



HOT AIR BALLOON TRAINING IN PORTUGAL

LOCATION: Lagos, near Faro, Algarve. Faro is served by Ryanair and Easyjet from several UK locations including Bristol, Birmingham and the London area. Tickets can be bought as cheap as £ 30 return depending on the season. For non-flying family and friends there is a variety of beaches, scenic coastline to go hiking, historical sites and many world-class golf courses.



FACILITIES: The Aero Club of Lagos has excellent facilities at their microlight airstrip close to the pretty marina & old town of Lagos. These include classroom, aeronautical info and free wifi access. The presence of a (British-run) flexwing and three-axis microlight school, floatplane and gyrocopter training lends a fascinating aeronautical flavour and a variety of enthusiastic aviators.



ACCOMMODATION: A wide variety of accommodation is available at very cheap rates especially in the off-season winter months including a self-catering studio flat 200m from the airfield at £400 per week during the high season but for half that amount during the winter. Car-rental is also widely available for reasonable costs to give you full flexibility of travel.

SEASON FOR TRAINING: All year round! The winter months (Nov till March) are a great time to fly balloons as Portugal enjoys a lot of high-pressure during that time with temperatures from near zero to 16-18 during day time. Winds are light nearly every morning and flights can be achieved sometimes also in late afternoon. Even so close to the coast, the Algarve is a place to fly a balloon on a daily basis on summer mornings.



FLYING: A UK-registered Lindstrand 90 (on a UK AOC) is used for training flights which mostly operate either from the airstrip (evenings) or within a 15km radius inland (mornings). We might soon also base a Cameron A-140 for group B training.

The weather is excellent for flying year-round with little rain and generally light winds. The countryside is, however, challenging for training giving students practice at planning take-off sites to suit wind conditions and finding landing sites in the coastal valleys between mountain & sea.



STAFF: Three UK CPL pilots (groups A, B and C) including an examiner and two BBAC Instructors are used for training which will be conducted with a maximum of two students in the basket. We can also give tuition for your written exams and do ground-school training as well as practising tethers. Phil's long-standing experience as an examiner and Allie's (BBAC instructor) and Helena's passion for instructing and teaching will give you the best possible background for passing your UK PPL flight test and written exams in a very effective time-frame.



COSTS: It is expected that the 16 hours required hours for a UK PPL(B)/EASA BPL can be achieved in 14-21 days. Ground school instruction available on demand. For rates and dates, please send us a request via email. The most economical way is to form a small group of 3-4 students.

JOIN US FOR A FUN BUT EFFECTIVE TRAINING AND FLYING IN THE ALGARVE!

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