

PASSEIO GUIADO NO GEOPARQUE ALGARVENSIS À Descoberta da Penina Sítio Geológico Internacional

Information and conditions

1- Organization and Objectives

1.1- The Penina Discovery Tour – an international geological site, with optional lunch at the Rosmaninho Restaurant – is an event promoted and organized by Escola Profissional de Alte and will take place on November 23, 2025.

1.2- The Escola Profissional de Alte is an institution whose mission is to pursue public interest goals. This event promotes awareness of regular physical exercise and aims to raise funds for the school.

2- Points of interest along the route

2.1- The route runs through the heart of the official candidate for UNESCO Global Geopark status, Algarvensis.

Alte is a good testament to the planet's geological history. For example, the rocks and volcanic ash on two of its slopes bear witness to large-scale eruptions that occurred approximately 201 million years ago, associated with the breakup of the then supercontinent Pangea, which would later lead to the opening of the Atlantic Ocean and the continents we know today.

Near the village of Penina, south of Rocha da Pena – a geological site of international interest – several fossil deposits of animals that lived approximately 227 million years ago have been found. Among these is the deposit of *Metoposaurus algarvensis*, large extinct amphibians that lived in the lakes and waterways that existed in the territory during that geological period.

2.2- A talego (bag) for a snack with local products will be provided at the beginning of the tour;

2.3- At the end of the tour, there will be an "optional" lunch at the Rosmaninho Restaurant, with the following menu:



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- * Bread, butter, olives, Algarve-style carrots, and fresh cheese;
- * Braised pork cheeks / Baked free-range chicken / Chickpea stew;
- * Dessert / fruit;
- * Water, house wine, soft drinks, and coffee;

2.4- Other highlights:

- Alte River ecosystem with its watermills and washhouses. The Alte River is itself a geological event, being a discharge area for the largest underground aquifer in the Algarve;
- Fonte Grande and Fonte Pequena;
- Passage by the internationally important geological site and Local Protected Landscape of Rocha da Pena;
- Benafim Pequeno community washhouse;
- Typical village of Penina;
- Norias of Arab origin;
- Traditional dryland orchards typical of Terra Rossa, with their beautiful dry stone walls
- Fauna and Flora of Barrocal.

3- Route Features

3.1- The tour route will be linear, departing from Fonte Pequena in Alte, following the Alte stream towards Benafim Pequeno, passing through the typical village of Penina and visiting the Metoposaurus Algarvensis site, covering a distance of 10 km;

3.2- It is a linear route, starting at Fonte Pequena in Alte and ending on the municipal road between Benafim and Quinta do Freixo;

3.3- The return to the starting point will be provided by the Alte Vocational School via its bus.

3.4- The route is generally easy, however, there are some sections with somewhat uneven terrain and some unevenness;

3.5- The tour will begin at 9:00 am and will be guided;

3.6- The tour has an estimated duration of 3 hours;

3.7- It is not wheelchair accessible.



4- Participants

4.1- Everyone, regardless of age, is welcome to participate;

4.2- All children must be accompanied by an adult.

5- Registration

5.1- The Tour has a limit of 30 registrations;

5.2- Registration must be made exclusively online at www.acorrer.pt;

5.3- The registration deadline is November 20, 2025, or when the paid registration limit is reached;

5.4- All participants, or their guardians in the case of children under 18 years of age, must read the rules in advance, as registration implies full acceptance of their terms;

5.5- The registration fee for the Guided Walking Tour is €10.00 without lunch. The optional lunch at Rosmaninho Restaurant is €20.00;

5.6 – The registration fee includes:

- Guided tour;

- Optional lunch at the Rosmaninho restaurant, with the following menu:

- * Bread, butter, olives, Algarve carrots, and fresh cheese;

- * Braised pork cheeks / Baked free-range chicken / Chickpea stew;

- * Dessert / fruit;

- * Water, house wine, soft drinks, and coffee;

- Snack bag (Talego) with local produce at the beginning of the tour;

- Personal accident insurance (see point 7).

5.7- Registrations will only be validated after payment has been made;

5.8- Payments made after the deadline will not be considered. In these cases, refunds will be made by bank transfer, less the corresponding bank charges.



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6- Payment Method

6.1- By ATM or MB WAY, following the instructions in the acorrer registration report;

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

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

7- Insurance

7.1- All participants are covered by personal accident insurance;

7.2- The insurance will have a deductible of €75.00 for treatment expenses;

7.3- Any accident or incident that occurs during the course of the tour is the responsibility of the participants, insofar as it exceeds the risk covered by the insurance. This insurance coverage only applies in the event of an accident.

8- Safety

8.1- The route is open to other vehicles, so all participants must comply with traffic regulations. The organization is not responsible for any accidents or violations of the highway code by any participant;

8.2- By registering, participants assume full responsibility for ensuring they meet the physical and psychological requirements to participate;

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

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

9- Image Rights

The participant grants the organizing entity permission to use their image, recorded in photography, video, or any other medium, for promotional and advertising purposes of the event itself and the organizing entity.

10- Social and Environmental Duties

10.1- Assist any participant in the event of an accident, whenever circumstances require;

10.2- Do not cause damage to private or cultivated areas;



10.3- The organization urges all participants not to leave empty containers along the route. They must do so strictly in the trash containers.

11- Data Protection

11.1- All participants, by formalizing their registration, authorize the publication of their personal data necessary for the development of the tour, such as on the insurance list, as well as its use to send information related to the event, including subsequent editions;

11.2- Each participant is responsible for the accuracy of the data provided in their registration and is aware that this data will be part of a file, for which the organization will be responsible;

11.3- The data subject has the right to access, rectify, and cancel this data, as determined by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

12- Omissions

12.1- Cases not covered by these regulations will be decided by the organization in compliance with current legal and regulatory standards;

12.2- For reasons of force majeure, the organization reserves the right to make changes to these Regulations, which will always be updated on the event website.

