

Castro Marim

Faro District · Portugal

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Castro Marim is a small historic town in the far east of the Algarve, beside the Guadiana river and the Spanish border. A medieval castle and a later fort stand on two hills above it.

Below the town, salt marshes form a nature reserve that is good for birds, especially flamingos in the right season. Salt is still harvested here, and it is one of the quietest and least developed parts of the Algarve.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are the best for walking and birdwatching. Summer is hot and dry. A popular medieval festival takes place in the town in August.

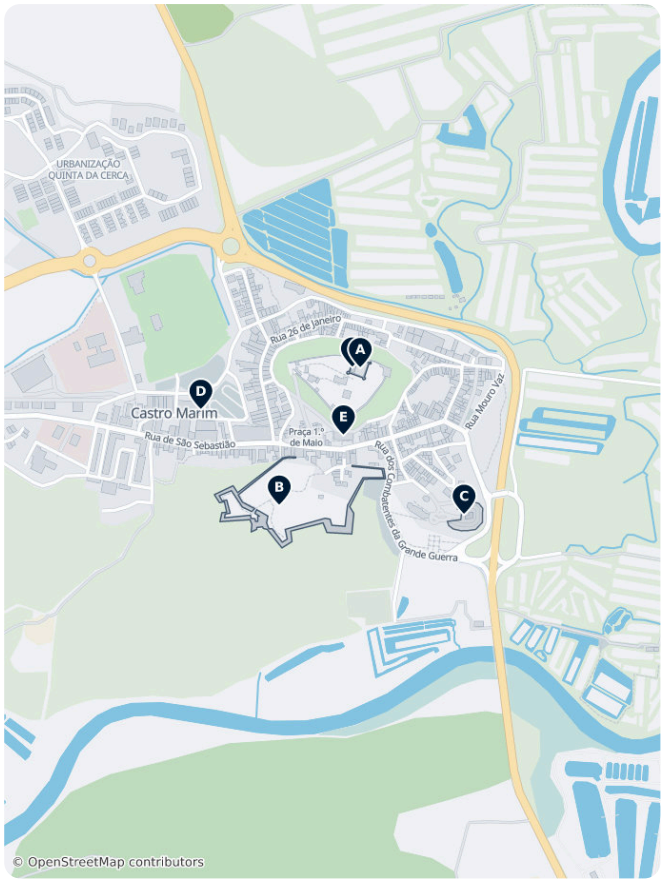
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for wildlife watching	16° / 19° Feels like 13°	6° / 0°	Dry air
February	Great Great for hiking	17° / 22° Feels like 14°	6° / 0°	Dry air
March	Great Great for wildlife watching	20° / 25° Feels like 17°	8° / 3°	Dry air
April	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 29°	10° / 6°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 35°	13° / 8°	20 sunny days · Dry air
June	Good Good for wildlife watching	33° / 40°	17° / 12°	23 sunny days · Dry air · UV 8 (Very high) · Up to 10 days above 35°
July	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	37° / 42°	19° / 15°	29 sunny days · Dry air · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 23 days above 35°
August	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	37° / 41°	20° / 16°	28 sunny days · UV 8 (Very high) · Up to 22 days above 35°
September	Good Good for wildlife watching	32° / 38°	18° / 14°	21 sunny days · Up to 6 days above 35°
October	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 33°	14° / 9°	Dry air
November	Great Great for sightseeing	20° / 25°	9° / 4°	Dry air
December	Good Good for wildlife watching	17° / 20° Feels like 13°	7° / 1°	Dry air

Best months: March, April, May, October, November

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Castelo de Castro Marim is the medieval castle on the hill, with walls you can walk and views over the salt marsh and the river.
- B Forte de São Sebastião is a 17th-century fort on a neighbouring hill.
- C Revelim de Santo António is a small outer defence of the fort, close to the castle.
- D Casa do Sal is a small museum about local salt production.
- E Igreja Matriz de Castro Marim is the main church of the town.
- F Pelourinho de Castro Marim is the old stone pillory in the main square.



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Getting there

- **By road**: Castro Marim is on the A22 motorway. Vila Real de Santo António is about 10 minutes away. Tavira is about 30 minutes west.
- **From Faro**: The drive takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- **Into Spain**: The Guadiana river marks the border, and the Spanish town of Ayamonte is a short drive away.
- **Nature reserve**: The Sapais de Castro Marim Special Protection Area lies just south of the town.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Portugal at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

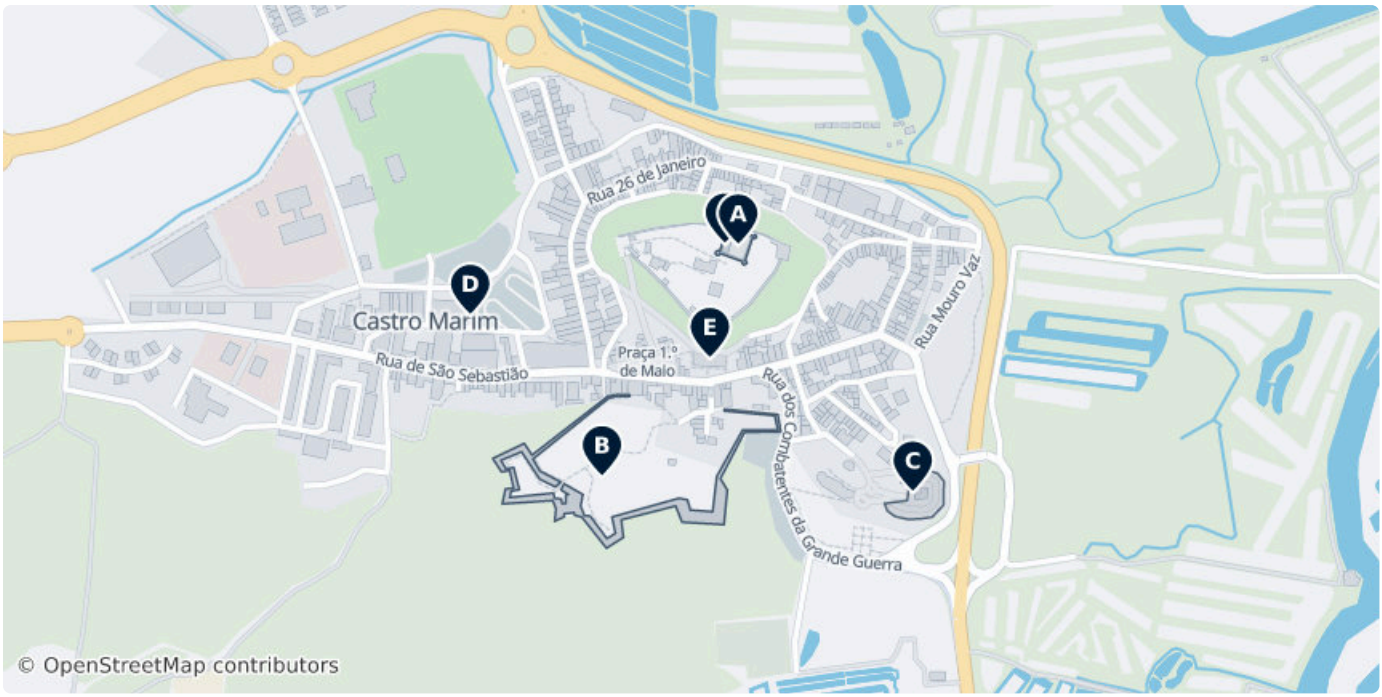
LANGUAGES

Portuguese

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Top sights





A Castle of Castro Marim

The Castle of Castro Marim is a medieval castle on a hilltop overlooking the civil parish of Castro Marim, in the municipality of the same...

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(37.21875, -7.44151)

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B Saint Sebastian Fortress

(Unnamed Road), 8950, Portugal
(37.21628, -7.44334)

C Revelim de Santo António

(Unnamed Road), 8950, Portugal (37.21612, -7.43917)

D Casa do Sal

(37.21800, -7.44511)

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E Igreja Matriz de Castro Marim

22 Rua Doutor José Alves Moreira, Castro Marim 8950138, Portugal (37.21754, -7.44189)

F Pelourinho de Castro Marim

(Unnamed Road), Castro Marim 8950, Portugal (37.21876, -7.44169)

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