

## The Tavira Friary - '4 Star': Algarve

### Summary

This luxury boutique hotel occupies a glorious position at the very top of Tavira, our favourite seaside town on Portugal's Algarve. Perched next to the shady gardens of Tavira's old town, the pool terrace enjoys stunning outlooks over cobbled streets. The buzz of Tavira's designer shops and eateries is a short walk away, as is the crossing point to the sandy beach beyond the lagoon. The Tavira Friary is the latest boutique hotel in Portugal to create a stir amongst the cognoscenti. A romantic gem not to be missed on any luxury holiday or honeymoon in Portugal. With mild temperatures from March to November and a heated pool in winter this is an all year round destination.

### Details

Wend your way up through the narrow cobbled streets of Tavira's old town and the whitewashed buildings eventually open onto a glorious square dominated by the hotel's burnished ochre walls. In front of its impressive gates are the town's leafy gardens, encircled by ruined castle battlements. Through them you can spy the wonderfully higgledy piggledy terracotta roofs and white walls tumbling down to the lagoon and marsh flats with the twinkling sea beyond. Take the boat or miniature train to a variety of sandy beaches beyond the lagoon where all manner of watersports are available. Vespa at Barril beach is the man to know. He can arrange anything from body boarding to beach barbeques parties.

Passing through the Friary's grand doors, you enter another world with cool marble corridors and colonnades. Beyond is a stylish contemporary pool terrace (with separate children's area) and manicured lawn with chic al fresco restaurant. The pool is heated in winter for all year round use. Guest rooms are sumptuous with crisp white sheets, squashy duvets and velvet throws in the natural earthy tones of the region. The rooms are spacious, many with balconies and preserved original features, and the suites all have luxurious sitting rooms, some with private gardens. This flexible accommodation is perfect for both romantic couples and families.

Tavira once provided a bounty of fish, figs, almond and wine for the rest of Europe, and the Friary still prides itself today on its culinary expertise. Guests can try their hand at cookery courses and wine tastings, and the restaurant offers great quality local cuisine.

For time away from the pool, take a romantic horse-drawn carriage ride through the town or explore some of the Algarve's other unspoilt gems like Faro with its designer shopping, picturesque Loule and ancient Silves. A trip to mountainous Monchique, home of Portugal's fortified brandy, is not to be missed, and further a field you can visit Lisbon, the deserted beaches of the Western Alentejo coast, and even Seville in Spain. Naturally, being on the Algarve, you are never far from some of the world's finest golf courses, all available to guests at special rates through the hotel's concierge. Nearby Monte Rei is the newest and grandest in town. Tennis courts and mountain biking are also available, plus the many watersports at the local beaches which form part of the Ria Formosa nature reserve.

This is a stylish all season destination for couples and families alike.

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### Facts & Figures

36 Guest Rooms (sleeping 2-6):

- Standard double (some with balcony)
- Superior double - larger room (most with balcony), some with views of gardens, some with separate sitting room and one with mezzanine
- Suite - very spacious with bedroom, separate sitting room (some with terrace or garden), luxury bathrooms and lobby.
- Suite - very spacious room with large bedroom, separate lounge, lobby, terrace and private garden

All rooms have: *Ensuite bathrooms - LCD Cable TV - Minibar - Telephone & Internet Access - Air-Con/heating - Safe - Hairdryers*

Hotel facilities: 2 Pools (outdoor; one for children, heated in winter) - Beauty treatments available in room - Terrace & Gardens - Restaurant - Drinks Service - Bikes (extra charge)

Also at and around hotel (extra cost): Many golf courses of the Algarve (discounted entry for guests) - boat tours - watersports at beach (windsurfing, sailing, kitesurfing, jet skiing, water skiing) - cookery lessons & wine tasting - horse and carriage tours

Can be hired for functions - please ask for details

### Regional Highlights

- Natural Beauty of the Algarve and Ria Formosa Nature Reserve
- Many sandy beaches and sand bars separated from the main land by lagoons and salt flats (walk, take the boat or miniature train to some)
- Many watersports and boat trips
- Explore the pretty town of Tavira with its fashionable shops and eateries, Roman bridge, castle and churches, plus 360 degree views from the camera obscura at the top of the town
- Short trips to unspoilt Silves, Monchique, Loule
- Faro for designer shopping
- Day trips to Lisbon, the deserted beaches of the Western Alentejo coast and Seville in Spain
- Many championship level golf courses
- Cookery Courses
- Mild temperatures from March to November - a great all year round destination

### Location

Nearest airports:

Faro (15mins); Lisbon (1.5hrs)

Nearest train station:

Tavira (5 mins)

Nearest shops and restaurants:

Doorstep

Nearest Beach

Walking distance to crossing point to beach on the other side of the lagoon

