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## Accommodation

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### Algarve

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#### Alcoutim

##### **Pousada de Juventude de Alcoutim**

##### **Youth Hostels**

**Address:** Alcoutim 8970-022 Alcoutim

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<http://www.pousadasjuventude.pt>

##### **Timetable and reservations:**

08h00 - 12h00 / 18h00 - 24h00;

##### **Characteristics and Services:**

Youth Hostel Card; Canteen; Meeting rooms; Sports field; Bar; Number of beds: 60; Double rooms: 14; Shared rooms: 8; Kitchen; Games room; Television room; Bicycle hire; Swimming-pool; Canoeing;

##### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

Renovated in 2001, the Alcoutim Youth Hostel now has a swimming pool, which calls out for you to have a splash around in it, especially in the summer. Right next door, the Guadiana River draws the line between the hostel and Spain. About 40 km from Vila Real de Stº António, with a dazzling landscape, Alcoutim is the ideal place for you to spend a few days with some friends, catch some sun, appreciate the beauty of the inland area of the Algarve and do water sports such as canoeing on the Guadiana.

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### Centro de Portugal

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#### Ovar

##### **Pousada de Juventude de Ovar**

##### **Youth Hostels**

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##### **Timetable and reservations:**

08h00 - 24h00;

##### **Characteristics and Services:**

Youth Hostel Card; Canteen; Meeting rooms; Bar; Number of beds: 88; Double rooms: 10; Shared rooms: 16; Games room; Lockers; Public telephone; Swimming-pool; Number of apartments : 1; Breakfast;

##### **Access:**

Outdoor parking;

##### **Payments:**

Credit cards accepted;

On the north coast, in the Aveiro district, you'll find the town of Ovar. Its Youth Hostel is located in the outskirts of town, surrounded by pinewoods.

Given its location and the facilities available, it is ideal for school groups on summer holidays. If the hostel swimming pool is not

enough, you can always try the local beaches. And while you're there, check out the traditional craft of the local fishermen. As you're well aware, traditions are disappearing and it's not everyday that you get a chance to chat with an old seawolf.

If you want something more energetic, be it in the woods, the river or the sea, you can always go hiking, mountain-biking or do a number of water sports.

With so much water around, you'll end up growing scales!

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## Porto and the North

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### Esposende

#### **Pousada de Juventude de Foz do Cávado**

##### **Youth Hostels**

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##### **Timetable and reservations:**

8 am - 12 am;

##### **Characteristics and Services:**

Youth Hostel Card; Canteen; Meeting rooms; Bar; Number of beds: 84; Double rooms: 10; Shared rooms: 16; Kitchen; Public telephone; Swimming-pool; Number of apartments : 1; Breakfast;

##### **Access:**

Outdoor parking;

On the bank of the River Cávado, in a village called Fão, you'll find the Youth Hostel of Foz do Cávado. This is one of the most popular hostels among students who travel around the country on field trips. Renovated in 2000, the hostel has a new swimming pool, which makes the gardens around it even more enticing. The sea is pretty close too, which might make it hard for you to make up your mind.

The Cávado, which flows right next to the hostel, is one of the best rivers for canoeing and other water sports.