

Follow the road to Figueira and once there turn left at the road junction.



30 Minutes

Continue along this road, before the bridge turn right into Largo 1st Maio and keeping left turn into Rua do Meia and left down the cobbled street. Near the bottom and after the last house on the RHS turn right to follow the path under the motorway.



40 Minutes

Go under the bridge and follow the path as it goes left. Where the road forks, turn left up a short concrete incline. You pass a small farmyard with noisy but friendly dogs behind a fence. Prepare for a surprise and don't turn the page unless you want to know what it is.



Continue on the path that turns upwards and deteriorates. Continue, noticing the smell of the eucalyptus and when you reach the first summit you will see the lushness of the golf course on your RHS. Continue on the path climbing gradually keeping the golf course houses on your right.



Cross the path, you will see the windmills in the distance then turn left to reach the summit. Take in the view, coast, luxury villas, windmills and barren landscape.



After about 100 yards you come to a fork in the road, turn right and down. Do not head towards the third summit. You are now walking towards the windmills and heading down you come to a grove of eucalyptus. Take in the heady smell. *1 hour*

Soon you first hear and then see the traffic on the motorway. The path takes a bit of an S shaped twist but you should find the road without much difficulty.



If you want to add about 15 minutes on to the walk turn right and soon you will see a delightful little church. Some days it is closed but if you are lucky you will get a chance to look inside and give yourself an opportunity for a rest. Retrace your steps after your visit.

Turn left and follow this road and remember no overtaking until you meet the main highway. Cross over carefully and on the RHS you will see the barrier and a wire fence. Climb over the barrier, edge your way past the fence (there is a gap at the RHS) and you are back on the old road between Lagos and Sagres. You can soon see the water tower

and the telephone mast off to your RHS. Remember to keep left and be careful where the main road joins the side road to Figueira.

Continue up the main street and turn right just before the bus stop following the signs to Forte de Figueira. *1 hour 15 minutes*

20 minute walk

Heading straight for the water tower, when the road bends cross over to the road to Salema and you can be back home in 20 minutes

When the road bends follow the bend to the right and continue as it becomes a path and then a track. As you near the beach keep to the right hand pathway, cross the stones and you arrive at one of the most beautiful and deserted beaches in the Algarve. *1 hour 30 minutes*



The forte is on the cliff at the Eastern side (left as you look at the sea). To get there you need to negotiate a pretty steep climb. Look to your left and you will see the start of a path near the litter bin. The rough track becomes a rough path but beware of the wind as it can gust as you near the top.

Follow the main path through the forte and then where the path forks go left over the hill.



Over the brow you can see an old red VW camper van in a clearing. To the right is a path and that's the one you need to get to. Keep walking and as the path starts to rise turn on to a track. You are now walking directly to the van, watch out for loose stones. At the right of the van take the path to the left of the one you saw earlier. *2 hours.*



At the bottom of the hill follow the path around to the right and back up again. At the fork follow the right hand path taking in the views to your right. Keep left as the path suddenly narrows. You come to a 'dead end' but a lovely vantage point. There is a path behind the vantage point and you may have to look for it. This path goes behind some houses. At the end of the houses turn right and follow the road back to Salema Square. *2 hours 15 minutes*