



XIII MEDITERRANEAN GATHERING SOUTHERN EUROPE SUB - REGION CONFERENCE

8/13 – 10-2009 TAVIRA- PORTUGAL

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All the ISGF members interested in the Mediterranean Gathering

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Comité Português de Antigos Escoteiros e Guias – AEG, is happy to confirm that the **XIII MEDITERRANEAN GATHERING and the Southern Europe Sub – Region Conference** will be held in Tavira (Algarve), from 8th to 13th October 2009.

The event is open to all members of Adult Scouts and Guides Fellowships, not only from the countries facing the Mediterranean Sea, but from countries who want to share the joy of being together and share experiences of a different culture. Algarve is a region with a great cultural and historical heritage. From the Moors who, after 500 years in the region, ensured their legacy, also the Romans left their testimony along the coastline to Prince Henrique the Navigator, that in the 15th century, left from Sagres and explored the entire African coastline and discovered the maritime route to India and discovered Brasil.

The theme: **“UNITED BY THE SEA – Path of Cultures, Creativity and Innovation”**

- History of the different cultures of the region.
- Time for debate about Creativity and Innovation in our Fellowships.
- Presentations from all the component Associations of the Southern Europe will allow to share the work developed by the members of the Sub – Region.
- The Mediterranean Diet and how to live a healthy life.
- Visit of your choice during a whole day.
- ISGF Community Development Project with the Municipality of Tavira.

Detailed programme will be sent as soon as the registrations are received.

We are sure that in spite of the difficulties of the present situation that our society is living, you can join us in this gathering of friends and together develop more skills for a better future.

All the participants from non European countries please inform if you have any visa or money transfer problem, because registrations are only accepted upon payment.

If you have any doubt please contact us med2009portugal@gmail.com or visit us at <http://med2009portugal.blogspot.com/>

Though time was quite tight for us to organise this gathering, we are sure you will be happy to attend and share your experience with the Portuguese Fellowships of Former Scouts and Guides.

Looking forward to welcome you

Midá Rodrigues

Coordinator of the Organising Committee, President of the Southern Europe Sub - Region

Estoril, 15th November 2008

In annex: Registration form, Guide for the registration form, Hotel information

GUIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM:

1 – Personal information,

Every line must be filled. Please indicate whether you are a Delegate, an Observer or a Partner.

2 – Travel Itinerary

Transfers for participants will be provided, at **arrival, October 8th and departure October 13th**, from and to **FARO Airport**. So please indicate the date and time of arrival.

In case you need a visa to come to Portugal, you must apply to the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in your country. **Please remember that it takes some time to get the visa, so you have to ask for it in advanced.**

3 – Hotel Accommodation - Location

The Mediterranean Gathering will be held at the HOTEL VILA GALÉ - Tavira – Portugal. If you wish to have a look at the hotel facilities, please visit the internet website: www.vilagaletavira.pt

Don't forget to fill the name of your room mate.

The hotel is prepared to receive people with special needs, if you wish a special accommodation please inform us as soon as possible.

4 – Excursions

TOUR A – The influence of ancient civilizations – Guided tour to Faro, visit and lunch in Silves and visit to Sagres and Cabo de S.Vicente.

TOUR B – The land seen from the Sea – Boat trip along the coast from Vilamoura to Portimão, during two hours, www.algarve-seafaris.com visit and lunch in Silves and visit to Sagres and Cabo S.Vicente.

TOUR C – The Cork and other handicrafts – The Cork one of the best product of the S.Brás de Alportel region, visit and lunch in Silves and visit to Sagres and Cabo S. Vicente.

Visit the site www.visitalgarve.pt

TOURS POST GATHERING:

The Associação de Antigas Guias – AAG, has planned two different tours for after the Gathering both starting in Tavira and finishing in Faro (Airport). *A minimum of 30 participants is needed.*

TOUR - A – 3 days/3 nights – from 13th October at 8am to the 15th October, night included.(Departure Flights on the 16th) Visiting Mértola, Beja, Moura, Monsaraz, S.Pedro, Évora, Arraiolos, Estremoz, Vila Viçosa, Alandroal, Redondo, Alvito and Faro.

Rate per person is 280 €, in a double room and includes hotel accommodation, all meals with beverages. The rates do not include tickets to museums, guides and all personal extra expenses. More information will be given upon registration.

TOUR B – 4 days /4 nights – from 13th October at 8 am to the 16th October, night included. (Departure Flights on the 17th) Visiting Lisboa, Cascais, Cabo da Roca, Óbidos, Alcobaça, Nazaré, Coimbra, Tomar, Fátima, Batalha, Santarém and Faro.

Rate per person is 350 €, in a double room and includes hotel accommodation, all meals and beverages. The rates do not include the tickets to museums, guides and all personal extra expenses. More information will be given upon registration.

5 – Extra nights

The hotel Vila Galé Tavira will be available at the price of 40 € per person and per night in a double room or 65 € in a single room. Bed and Breakfast only. Payment must be made with the registration.

6 - Rates - The registration rates include:

- Transfers from and to airport/hotel.
- Hotel accommodation in double or single rooms during the whole period of your stay.
- All the meals, beverages included, from dinner on the 8th October to breakfast on the 13th.
- The participation in all the planned meetings during the Gathering.
- Excursion selected from A to C of item 4 of the registration form.

The registration rates do NOT include:

- Extra nights at the hotel, prior or after the Gathering.
- The participation in the 3 or 4 days tours post Gathering.

7 – Further information

Insurance : neither the host nor ISGF will grant the insurance cover for medical expenses or illnesses, nor for any possible loss of personal properties nor for personal injuries during the Gathering. All the participants shall arrange to subscribe their own insurance coverage before arriving in Portugal. The attendees are also requested to ask for an insurance cover of the amount pre-paid as a deposit in case of hindrances preventing them from taking part in the Gathering.

Cash/credit cards: most credit cards are accepted.

Climate: October is quite a warm month in Tavira.

Contact/email : med2009portugal2@gmail.com

Information : <http://med2009portugal.blogspot.com/> **You can download the Registration Form from this link.**