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**We know the sights and sounds of Vilamoura, but do you know how it developed over the years...**

**Let us show you !**

Vilamoura, located in the Algarve region of Portugal, has undergone significant transformation since its inception in the late 1960s. Here's a visual journey through its development over the decades:

Quinta Morgado, originally a 1600-hectare farm, is the birthplace of the Vilamoura Marina's resort.

Its founder, Artur Cupertino de Miranda, envisioned a marina-centred resort on this land.



## **1900s**

Pre-Development Era.

Before its development as a tourist destination, Vilamoura was primarily agricultural land

with no signs of urban infrastructure. Images or records from this period are scarce, as the region had not yet begun its transformation.



This vision came to fruition between the late 1960s and early 1970s.



**1970s**

Marina Construction.



The construction of Vilamoura Marina began with a pivotal excavation in 1971, marking the start of a transformative project.

Photographs immortalize this ground-breaking moment, offering a rare glimpse into the very origins of this now-iconic marina. These images reveal the early stages of development, showcasing the vision and ambition behind creating what would become a hallmark of luxury and leisure in Vilamoura.

The excavation of Vilamoura Marina began in 1971, marking the start of the area's development.







By 1974, the marina welcomed its first sailboat, the 'Giralda', owned by His Royal Highness the Count of Barcelona.



1974



**1976**



**1979**



**Expansion.**

By 1980, the marina had expanded significantly, with numerous buildings and facilities established around it. Aerial views from this decade depict a bustling waterfront, indicative of Vilamoura's rising popularity as a tourist destination.

In the image below, you can see the Roman Ruins which were uncovered during excavations for construction, marked with red lines.



**1980**



**1990s**

Continued Growth.

Throughout the 1990s, Vilamoura continued to develop, with the marina area becoming increasingly vibrant. Photographs from this era show a well-established marina surrounded by hotels, restaurants, and recreational facilities, solidifying its status as a premier tourist hub.



**2000**

Moving into a new Millennium, Vilamoura is established as a World renowned, Award Winning Marina, and Resort, serving tourists from all over the world



**2024**

Celebrating 50 years of the Marina, Present day Vilamoura Marina, is completed by the addition of a new extension to the main marina offering extra berths, able to handle boats up to 60m in length and a deeper draft, taking the total amount of berths to 825.





**You can view the Marina in our 360° panorama Image  
by clicking on the link below ...**

[VIEW 360° Aerial Panorama](#)

(Simply Navigate with your mouse on a PC or by dragging you  
finger across the screen on your mobile device)

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### **Properties Of The Week**

**Spacious Three-Bedroom Apartment with Stunning Countryside Views**



Situated in the tranquil and prestigious area of Fonte Santa, this exquisite three-bedroom apartment is a rare find within the highly sought-after Al-Sakia Village. With its prime location close to stunning beaches, renowned golf courses, and a wealth of local amenities, this property perfectly combines convenience, comfort, and contemporary living.

Ref. [OH2861](#)

**Price €420,000**

## Beautiful Two Plus One Duplex Apartment in Vilamoura

This beautiful Two plus one duplex apartment, located on the second floor in a building without an elevator.

Located in the desirable Sector 5 of Vilamoura, offering stunning views of the pool and garden.

Ref. **OH2850**

Price **€650,000**



## Testimonial Of The Week



We were blessed the day we met Mika on our journey to buy a property in the Algarve. Olive Homes are professional, knowledgeable and diligent, helping to secure the deal from start to finish in a timely manner. We would have no hesitation in recommending Olive Homes and a special "Thank you" to Mika who is now a friend.

Carol and Brendan - Vilamoura



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