

Why buy in the Algarve?

For many of us who have been living in the Algarve for quite a while, it is sometimes easy to take the wonderful benefits for granted. So, we thought, for those of you still to discover the pleasures that await, we should have a quick reminder of why thousands are choosing the Algarve as their new home.



Climate

With warm winters and hot summers, the climate is sublime. Daytime temperatures in the winter rarely drop below 16 degrees and if the sun is out it feels like 20/21 degrees. No wonder a favourite pastime is swimming on Christmas day! Rain is often concentrated around April or October and even then, it is unusual to have unbroken rain without the sun popping out. Officially we have 320 days of sunshine a year. The summers can be hot but we always have the breeze from the Atlantic which makes the summer temperatures perfect for going to the beach or drinking a glass of chilled white wine.

Safety

The Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP) places Portugal as the 4th safest place to live in the world. This is based on a survey covering 163 different states and territories using different factors that accumulate into its 'peacefulness'. Some of the indicators used are as follows; impact of terrorism, number of violent deaths, nuclear capability, condition of peace, social security, internal conflicts and international relations. There are rarely any severe crimes here and while we should always take precautions it is not a society that looks to rob, steal or defraud its citizens. Most villas that are sold will have an alarm, maybe grills on the windows and sometimes CCTV. This isn't necessary but we work on the basis it is better to be safe than sorry.

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Property Of The Week

Two bedroom apartment completely renovated, only 100 m from Vilamoura Marina



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Testimonial Of The Week



David and his team at Olive Homes have been brilliant throughout the entire process of buying our first home in Portugal. They have a very honest approach and we felt as thought we could trust them from the outset. They have gone above and beyond what we expected, helping us settle in and find everything local we need. David and his wife even took us to dinner which was really appreciated as we haven't met too many people here yet. Overall, the service and the genuine approach has been excellent and we highly recommend Olive homes if you are looking to buy in the Algarve.

Chris and Vicki

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