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# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Albufeira – PORTUGAL  
17 – 26 NOVEMBER 2023



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#### INVITATION LETTER by WAKO IF President Mr. Roy Baker



Dear Presidents,

*On behalf of WAKO, it is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend a warm welcome to all participants, guests, and esteemed members of 2023 Senior World Kickboxing Championships. We are thrilled to host this international sporting event, which promises to be a celebration of athletic excellence, camaraderie, and cultural exchange.*

*At the WC 2023, we firmly believe in the unifying power of sports, transcending borders and bringing people together from various nations, cultures, and backgrounds. It is an honor for us to provide a platform where athletes can showcase their skills, compete at the highest level, and foster lasting connections with fellow participants.*

*As we prepare to embark on this extraordinary journey, we have spared no effort in creating an unforgettable experience for all involved. Our dedicated team has meticulously planned every detail to ensure smooth operations, top-notch facilities, and a vibrant atmosphere that reflects the spirit of healthy competition and mutual respect.*

*During the WC 2023 participants will have the opportunity to demonstrate their athletic powers across a wide range of disciplines. Whether it's the thrill of lightning-fast techniques, the precision of technical routines, or the strategic battles on the Tatami or Ring, this event will undoubtedly showcase the dedication, discipline, and passion of each athlete.*

*Beyond the competition, we also invite you to immerse yourselves in the rich cultural tapestry of our host city and country. Explore the local sights, savor the cuisine, and engage with the warm hospitality of our community. We hope that this event will be not only a sporting spectacle but also an occasion to forge friendships and create memories that will last a lifetime.*

*We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our sponsors, partners, and volunteers whose support has been invaluable in making this event possible. Their commitment and enthusiasm are instrumental in elevating the WC 2023 to new heights.*

*Finally, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all participants and guests for their dedication, talent, and unwavering sportsmanship. Your presence at this international sporting event contributes to its grandeur and serves as a testament to the power of Kickboxing in bringing the world closer together.*

Roy Baker  
WAKO President



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**INVITATION LETTER by Local Organizing Committee Mr. João Diogo**



*Dear WAKO friends,*

*Almost two decades since last event, Portugal is delighted and thrilled to open the arms to organize the WAKO Senior and Masters World Championship. Particularly for me, one of many who stepped up in the ring in that tournament, in Guimarães, delightfully presented by the former WAKO President Ennio Falsoni, is an honor and a big responsibility to take part in the organization of this edition.*

*The challenge is huge and we are all highly motivated to go along with the organization of one of the most important tournaments in the world. Especially on this time, with still difficult winds of war and a post-pandemic hangover, the world is different and the motto is the uniqueness of the WAKO signature, “One WAKO, One Champion”.*

*On this occasion, we will receive you all in the sunny side of Portugal. Albufeira is one of the most iconic rivieras in the world, here you can have a little taste of Portugal, of our history and traditions, our food and culture.*

*When we are all dealing with the good winds of change in Portugal and the reborn of our sports which is growing again, we will all give you our most warm welcome. We have a big team very experienced in events and we will give you all a good time to remember.*

*We hope to see you soon!*

João Diogo  
Portugal WC LOC





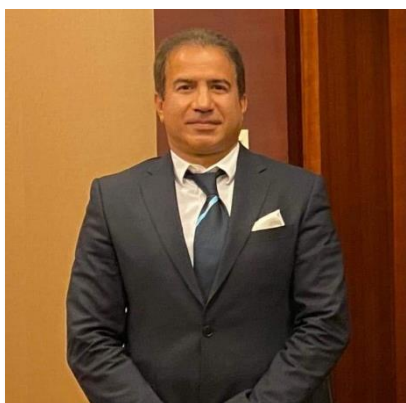
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## INVITATION LETTER by WAKO Board Member Mr. Carlos Ramjanali



*My dear WAKO family,*

*Is with great emotion and joy that Portugal is once again in the promotion of WAKO Big events. We are all thrilled with all the unstinting trust and recognition about what we all did in the past, more than 20 years ago, when we started together this journey of the WAKO international events. I'm one of that kind, since the beginning.*

*After the pandemic, with all the challenges we had during that time, to continuously supporting our WAKO family members and beloved sport, and still growing and searching our Olympic Dream, I particularly had an extra challenge with my beautiful country: help this new generation to find their way up and bring back our national warriors spirit, both in the ring and in the organization of events like this one.*

*The well said WAKO motto, from our president, Mr. Roy Baker, "ONE WAKO, ONE CHAMPION", unified all of us in our mission of bringing our sport higher than ever.*

*I'm delighted and humbled to receive you all in Albufeira for this event, co-hosted with the City Council of Albufeira, I'm sure it will be memorable for all of us. The last time we had a competition like this in Portugal, the opening speech was held by my beloved friend and mentor, our WAKO Honorary President Ennio Falsoni. I will always keep him in my mind when the bell ring.*

*May you all have a good competition and an excellent stay in Portugal.*

Carlos Ramjanali  
WAKO IF Board Member



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**INVITATION LETTER by Vice President of the Municipality of Albufeira Mr. Cristiano Cabrita**



*Dear Friends,*

*It is with great pride that the Municipality of Albufeira welcomes all participants of the WAKO Senior World Championship.*

*In line with what has happened in previous years, Albufeira is once again on the route of major international competitions. The work we have carried out over the years works, both in improving our infrastructure, access and sports facilities, and in preparing our staff.*

*Our mission to promote sport in the municipality is not seasonal and being able to attract and co-organize events with the history and dimension of this championship is a source of pride for all of us. We have more than three thousand federated athletes in the municipality, we look at sport as an integrating tool, with ethics, which fights asymmetries and differences.*

*Albufeira values sport and is valued for what events like this one bring to the municipality. Our path to becoming the European City of Sport in 2026 is through the constant support and promotion of sport that we have carried out, promoting the practice of sport locally and hosting major international events, such as this Kickboxing World Championship.*

*As co-organizers of this edition of the WAKO Kickboxing World Championship, we can only wish all participants a combative journey and an excellent stay with us.*

O Vice-Presidente



Doutor Cristiano Cabrita

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## OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION

**ACCOMMODATION at HOTEL (3\*\*\*) in Albufeira**

**Prices per person, per night (HALF BOARD)**

**Reservation will be made according to the room capacity**

in single room	in double room	in triple room
€ 90,00	€ 75,00	€ 70,00

**ACCOMMODATION at HOTEL (4\*\*\*\*) in Albufeira**

**Prices per person, per night (HALF BOARD)**

in single room	in double room	in triple room
€ 105,00	€ 90,00	€ 85,00

**ACCOMMODATION at HOTEL (5\*\*\*\*\*) in Albufeira**

**Prices per person, per night (HALF BOARD)**

in single room	in double room	in triple room
On request	On request	On request

**The prices above are per person, per night and INCLUDE:**

Shuttle bus from Hotels to Pavilhão Municipal of Albufeira and back during the competitions.

Hotel accommodation in Albufeira.

Breakfast; Dinner in hotel (1/2 mineral water included).

PASS and OPEN CEREMONY.

**Prices above DO NOT include:**

Transport from Airport to the Hotels and back

**ALL BOOKINGS FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

must go through the **KWP – Fights Sports Events**.

Please fill in the **Appendix A) – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM** herewith enclosed with all required information and send it **by 17.08.2023** to the kind attention of:

**DRINS PROMOTION**

E-mail: [drins.promotion@gmail.com](mailto:drins.promotion@gmail.com)

E-mail: [Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com](mailto:Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com)

Tel.: +39 338 5674365

**Together with APPENDIX A for Hotel reservation you are kindly requested to send also:**

**APPENDIX 1 – PRELIMINARY FORM** with preliminary numbers of your team composition **by 17.08.2023**

**APPENDIX 2 – FINAL ENTRY FORM** with definitive numbers of your team composition **by 16.10.2023**

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Deadlines for Hotel booking:

Availabilities and prices are guaranteed until **20.08.2023**.

In case rooms are still available after 20.08.23, prices of the remaining capacity can be at least 20% higher.

### ATTENTION:

The hotel and rooms booking is considered accepted if received within the indicated deadlines and following the below “**PAYMENTS**” **CONDITIONS** (amounts net of any bank charges):

1<sup>st</sup> deposit to confirm reservation **by 31.08.2023** at 50%

2<sup>nd</sup> deposit to confirm reservation **by 16.10.2023** at 30%

3<sup>rd</sup> deposit/balance **by 01.11.2023** at 20%

We kindly ask you to read carefully the below cancellation policy in order to avoid any problem.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### PENALTIES:

Cancellations up to **20.08.2023**:

no penalty (except for bank charges in case of reimbursement)

Cancellations from **20.08.2023** to **16.09.2023**:

possibility to cancel 30% on the total of the rooms booked by **20.08.2023**

Cancellations from **17.09.2023** to **16.10.2023**:

possibility to cancel 20% on the total of the rooms booked by **17.09.2023**

Cancellations from **17.10.2023** to **31.10.2023**

possibility to cancel 10% on the total of the rooms booked by **17.10.2023**

**From 01.11.2023 neither possible reimbursement nor cancellation:**

**100% penalty on the deposits paid that cannot be refunded.**

### **For payment of the Hotel accommodation by bank transfer:**

**Account Name/Beneficiary:** KWP – Fights Sports Events, Ltd

**Bank:** BPI

**IBAN:** PT 50 0010 0000 59971260001 92

**SWIFT CODE:** BBPIPTPL

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## For payment of the Hotel accommodation by credit card:

Payments by credit card are accepted but please note that an increase of 2% will be added on total amount (bank charges included). Please provide the following data:

**NUMBER OF CREDIT CARD, NAME OF THE CREDIT CARD'S OWNER, EXPIRY DATE.**

**Please be kindly informed that ALL the participants MUST stay in any of the official hotels of the event, so accordingly without booking confirmation by the KWP – Fights Sports Events will be impossible to formalize your registration for participation to the World Championship!**

## TRANSPORT

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>Bus up to 36/53 passengers</b>	<b>Minibus up to 4/8 passengers</b>	<b>up to 1 passenger</b>	<b>up to 2 passengers</b>	<b>up to 3 passengers</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Airport FARO</b>	<b>€ 25,00 each person, one way</b>	<b>€ 32,00 each person, one way</b>	<b>€ 90,00 one way</b>	<b>€ 50,00 each person, one way</b>	<b>€ 37,00 each person, one way</b>

**Tariffs above are intended PER PERSON, PER JOURNEY from Faro airport to the sport hall "Pavilhão Municipal de Albufeira", stop there for accreditation/weigh in/medical control, and transfer to the booked Hotel, and include VAT and toll.**

- Faro international airport, is located 41 km from Albufeira.

Scheduled shuttle service between the official hotels and the venue of the event will be provided free of charge during all the competition days.

**ALL BOOKINGS FOR TRANSFER must go through the agency in charge:**

**KWP – Fight Sports Promotion**

E-mail: [drins.promotion@gmail.com](mailto:drins.promotion@gmail.com)

E-mail: [Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com](mailto:Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com)

Tel.: +39 338 5674365

Please fill in **Appendix B) - Travel Schedule Form** herewith enclosed, specifying all details concerning number of passengers, date, place, flight number, time of arrival and departure, to be sent **to the kind attention of:**

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**Deadline for Transfer booking: not later than 31.10.2023**



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## For payment of the Transfer by bank transfer:

**Account Name/Beneficiary:** KWP – Fights Sports Events, Ltd

**Bank:** BPI

**IBAN:** PT 50 0010 0000 59971260001 92

**SWIFT CODE:** BBPIPTPL

## For payment of the Transfer by credit card:

Payments by credit card are accepted but please note that an increase of 2% will be added on total amount (bank charges included). Please provide the following data:

**NUMBER OF CREDIT CARD, NAME OF THE CREDIT CARD'S OWNER, EXPIRY DATE.**

**Please take note that without booking confirmation by the KWP – Fights Sports Events will be impossible to formalize your registration for participation to the World Championships!**

## PROCESS FOR VISA APPLICATION

For those countries that need to apply for VISA on time it is highly recommended to send all necessary information at least **3 months earlier in advance from the initial date of the event by 17.08.2023**.

Please fill in **Appendix C - Visa Application Form** with list of all participants specifying names, surnames, passport numbers, date of birth, issue/expiry dates and status (ex: chief delegation, athlete, coach, referee, supporters...) to be sent **to the kind attention of:**

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Tel.: +39 338 5674365

and in Cc to:

### WAKO Administration Office

E-mail: [administration@wako.sport](mailto:administration@wako.sport)

Tel.: +39 345 0135521

**Deadline for Visa requests: not later than 01.09.2023!**

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## ATTENTION - USE OF TECHNICAL PROTECTIONS

1. They must be WAKO Platinum brands only: **Top Ten and Adidas**;
2. Mandatory in Red and Blue colors;

## PROGRAMME

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
<b><u>Friday 17/11</u></b> 14:00 – 20:00	Arrival of delegations: <u>registration, weigh in and medical control at venue</u>
<b><u>Saturday 18/11</u></b> 09:00 – 20:00	Arrival of delegations: <u>registration, weigh in and medical control at venue</u>
<b><u>Sunday 19/11</u></b> 09:30 – 11:30 09:00 – 10:30 10:30 – 12:00 11:30 – 12:30 12:30 – 13:00 13:00 – 15:00 16.00 – 17.30 19:00	<b><u>OFFICIAL DRAWING</u></b> <u>Mandatory</u> International Referee Seminar ( <b>Ring Sports</b> ) <u>Mandatory</u> International Referee Seminar ( <b>Tatami Sports</b> ) <u>Mandatory</u> International Coach conference for Anti-Doping <b>Accreditations for WAKO Ordinary General Assembly</b> <b>WAKO Ordinary General Assembly - Election round</b> <b><u>Opening Ceremony at Central Square - Albufeira -</u></b> <b><u>Departure for WAKO Presidents Dinner</u></b>
<b><u>Monday 20/11</u></b> 12:00 – 19:00 20:00 – 23:00	First part Qualifications WAKO IF Board Dinner
<b><u>Tuesday 21/11</u></b> 07:00 10:00 -14:00 13:30 - 15:00 15:00 -19:00 TBD – 20:00	Weigh in (Only Ring Sports) Second part Qualifications <b>Musical Forms</b> Second part Qualifications <b>Arrival of Masters: <u>registration, weigh in and medical control at venue</u></b>
<b><u>Wednesday 22/11</u></b> 07:00 10:00 -14:00 13:30 - 15:00 15:00 -19:00 TBD – 20:00	Weigh in (Only Ring Sports) Third part Qualifications <b>Musical Forms</b> Third part Qualifications <b>Qualifications for Masters</b>

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#### Thursday 23/11

<b>07:00</b>	Weigh in (Only Ring Sports)
<b>TBD – 12:00</b>	<b>Finals for Masters</b>
<b>10:00 – 14:00</b>	Fourth part Qualifications
<b>13:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Musical Forms</b>
<b>15:00 – 19:00</b>	Fourth part Qualifications
<b>TBD – 19:00</b>	<b>Awarding ceremony for Masters</b>

#### Friday 24/11

<b>07:00</b>	Weigh in (Only Ring Sports)
<b>10:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>First part Finals</b>
<b>12:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Awarding Ceremony Musical Forms</b>
<b>14:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Second part of Finals, Awarding Ceremony</b>

#### Saturday 25/11

<b>07:00</b>	Weigh in (Only Ring Sports)
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Third part of Finals – PF Team Event</b>
	<b>Awarding Ceremony</b>

#### Sunday 26/11

**Departure of all delegations**

**The program above must be intended as preliminary, it can be modified on spot according to Organizing Committees' requirements.**

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## ORGANIZER'S INFORMATION

<b>Organizer</b>	<p><b>KWP – Fights Sports Events</b>  Address: Azinhaga das Galhadas. 17, 1600-097 Lisboa Portugal  Phone: +393385674365  E-mails: <a href="mailto:drins.promotion@gmail.com">drins.promotion@gmail.com</a>  <a href="mailto:Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com">Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Agency in charge for Hotel Accommodation</b>	<p><b>KWP – Fights Sports Events</b>  Address: Azinhaga das Galhadas. 17, 1600-097 Lisboa Portugal  Phone: +393385674365  E-mails: <a href="mailto:drins.promotion@gmail.com">drins.promotion@gmail.com</a>  <a href="mailto:Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com">Albufeira.world.championship@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Accreditations</b>	<p>Times for check-in and registration are specified in the program. Participating federations must arrive and check-in within the time limits of the check-in and registration.</p>
<b>Liability</b>	<p>The Organizing Committee will not be liable or responsible for any personal injury nor for any loss or damage to your property arising out of your participation and travelling in connection with this event.</p>
<b>Visa guidelines</b>	<p>WAKO in cooperation with the Albufeira City Council will help you obtaining visas for your national team. Please send <b>Appendix C – Application Form for Visa Request</b> by e-mail or fax <b>by 17.08.2023!</b> Please specify all information that is required in the invitation letters for visas.</p>
<b>WAKO Bank Information for payment of Entry fees – ATTENTION: NEW WAKO BANK DETAILS!</b>	<p><b>Account Name/Beneficiary:</b> WAKO IF  <b>WAKO's legal address:</b> Bahnhofstrasse 23, 6300 Zug CH, Switzerland  <b>Bank:</b> Allied Irish Bank  <b>Bank address:</b> Main Street, Leixlip Co Kildare, Ireland  <b>IBAN:</b> IE14 AIBK 9336 3531 6570 54  <b>SWIFT CODE:</b> AIBKIE2D</p>
<b>KWP – Fights Sports Events, Ltd Bank Information for payment of Hotel and Transport</b>	<p><b>For payment of the Hotel accommodation and Transport by bank transfer:</b>  <b>Account Name/Beneficiary:</b> KWP – Fights Sports Events, Ltd  <b>Bank:</b> BPI  <b>IBAN:</b> PT 50 0010 0000 59971260001 92  <b>SWIFT CODE:</b> BBPIPTPL</p>
<b>Registration Online</b>	<p>Registration of all member of the national team must be done by <b>Rsportz and Sportdata platforms only</b> as by WAKO rules.  For any matter regarding RSpportz please contact:  <a href="mailto:tomas@rsportz.com">tomas@rsportz.com</a>  For any matter regarding Sportdata please contact:  <a href="mailto:support@sportdata.org">support@sportdata.org</a></p>



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## Entry Fees

Senior and Master Individual athlete	€ 93,00 (per person and per division)
Point Fighting Team	€ 200,00 (per team entry)

WAKO shall receive an entry fee for each competing team and/or individual competitor **BY BANK TRANSFER ONLY** to the following **NEW WAKO bank details**:

**Account Name/Beneficiary:** WAKO IF

**WAKO's legal address:** Bahnhofstrasse 23, 6300 Zug CH, Switzerland

**Bank:** Allied Irish Bank

**Bank address:** Main Street, Leixlip Co Kildare, Ireland

**IBAN:** IE14 AIBK 9336 3531 6570 54

**SWIFT CODE:** AIBKIE2D

***Please kindly note that the amount to be paid must be in Euro and fully paid, any bank charges or eventual provision due to the currency exchange is on your expenses.***

***Any eventual difference of the amount received will be charged on your Federation/Association and requested to be covered on spot.***

## ATTENTION

**Payments of the entry fees by cash (in EURO only) will be allowed only if communicated earlier in advance to WAKO Administration - [administration@wako.sport](mailto:administration@wako.sport) - explaining the reasons why a bank transfer cannot be executed.**

## Flag and National Anthem

Each participating country must bring 2 (two) flags, size 90 x 130 cm and CD/pendrive/portable drive with their National Anthem. The flag and CD/pendrive/portable drive are needed to be handed in at the registration and will be returned to each participating countries after the competition.

## Anti-Doping

WAKO implements all protocols of the WADA Code as an integral part of the fight against doping. During the event, doping tests will be carried out on randomly selected participants. Any participant found positive in the test will be sanctioned according to the WAKO General Rules and the WADA Code.

## Rules

For any further clarification about technical and competition matter please check them out at "**WAKO Rules**" available on WAKO website – [www.wako.sport](http://www.wako.sport)

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## SPORT HALL

WC HQ for Registration, Weigh in and Medical control



**PAVILHÃO MUNICIPAL DE ALBUFEIRA**

Avenida das Ilhas B, 8200-047 Albufeira, Portugal

Web site: <https://www.visitalgarve.pt/pt/1719/pavilhao-desportivo-de-albufeira.aspx>

**Pavilhão Municipal of Albufeira** is a renovated venue located in the heart of Albufeira, with a walking distance to the center of the city. It accommodates all the major competitions in the center of Algarve, highlighting most of the 30000 local athletes with basketball, handball, kickboxing, etc.



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***Albufeira, land of emotions***



Inhabited since prehistoric times, this was an important fishing port according to evidence dating back to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Through here passed many people ...

The Romans, who named it Baltum and later the Muslims, who gave it the name of Al-buhera or "castle of the sea", which gave origin to the current name of the city. After five centuries of Islamic rule it was finally taken by Afonso III in 1249, who donated it to the Order of Aviz. On the 20th of August of 1504 the charter-of-rights was given to the town of Albufeira by King Manuel I. In 1755 with the earthquake of the 1st of November a giant wave destroyed almost the whole town. Recovered from the earthquake, Albufeira would suffer another disaster in 1833, during the civil war between absolutists and liberals: the absolutist guerrilla surrounded the village, causing a wildfire that resulted in the deaths of 174 of its inhabitants.

From mid 19th century, Albufeira was relaunched as an important fishing centre, recording a great economic progress, which intensified at the beginning of the 20th century with the increase of the export of fish and dried fruits and the creation of several factories.

Between the 30's and 60's of the 20th century it lived times of decadence with the bankruptcy of ship-owners and factories. Many houses and boats were abandoned and the number of inhabitants decreased dramatically.

From the mid 60's, Albufeira awakened the interest of national tourists first and then of British tourists, causing a real tourism boom and giving new breath to the council's economy. It is currently one of the major domestic tourist destinations, concentrating the biggest accommodation supply, is often nicknamed the "Capital of Tourism".



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Located on the Igreja Nova Street, the Parish Church of Albufeira was built in the 18th century and replaced the old parish Church (originally a mosque) which collapsed in the earthquake of 1755. This church of only one aisle is neoclassic and has 4 side chapels, a baptismal chapel, the choir, two pulpits and two lateral rooms. On the main altar the highlight is the beautiful work of the Albufeira-born painter Samora Barros (20th century), which serves as a background for the image of the patron saint of Albufeira, Our Lady of Conception. At the top of the arch of the

main door we can find the cross of Aviz representative of the religious and military order to which Albufeira belonged.



Misericórdia (Mercy) Chapel On the Henrique Calado Street, we can find the Chapel of Mercy, also known as the Chapel of the Castle's Mayors, classified as a building of Municipal Interest. Used afterwards as the chapel of the Castle's Mayors. In 1499, became part of the Misericórdia. It was partially destroyed by the 1755 earthquake and was subsequently recovered. It still preserves the Gothic portal, the triumphal arch and the apse. Inside keeps a carved altarpiece, representative of the image of Our Lady of Visitation and of the Dead Lord, as well as the tomb of Rui Dias, pretended Mayor of the Castle



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Clock Tower Considered one of the symbols of the city, it is certainly a place to visit. Located on the Bernardino Sousa Street, this ancient Muslim tower is incorporated in the old jail building.

Already in the 19th century, an original iron crown was placed on the top, where the bell of hours can be found.



This castle is one of those featured in the flag of Portugal. It was conquered from the Moors by Paio Peres Correia, probably in 1242 and deactivated in 1858. Early in the 16th century, with the transfer of the town inside the walls to the current village of Paderne, it becomes clear its state of neglect and later with the 1755 earthquake, suffers partial collapse of the walls and watchtower.

Classified as a Building of Public Interest since 1971, the Castle was studied with the intent of its recovery and of classification of the surrounding areas of the Quarteira River as protected landscape area. This study included the identification of various areas of archaeological and ethnographic interest, as well as the characterization of the existing fauna and flora. Despite successive restorations, its conservation status is degraded and nowadays has only a few sections of wall, as well as the entrance tower and main walls of its hermitage.

The municipality of Albufeira has 25 beaches with the most diverse morphologies, holding the largest number of blue flags nationwide. Explore and discover beaches of unique beauty!

Penedo Beach - Situated in the full front of the urban city, the beach is accessed by a tunnel dug in the cliff and connects it to the 5 de Outubro Street. At the top of the cliff, you can also go down to the sand by a stone stair or by lift, which exist from the terrace Dr. Frutuoso da Silva. The beach is about 1 kilometer long and is connect to the Fishermen's Beach.

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#### Fishermen's beach



Surrounded by a cliff on east and an amphitheater of white houses on the north and west, the beach is accessed through the city downtown, through the 25 de Abril Avenue. The name of this beach has its origin in many fishing boats that stayed here before and that recently moved to the Fishing Harbour. In the afternoon is often stage for a set of foot volley. Existing services in recreation area:

Tours, jet skiing, pedal boats, ski shark floats, parachute and kayak.

