spain. |
| 3 Castelo de Alcoutim | Discover the historic ruins of Alcoutim's medieval castle. | 4 Playa fluvial de Sanlúcar de Guadiana | Relax at this charming river beach across in Spain. |
| 5 Alcoutim old Castle | Explore the ancient ruins of Alcoutim's historic riverside castle. | 6 Villa Romana do Montinho das Laranjeiras | See ancient Roman villa ruins and archaeological findings. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |