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## NEWS FROM THE VIA ALGARVIANA PROJECT

**1<sup>st</sup> EDITION OF THE VIA ALGARVIANA FESTIVAL**

The Mount of Furnazinhas, with about 70 residents, received the first edition of the Via Algarviana Festival on the weekend of 15 and 16 October. The event received from participants and visitors an estimated number of 100 people, also involving about 40 habitants, in the organization of handicrafts workshops (basketry, fresh cheese, rope, chairs and rents), the exhibition of the works and social dinner.

The Saturday dinner was done by some inhabitants and joined about 50 people, as consisted on a traditional dish, the fry (a *Fritada*). This first edition of the Via Algarviana Festival still drew attention of the media getting a visit from the regional press and of an British journalist who went purposely to the site.

Special thanks to the Municipality of *Castro Marim*, *Odiana* Association, Parish council of *Odeleite*, *Gráfica Acerto Digital*, *Continente*, *Beira Vicente (Fonte Fraga)*, *Guerreiros do Rio* hotel, *Frutas Guerreiro*, *Eliarte*, *Casa do Lavrador* and to all the habitants who welcomed and helped!

**THE VIA ALGARVIANA WAS PRESENT**

- In OBSERVANATURA, in the *Herdade da Mourisca*, on 8 and 9 October, sponsored by the hotels: *Alte Hotel*, *Mira Sagres* and *Monte da Bravura*. It was drawn a voucher for a stay for 2 people, at *Mira Sagres Hotel*, in Vila do Bispo, courtesy of that hotel. This draw resulted from the inscription to receive our newsletter, at Via Algarviana stand, in Observatura 2011. The winner was Teresa Sales, congratulations to the lucky winner!

- At the World Travel Market, in London, by the invitation of the Algarve Promotion Bureau, from 7 -10 November, where was made a presentation on the project.

**WEEKEND AT VAQUEIROS**

Mark your calendar in the next Via Algarviana activity that will be on the weekend of 17 and 18 December at Vaqueiros, a village from the Municipality of Alcoutim.

Among all the activities we highlight the Walk and the MTB, at section 4 of the Via Algarviana (Vaqueiros to *Cachopo*), the experimental walking route (that will be audio guide) and that crosses the mounts of *Malfrades*, *Zambujal* and *Alcaria Queimada*, the cultural peddy-paper, the taste of regional products, the construction of a bread crib, a moving theater, social dinner with dance and many more surprises!

Dare to escape the routine and accept our challenge, come to meet *Vaqueiros*, a village full of traditions!

Soon all programming on the website of the Via Algarviana and Almargem.

**THE VIA ALGARVIANA WAS NEWS**

By the invitation of the Algarve Promotion Bureau, the Financial manager of the Via Algarviana followed in bike the reporters from the Spanish magazine *Planeta MTB* that is specialized in the Mountain Bike segment, in some of the Great Route sections. From this visit resulted, in the print edition of the magazine, an 18 pages report with a highlight in the cover.

See the complete report in the our website:

<http://www.vialgarviana.org/>

**DID YOU KNOW ...**

- In the past month of October the Via Algarviana site had 5446 visits?
- From 41 different countries?
- The countries with the highest number of visitors were: Portugal (1900), Russia (783), United States (628), Great Britain (458) and Germany (343)?

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