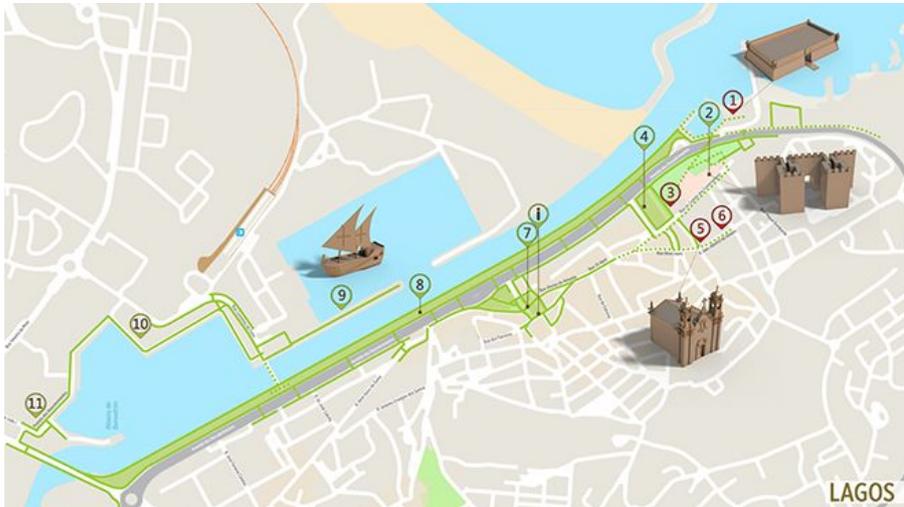


## Lagos - Accessible Tour

### ABOUT



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Lagos is a city where you can enjoy peaceful walks, with the sea always on the horizon. Along the way you can discover its historic past, whose heyday was in the 15th century, an era of discoveries, or simply enjoy the scenery or the beauty of the beaches.

And this is a pleasure that is within everyone's reach since most of the streets slope very gently, and have wide footpaths and a stable surface. As for the beaches, there are several to choose from that display the accolade of accessibility.

#### [Download the map and follow the tour](#)

We suggest that you start the itinerary with a visit to the [Forte da Ponta da Bandeira \(Ponta da Bandeira Fort\)](#) (1), a fully accessible space built in the 17th century to defend the city from invaders that attacked by sea. If you cross the Avenida dos Descobrimentos, right in front, you can visit the [Castelo dos Governadores \(Governors' Castle\)](#) (2) a 14th century monument that you can get to know in its entirety since there are no barriers to getting around.



Castelo dos Governadores - Lagos © Arquivo Turismo de Portugal

Nearby, and entered from an open and fully accessible square, **Praça Infante D. Henrique** (4), is the [Igreja de Santa Maria \(Church of Santa Maria\)](#) (3) where a step at the entrance prevents independent access. This church dates back to the 15th century, but it was subsequently restored and enlarged, benefiting especially in terms of decorative elements such as the 18th century altarpieces.



Praça Infante D. Henrique | Igreja de Santa Maria - Lagos © Shutterstock\_InacioPires

Another 18th century building is the [Igreja de Santo António \(Church of Santo António\)](#) (5), the next place to

visit. With its entrance on Rua General Alberto da Silveira, which slopes slightly, the sober exterior gives no hint of its enormous wealth of decorative gilded woodcarvings. The entrance has some steps that cause access difficulties but inside there are only a few specific obstacles. Next is the [Museu Municipal Dr José Formosinho \(Dr José Formosinho Municipal Museum\)](#) (6), housing a rich and varied collection in which archaeology takes pride of place. This museum is fully accessible, as the steps can be bridged by means of removable ramps.



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From here we suggest you stroll through the streets in the centre of Lagos along a flat route with no problems of accessibility, and where there are a number of shops and restaurants. For example, you can go along Avenida 25 de Abril and then opt for Rua Lima Leitão, or Afonso de Almeida as far as the **Praça Gil Eanes** (7) where the controversial statue of King Sebastião by José Cutileiro stands. It is also here that we find the Tourist Office (Posto de Turismo), a spacious, level area where you will find a team ready to assist you in your visit to Lagos. It can also provide audio-guides.



Avenida dos Descobrimentos © ICVM

Continuing towards the sea takes you back to the **Avenida dos Descobrimentos** (8) where there is the pedestrian bridge that connects with the [Marina de Lagos](#) (10). A great many boats are moored in the Marina, and among them is the **Caravela Boa Esperança** (9), a replica of the old Portuguese caravels. You can admire its external features, but the entrance is inaccessible and there is so little room inside that moving around is difficult. There are several leisure areas on the Marina, as well as the **Museu de Cera dos Descobrimentos (Wax Museum of the Discoveries)** (11), an accessible place where you find out more about the great maritime epic of the Portuguese.



Forte Ponta da Bandeira - Lagos © JC

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Lagos also has several **accessible beaches**, including the Praias da [Batata](#), da [Luz](#), de [Porto de Mós](#) and [Meia Praia](#), with these last three having an amphibious wheelchair so that everyone can fully enjoy sea-bathing and sunbathing.

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Public Transports

#### Buses

Buses from Onda - Transportes Urbanos de Lagos have platform lifts for entering the vehicle and low floors, roomy interior spaces, places reserved for persons with reduced mobility and audible and visible warnings for the stops. As a rule the bus stop shelters have information about the different timetables and stops along the various routes. To make sure that the next bus is appropriate for people with reduced mobility we suggest contacting the company directly.

A Onda - [www.aonda.pt](http://www.aonda.pt)

#### Trains

Lagos railway station is equipped to receive people with reduced mobility. It has an accessible entrance, adapted toilets, spacious indoor areas, and audible and visible information systems on the departure platforms. The ticket counters for people with impaired mobility are not lowered. The railway station is about a 15-minute walk from the historic centre.

Trains have special carriages for people with reduced mobility to enter, with a level entrance and reserved places. There are audible and luminous indicators of the next stop.

The Portuguese Train Service, the CP-Comboios de Portugal, offers a centralised Integrated Mobility Service (SIM - Serviço Integrado de Mobilidade), accessed by telephone (+351) 707 210 746 (707 210 SIM), which is available 24 hours a day for 365 days a year, for both information and services. This service will enable passengers with special requirements to get information on accessibility on trains and at stations, assistance for embarking, during the journey and disembarking, among other services.

For more information, please visit [www.cp.pt](http://www.cp.pt)

#### Taxis

None of the various taxi firms that operate in the city of Lagos yet have vehicles adapted for people with reduced mobility. However, some companies have provided these services, since they have some experience in solving transport problems, despite the lack of adapted vehicles.

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