

Jurassic Sea

Guided sunset walking tour with moonlight snacks

Vale da Boa Hora-Varejota-S. Faustino - 10Km

July 12 at 18 pm

Information and Conditions

1- Organisation and objectives

1.1- The Guided Trail – Jurassic Sea is an event organised and promoted by the Escola Profissional de Alte and it will take place on the 12th July 2024;

1.2- The Escola Profissional de Alte is an institution that pursues aims in the public interest. This event raises awareness on the importance to practise physical exercise and aims to raise funds for the school.

2- Points of interest on the trail

2.1- The trail will be made on the Varjota geosite, of the aspiring Unesco World Geopark, called Algarvensis;

Located in the heart of the Barrocal Algarve's Clay Area), the Cerro da Varjota is particularly important, not only for its aesthetic dimension, but also for the diversity of the karst modelling and the grandeur of its structures. Occupying a dominant position at the top of this hill, the *megalapiás* (geological formations, characteristics of the limestone landscape) stand out against the blue sky, like large statues of limestone and dolomite rock from the Upper Jurassic, sometimes in the shape of an arch, sometimes in the shape of a needle or tower. These structures, several metres high, are the result of the action of the water, which dissolves the limestone rocks, opening fractures and depressions, excavating the rock and sculpting the relief, thus giving origin to an important karst geomorphology;

This geosite is also part of the most complete geological section of the Upper Jurassic of the eastern Algarve (161.2 to 145.5 million years old) consisting of limestone formations, generally very fossiliferous, with the occurrence of various groups of macrofossils of marine organisms, namely belemnites, ammonites and various molluscs and corals;

2.2- A *talego* (traditional bag for food) will be provided, with a snack, composed by local products, at the beginning of the tour;

2.3- At the end of the tour, a moonlight snack with Alte's delicacies will be provided, on the churchyard of the Ermida de S. Faustino;

2.4- Other highlights:

- Walking by 3 old windmills (Varjota, Soalheira and Picota). The views they offer are breath-taking;

- Church of Senhora da Boa Hora, early 18th century;

- Chapel of St Faustino from the 17th century;

- Traditional dry farming orchards with their stone walls, a distinctive feature of the Algarve's Barrocal region (clay area);

- Flora and fauna of the Algarve's Barrocal (clay area),

3- Characteristics of the trail

3.1- The tour will be made along the trails of the Barrocal (Algarve clay area), passing through the settlements of Boa Hora, Varjota, Soalheira, Picota and São Faustino, with a distance of around 10 kilometres;

3.2- It's a linear route that starts at the Church of Senhora da Boa Hora and ends at the Chapel of St Faustino;

3.3- The return to the starting point will be organised by the Escola Profissional de Alte, by bus.

3.4- The trail is generally easy, although there are some parts with slightly uneven terrain;

3.5- The trail will start at 18h00 (6pm) and it will be guided by Acácio Café, Ana Silva and Teresa Cabrita;

3.6 - The trail has an estimated duration of 3h00;

3.7- This trail is not wheelchair accessible.

4- Participants

4.1- Everyone can take part, regardless of their age;

4.2- All children must be accompanied by an adult.

5- Registration

5.1- The trail has a limit of 30 participants;

5.2- The participation's registration will be made exclusively online at www.acorrer.pt;

5.3- The registrations' deadline is on the 09th July 2024 or when the limit of paid participants is reached;

5.4- All participants, or the guardians of the under aged children (less than 18 years of age), must read the regulations beforehand, since the registering process implies the full acceptance of its terms;

5.5 - The participation fee for the Guided Walking Tour is €25.00;

5.6 - The participation fee includes:

- Guided trail;

- A *talego* (a traditional bag for food) with a snack composed by local products, at the beginning of the walk;

- Dinner in the moonlight: Alte's delicacies served on the churchyard of the Chapel of St Faustino;

- Personal accident insurance (see point 7);

5.7- The participation's registrations will only be validated once the payment has been made;

5.8- Payments made after the deadline will not be considered. In case of refunds, they will be made by bank transfer, minus the respective bank fees.

6- Payment methods

6.1- By Multibanco or MB WAY following the instructions in the registration report of Acorrer enrolment report;

6.2- At the office of the Escola Profissional Cândido Guerreiro, at Alte;

6.3- For payments outside Portugal please contact geral@acorrer.pt.

7- Insurance

7.1- All participants are covered by personal accident insurance;

7.2- The insurance will have an amount of 75.00 euros for treatment costs;

7.3- Any accident or incident that occurs during the trail is the responsibility of the participants in everything that exceeds the risks covered by the insurance.

This insurance only covers accidents.

8- Safety

8.1- The trail has movement of vehicles, so the participants must respect the traffic rules. The organisation will not be held responsible for any accident or offence committed against the traffic rules by any participant;

8.2- By registering, the participant assumes full responsibility for ensuring that he/she fulfils the physical and psychological conditions to take part in this trail;

8.3- It is recommended to wear appropriate clothing and footwear and to carry a water container;

8.4- Participants must never lose sight of one of the guides.

9- Image Rights

Participants grant permission to the organisers to use their image, recorded on photographic or video media, or any other means, for promotional and publicity purposes of the event itself or of the organiser.

10-Social and environmental duties

10.1- To help any participant, in the event of an accident, as long as the circumstances require it;

10.2- Not to cause damage to private or cultivated areas;

10.3- The organisation requests, to all participants, not to leave their empty containers along the route. They should do so strictly in the rubbish bins.

11- Data protection

11.1- Every participant, by formalising their registration, authorises the publication of their personal data necessary for the development of the trail, for example in the insurance forms, as well as their use to send information about the event, including to subsequent editions;

11.2- Each participant is responsible for the veracity of the data provided in their enrolment registration and is aware that they will be part of a file for which the organisation will be responsible for;

11.3- The participant will have the right to access, rectify and cancel this data, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

12- Omissions

12.1- Any cases not covered by these regulations will be decided by the organisation with legal and regulatory standards in use;

12.2- Due to other circumstances, the organisation reserves the right to make changes to these regulations, which will always be updated on the event's website.