# WFDF 2025 World Beach Ultimate Championships



16 - 22 NOVEMBER 2025





### **WBUC 2025**

The WFDF World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF), the Portuguese Flying Disc Association (Associação Portuguesa de Ultimate e Desportos de Disco – APUDD), the Clube de Praticantes Ultimate Portimão (your Local Organizing Committee - LOC) & the Municipality of Portimão are excited to host the WFDF 2025 World Beach Ultimate Championships in Praia da Rocha, Portimão, Portugal.

The WFDF 2025 World Beach Ultimate Championships (WBUC) will be hosted by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), led by Pedro Vargas who serve as the Tournament Director alongside a team of experienced key staff from the Clube de Praticantes Ultimate Portimão and the Portuguese Ultimate community. The tournament will run from Sunday 16th to Saturday 22nd of November 2025 at Praia da Rocha (translates to Rock Beach), a vibrant seaside town that provides an excellent opportunity to show off one of the great Southern Portuguese beaches.

At the WBUC players will compete across multiple divisions: Open, Women's, Mixed, Master Open, Master Women's, Master Mixed, Grand Master Open, Grand Master Women's, Grand Master Mixed, and Great Grand Masters. All divisions that have six (6) or more teams pre-registering to participate will be viable. (please check the WFDF Rules Appendix for team roster and age details).

On the following pages, you will find the details you need to formalize your team's WBUC registration process. Please pay attention to the action points highlighted in red. We've also included some preliminary extra details on transport and accommodation to help you with your decision planning, however, all teams are reminded strongly that NO BOOKINGS for flights, visas, or hotels should be made until WFDF closes the team registration (collect fees) for the event, once we are sure it is viable with critical mass. Should you have any immediate questions that affect your ability to pre-register your teams, please feel free to reach out to WFDF or the LOC (contact details on the back page of this bulletin). Teams from all WFDF member National Federations are welcome to participate in the Event.

We look forward to hosting you in Praia da Rocha, Portimão, Portugal in November 2025.

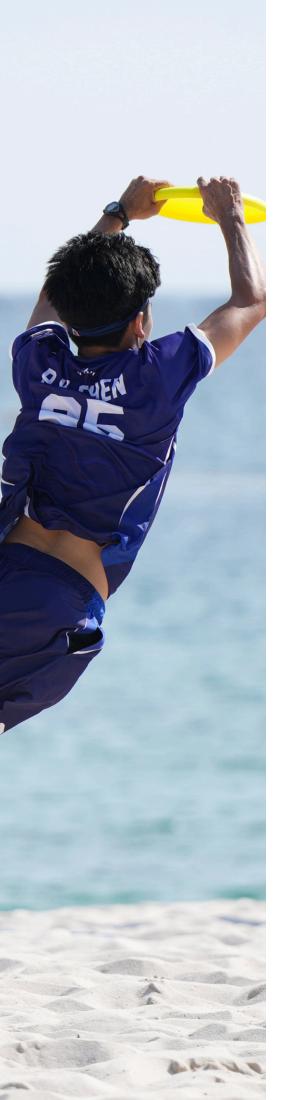
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### **Event Dates**

#### **TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW**

The WBUC2025 will be a seven (7) day tournament running from Sunday, November 16th to Saturday, November 22th, 2025, inclusive. Should weather (or other unforeseen circumstances) cause delays to play, the schedule will be adjusted to ensure the finals are played as scheduled on or before day 7. If severe weather occurs, the schedule or format may also be adjusted, and the number of games reduced.

On-site registration will take place in the lead-up to the Tournament after teams arrive in Portimão. You will be informed of your booking time and location for team registration at a later date.

#### PARADE OF NATIONS & OPENING CEREMONY

The Parade of Nations and Opening Ceremony will take place in the early morning of Sunday, November 16th, followed by the Opening Showcase Game and some rounds if required. Times for the Opening Ceremony and Opening Game will be announced at a later date. Each team is expected to participate in uniform in the Parade of Nations and Opening Ceremony and to plan to play on Day 1.

#### **COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

The preliminary competition schedule will be distributed once all team fees have been received. This schedule will be customized according to the sizes of the divisions. teams should expect to play between one and three games daily during the first five days of competition. On the sixth and seventh days, there will be a shorter schedule, details of which are yet to be finalized. Finals will be hosted on Days 6 and 7 of the tournament.

#### **OFFICIAL ATHLETE PARTY & CEREMONIES**

The official Athlete Party will be held on Friday, November 21st in the evening. Medal Ceremonies will take place immediately following each final. The Closing Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 22th, at the end of the last final of the tournament.





# Local Organizing Committee

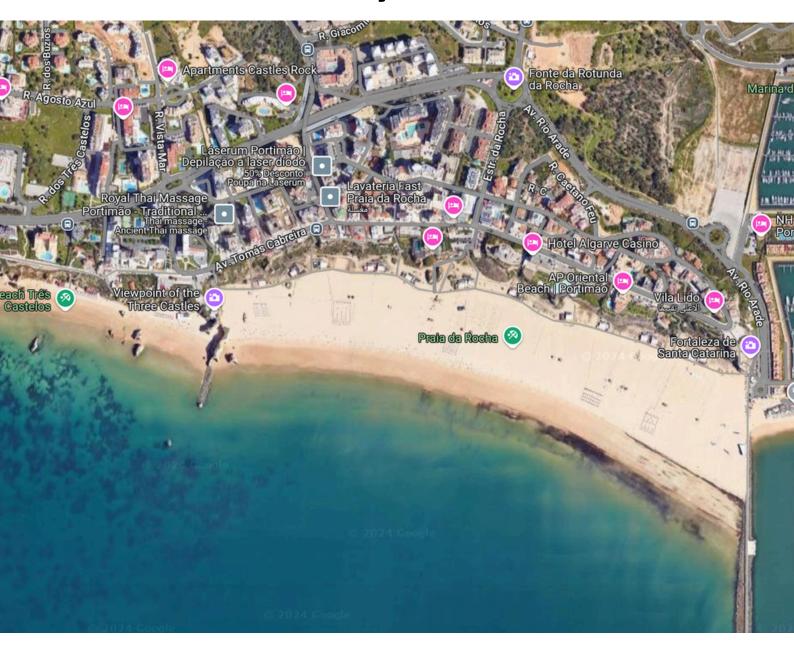


The WBUC 2025 will be under the leadership of Pedro Vargas, serving as the Tournament Director with Filipa Vargas, Inês Bringel Sofia Pereira working as key staff for the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), will work with key members from Clube de Praticantes Ultimate Portimão and other members of the Portuguese Ultimate community. Pedro and his experienced team have previously been involved in organizing large-scale Beach Ultimate events, like WBUC2004, EBUC2019, EBUCC2022 and WBUCC2024.

The Clube de Praticantes Ultimate Portimão is committed to growing the sport of Beach Ultimate and they are thrilled to be hosting WBUC 2025 in Portimão, showcasing their commitment to the sport.



# Location Map and Venue



All games for the WBUC 2025 will be held in the spacious sand area at Praia da Rocha. You can view the exact location here.

In Portimão in November, the average air temperature ranges from 20 °C (68 °F) during the day to 11 °C (52 °F) at night. Being oceanside, it is normally windy with averages around 21km/h. Teams should prepare to play in all weather conditions as November is the second wettest month in the year (despite an average of only 7 days of rain in November).





# **Airports**

The closest Airport is Faro, which is 66 km away. There is also the possibility to fly into Sevilla or Lisbon, which are 262 and 275 km from Portimão, respectively. A low-cost shuttle option from Faro Airport is being negotiated and will take around 55 min. A similar alternative is being considered for Lisbon and Sevilla airports for a journey of roughly 2h 45.

If looking for public transportation from Faro Airport, individuals must get a bus from the airport to Faro Central Station, where they can get either a bus or a train to Portimão. The duration of the trip is roughly 2h30 and will cost between 12€ and 20€.

It is also possible to get from Lisbon by bus or train, with prices around 15-25€ for 3-4h traveling time. From Sevilla, the options are scarcer (around seven buses per day) and cost between 16€ and 60€ for a 4h15 journey.

Teams should make inquiries about flights, however, **no flights should be booked until after 14 February 2025** when team registration closes and the team fee payment deadline passes, after which WFDF will confirm each team on the bid list.

Teams are expected to make their own transport arrangements from the airport to the accommodation (even if a transfer option is provided this will be organized directly between the teams/players and the service provider)



### Health and Medical

All event participants (athletes, coaches, and team support) are recommended to obtain travel insurance before booking flights and health insurance before leaving your home country. WFDF and the LOC do not provide coverage for participants outside of the general first aid administered at the fields. There are always risks associated with playing Beach Ultimate and traveling. Although WBUC will have medical staff on-site to deal with first aid and assess critical injuries, there may be injuries or illnesses in which players need follow-up medical attention or emergency visits to local hospitals. We remind all EU residents to travel with your EU medical cards.

WFDF and the LOC kindly request that all players and event participants acknowledge these risks and understand that WFDF and the LOC cannot be held liable for any risk or cost associated with injury or bad health at WBUC. All event participants should alleviate some personal financial liability by purchasing your own travel and health insurance to make sure you are covered for any medical issues or event/travel cancellations that could arise. Participants will be required to sign an Event Participant Agreement published in advance of the event.



### **Visas**

Once the event bid list is published and your team is registered, we encourage each team and player to make specific and timely inquiries about obtaining a visa to enter Portugal. Teams and Players are responsible for obtaining the correct paperwork to visit Portugal to compete at the WFDF 2025 World Beach Ultimate Championships. You can check the requirements to enter Portugal here: <u>Visa, Passport, and General Info For Entering Portugal | Portugal Online</u>

We cannot provide specific advice on the process, however we do strongly recommend that you get started as soon as possible. WFDF can provide your team manager/administrator with a letter confirming your team's registration at the event. WFDF can provide players with a letter confirming your participation as a player at the event after the players fees are paid and after the NF has supplied a roster endorsement letter with your name on it.

Specific player letters for visa appointments can only be done after players have registered and paid their fees) we require confirmation from the National Federation that they endorse the player on the roster. The following details for all the members of your team are required:

- Full name (as shown on passport)
- Passport number
- · Date of birth
- Role on team (i.e. player, coach, manager, etc.)

DO NOT EMAIL US - this official letter can only be supplied when you fill out the required fields on the online form. Make sure you leave us some time to produce this document: do not assume that we can send it back the same day. Please note: we cannot and will not provide a formal "invitation" to attend the event and non-ability to enter Portugal is not grounds to request a refund for a team and/or player fees.

For all PROOF OF PARTICIPATION letters (team or individual) please fill out the form <u>HERE</u>. Letter production for events will close 12 weeks before the tournament. Please do not leave your request late.

We recommend EVERY TEAM makes specific inquiries to fully understand visa and travel requirements.



# **WBUC Eligibility**

Teams from all WFDF National Federation (NF) members in good standing are invited to participate at the WBUC in Portimão, Portugal. A team must have minimum of twelve (12) players registered on its playing roster and a maximum of twenty (20) players.

The WBUC will operate divisions following the team eligibility rules for team rosters (Section D) with a minimum of six countries per division:

- Mixed, Open and Women's Divisions A player participating in these divisions must be fourteen (14) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- Master Divisions A player participating in a Master division as a female player must be thirty
  (30) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes. A player
  participating in a Master division as a male player must be thirty-three (33) years old or older
  during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- Grand Master Divisions A player participating in a Grand Master division as a female player must be thirty-seven (37) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes. A player participating in a Grand Master division as a male player must be forty (40) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament concludes.
- Great Grand Master Divisions A player participating in a Great Grand Master division as a
  female must be forty-five (45) years old or older during the calendar year in which the
  tournament concludes. A player participating in a Great Grand Master division as a male must
  be forty-eight (48) years old or older during the calendar year in which the tournament
  concludes.

WFDF strives to protect transgender athletes and to recognize the importance of autonomy of gender identity in sport and has created clear guidelines with minimally invasive requirements for TUE submissions. The guidelines were developed by the Medical and Anti-Doping Committee. The WBUC will abide by timelines and requirements as outlined in the WFDF Transgender Athlete and Differences in Sex Development (DSD) Athlete Policy.



# Registration

TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM, PLEASE **COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM** BY USING THE BELOW LINK AND SUMBIT PRIOR TO JANUARY 31st., 2025.

#### **WBUC 2025 REGISTRATION FORM**

To accept team bids and provide details for your team administrator, please follow the steps outlined below:



Complete the online team registration form before: 31st. January 2025.



Make the team fee payment to WFDF before: 14th. February 2025.

Each National Federation will be sent team fee invoices via email prior to the 31st of January. You should make payment within 2 weeks to secure your bids. Teams are kindly reminded to ensure their payments and transfers cover the cost of any banking fees.

For any questions about the team registrations process, please do not hesitate to contact WFDF Events Team. Please be sure to add the event name WBUC 2025 in the email title and your country abbreviation code (i.e., AUS)

WFDF Events Team: events@wfdf.sport



### Fees and Event Deadlines

#### THE WBUC DEADLINES AND EVENT FEES ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS:

FEE	NOTE	DEALINE	
Online TEAM registration		Friday 31st Jan 2025	
Team Fee-payment due	\$1800 USD	Friday 14th Feb 2025	
Players Fee (regular rate)	\$290 USD	Monday 14th Apr 2025	
Guest Fee	\$250 USD		
Late Surcharge Fee	+\$50 USD per person	Added for any players or NPTS added after 14th April	

WFDF will invoice and collect all fees for WBUC. All fees are in US Dollars \$ (please ensure your payment is made in the right currency).

The team fee is NOT reimbursable for any team that withdraws after making a team fee payment. Teams withdrawing after paying the team fees (for your own reasons) does not fall into the Cancellation policy for event cancellation. The player fee can be transferred to another player but is NOT reimbursable (subject to certain exceptions and medical restrictions).

All bank fees and transfer charges are at the cost of the payer – if there are any outstanding monies they will be collected in cash during on-site event registration.

Player Fees will include event accreditation, field and roster access for play, access to all player zones and meetings, access to the party, and the event gift and access to the podium to receive medals.

Non-playing Team Support fees are for people traveling and associated with the team (coaches, medics, support, admin, and guests) but are not taking the field to play. They will receive the same benefits as a player but will not be on any roster and are not entitled to play.

Spectators are non-accredited individuals who will not be able to participate with the team or take part in any of the event's or team's functions and will be treated as spectators.



# **Cancellation Policy**

Be advised that the event may be forced to cancel by governmental orders or may be perceived to be unsafe and cancelled by the organisers. The organisers may be forced into a last-minute cancellation due to events beyond their reasonable control. If the organisers are unable or unwilling to host the event or any specific participants at the event for reasons beyond their reasonable control, the event may be rescheduled, if possible. If a reschedule is not reasonably feasible, participants, teams and spectators may be unable to recoup any costs already expended for the cancelled event. Each team/participant is strongly encouraged to consider purchasing insurance to cover the costs (travel/accommodations/etc.) as a result of any cancellation or rescheduling of the event by governmental authorities, the organisers, or others.





# **Sponsors**

VC Ultimate has been producing Ultimate's best-quality uniforms and custom performance apparel since 1998. A company that proudly puts values and community before profit, VC is the world's top source for quality, design, and all of your Ultimate needs.



All teams competing in WFDF events receive a 20% discount on team uniform orders. VC Ultimate is WFDF's official apparel partner and designs and produces Ultimate uniforms of the highest quality, and manufactures in both Canada and Europe using recycled fabrics. Contact <a href="mailto:info@vcultimate.com">info@vcultimate.com</a> to start creating your next project.

The VC Team www.vcultimate.com

**Discraft** Home of the Discraft UltraStar Ultimate Disc, official disc of WFDF.

Contact Heiko Kissling, JUMP-and-REACH.com, it may eliminate all your headache about shipping costs, duty and taxes.



Email:

uCustomize@JUMP-and-REACH.com

The new Hot Stamp prices are up on the website!

www.jump-andreach.com/customprint175#prices





# **Sponsors**

Founded in 2016, Greatest Ultimate Bag is the #1 bag designed by and for Ultimate players, and the official bag of WFDF, AUDL teams and elite club teams around the world. Produced in many sizes (18L, 30L, 45L and 60L), the **GREATEST ULTIMATE BAG** is jam packed with features such as rain fly protection, roomy cleat compartment, cooler and disc carrying ability. Don't just get your gear to the field. Get there organised and in style with Greatest.



The unique organisation system keeps smelly socks away from water bottles and muddy cleats away from clean clothes.

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WFDF's Footwear Sponsor **X-COM** has three different footwear categories that are aimed at the Flying Disc Audience. Hiking boots, fitness shoes and playing cleats. Providing footwear for an all-round fitness regime X-Com has your feet covered.



Visit our stands and talk to us at upcoming WFDF events.

Website: www.xcomdiscs.com

**Friction Gloves** Friction Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf Gloves provide a consistent grip in all conditions.

Designed for optimal performance, they eliminate slippage, keep your hands warm, and improve your grip on wet, cold, and humid days. Whether you're throwing, catching, or disc golfing, Friction Gloves will elevate your game! Email address is <a href="mailto:support@FrictionGloves.com">support@FrictionGloves.com</a>







## **General Information**

Time zone in Faro District, Portugal (GMT)

Language: Portuguese Currency: Euro (EUR)

Currency for fees: All event fees will be advertised and collected in US

Dollars (USD \$)

Voltage: Type C and Type F outlets with a standard voltage of 230V

and also a frequency of 50Hz.

#### **FOLLOW US**

Get the latest news about the WBUC 2025 by following us on:

- Facebook: https://facebook.com/wfdf.ebuc Coming soon!
- Instagram: https://instagram.com/wfdf.ebuc Coming soon!

And don't forget to share your preparation for EBUC with us! <a href="https://www.instagram.com/wfdf.events/">https://www.instagram.com/wfdf.events/</a>

#### LOC CONTACTS

Do you have any questions about the WFDF 2025 World Beach Ultimate Championships? Please contact us via the details below.

- Email: info@wbuc.sport Coming Soon!
- Website: www.wbuc.sport Coming Soon!

#### WFDF CONTACTS

For any questions regarding team bids, registration, invoicing or for WBUC rules and competition related topics please contact the WFDF Events Team:



WFDF Events Manager
(Event registration, ceremonies, protocol & Teams Contact
Yenny Pardo
yenny.pardo@wfdf.sport



WFDF Managing Director Events & Operations (Event logistics, Registration Fee invoicing)
Karina Woldt
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#### WORLD FLYING DISC FEDERATION

The World Flying Disc Federation is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts and Overall Events. WFDF is a federation of 111 member associations that represent flying disc sports and their athletes in over 107 countries. WFDF is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and it is a member of the Association of Recognised International Federations (ARISF). WFDF is a member of the International World Games Association (IWGA) and IMGA. It is also a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. WFDF is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.







### **ACCOMMODATION**

The TOC has secured a deal with travel operator Viajes El Corte Inglés for temporary bookings of over 1,200 rooms and excellent discounts at the official event accommodations. This results in prices below those found on online booking websites (please let us know if you find cheaper options for the same locations).

The available accommodation options include 3\* to 5\* Hotels and an array of self-serviced apartment options, most of which are within walking distance of the event.

Accommodation bookings can now be made through the operator's official event accommodation landing page, which lists the available accommodation options and conditions.

While reservations can be made via the landing page, it is always best for each team to contact the booking agent via email or phone with their specific requirements (different arrival and departure dates, dietary needs, room configuration, etc)

Web: <u>Accommodation Landing Page</u> Email: <u>WBUC2025@VIAJESECI.ES</u>

Phone: +34 954506623.

#### Payments are made directly to the travel operator.

For reference, the presented prices are for a person/night, on a bed and breakfast regime (see exceptions) for the period between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November (reservations outside this period might be subject to different prices).

Prices do not include the tourist tax of €1 per person per night up to a maximum of seven consecutive nights/person.



## **ACCOMMODATION**

LOCATION	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	CAT.	ROOMS	SINGLE	DOBLE	TRIPLE
PORTIMAO	RR HOTEL DA ROCHA	CITY VIEW			100,50 €	51,50 €	43,50
PORTIMAO	RK HOTEL DA ROCHA	SEA VIEW	4*	40	121,50 €	62,00 €	52,00
PORTIMAO	RR CLUB AMARILIS		3*	40	61,00 €	35,50 €	30,50
PORTIMAO	ALGARVE CASINO		5*	80	95.00 €	57.00 €	49,50
		STANDARD		15	67.00 €	40.00 €	37.00
PORTIMAO	JUPITER ALGARVE	SUPERIOR	4*	15	77.00 €	45,50 €	42,00
		PREMIUM		10	92,00 €	52,00 €	48,00
PORTIMAO H. AVENIDA		STANDARD		18	71,00 €	42,00 €	
	H. AVENIDA PRAIA	SEA VIEW	3*	19	77,00 €	45,00 €	43,50
PORTIMAO	AP ORIENTAL BEACH		4*	15	83,50 €	50,00 €	45,50
PORTIMAO	** TURIM ALGARVE MOR - APARTAMENTOS		3*	14	56.00 €	29,50 €	21,00
PORTIMAO	NH MARINA PORTIMAO RESORT		4*	90	73.50 €	44.00 €	
	** APARTAMENTOS JARDINS DA					A THOMAS AND A CO.	36,00
PORTIMAO	ROCHA	ÁTICO	3*	35 20	70,00 €	37,50 €	33,50
	** VISTA MARINA APARTAMENTOS	APTS, T1	4*		79,00 €	40,50 €	34,00
PORTIMAO	TURISTICOS		4	11	73,00 €	37,50 €	32,00
		APTS. T2		2	155,00 €	78,00 €	52,50
PORTIMAO	APTOS. TURISTICOS CLUBE VILAROSA		3*	30	80,00 €	41,50 €	34,00
PORTIMAO	HOTEL LUAR	CITY VIEW	3*	90	72,00 €	37,50 €	40,00
		SEA VIEW			79,00 €	41,00 €	42,00
PORTIMAO	** SQUASH CLUB APARTAMENTOS		3*	25	22,00 €	26,00 €	23,00
DODTIMA	ROCHAVAU HOTEL	CITY VIEW			84,50 €	44,50 €	-
PORTIMAO		SEA VIEW	4*	35	91,50 €	48,00 €	-
PORTIMAO	OCEANO ATLÂNTICO APARTAMENTOS		4*	60	85,50 €	50,00 €	46,00
PORTIMAO	INTERPASS VAU HOTEL APARTAMENTOS		4*	30	54,00 €	32,50 €	31,00
FERRAGUDO	AGUA HOTELS RIVERSIDE		4*	20	62,00 €	36,50 €	
ALVOR	PESTANA ALVOR PRAIA PREMIUM		5*	60	131,00 €	72,00 €	61,50
	**APARTHOTEL PESTANA ALVOR						
ALVOR	ATLÁNTICO PESTANA ALVOR BEACH VILLAS		3*	30	67,00 €	35,50 €	35,50
ALVOR	SEASIDE RESORT		4*	20	98,00 €	55,50 €	-
	WYNDHAM RESIDENCES ALVOR BEACH	Studio 23m2		35	86,00 €	50,50 €	-
		Studio Suites		10	97,00 €	55,50 €	
ALVOR		Studio Lateral Sea		35	108,50 €	61,50 €	57,50
		View	4*	10	120.50 €	67,00 €	
	** PESTANA D.JOÃO II BEACH & GOLF	Studio Sea View					
ALVOR	RESORT		4*	40	85,00 €	47,50 €	-
ALVOR	AGUA HOTELS ALVOR JARDIM		4*	10	58,50 €	34,50 €	-
ALVOR	PELICAN ALVOR		4*	34	65,00 €	41,00 €	49,00
FERRAGUDO	** PESTANA GRAMACHO RESIDENCES APARTHOTEL & GOLF		4*	20	68,00 €	36,00 €	-
PORTIMAO	PENINA HOTEL & GOLF RESORT		5*	90	119,50 €	72,00 €	
MEXILHOEIRA GRANDE	ALGARVE RACE RESORT - HOTEL		5*	20	109,50 €	62,50 €	
MEXILHOEIRA GRANDE	** ALGARVE RACE RESORT - APARTMENTS.		5*	20	115,50 €	59,50 €	40,50

<sup>\*\*</sup> Prices for accommodation only - Breakfast not included in these options



### **TRANSFERS**

#### Transfer Options from Faro, Lisbon and Sevilla Airports

Shuttle and bus options have been negotiated with Viajes El Corte Inglés to provide an easy and seamless way to get to Portimão from any of the closest airports.

Bookings can be made directly with Viajes El Corte Inglés via:

Email: WBUC2025@VIAJESECI.ES

Phone: +34 954506623

Faro Airport to Portimão				
Vehicle	Price			
49 Seat Bus	399€			
35 Seat Bus	386€			
24 Seat Microbus	322€			
Up to 8 seats	127€			

Lisbon Airport to Portimão			
Vehicle	Price		
49 Seat Bus	1261€		
35 Seat Bus	1143€		
24 Seat Microbus	1072€		
Up to 8 seats	541€		

Sevilla Airport to Portimão			
Vehicle	Price		
49 Seat Bus	1178€		
35 Seat Bus	1113€		
24 Seat Microbus	1048€		
Up to 8 seats	529€		

<sup>\*</sup> All prices include VAT and tolls.

If you encounter difficulties during the accommodation or transportation booking process, please contact <a href="mailto:accommodation@wbuc.sport">accommodation@wbuc.sport</a> for <a href="mailto:assistance">assistance</a>.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The maximum wait time at the Airport due to possible delays or clogging will be 1 hour counting from the actual landing time. After that time, extra hours might be billed, or another shuttle might be negotiated.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Cancellations are free up to 48 hours before the service. After that deadline, the cancellation equates to 100% of the service cost.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> By law, drivers must take a 45-minute break for each 4h30 driving.