



SKYDIVING IN PORTUGAL ALGARVE IS TOTALLY UNIQUE: VIEWS TO A KILL !

SKYDIVING EXPERIENCE ABOVE PORTUGUESE COASTLINE

Whoever loves Skydiving will also want to jump above a different location as where he or she usually does this. The Portuguese Algarve (close to the city of Portimão) offers this possibility with a fantastic view after the jump, right above the dividing line with the Atlantic Ocean, the idyllic Portuguese coast.

WISH FULFILLED

In addition, however, it is also nice to look at the airport of Alvor to see how they approach this in another country. skydiving in the Algarve belongs to the most beautiful activities. The small town of Alvor is a small fishing village under the shade of Portimão, the airport here is also called 'The 'Aeródromo Municipal de Portimão'. Everything is dominated by small aviation and besides some private aircraft, most activities are for the benefit of Skydiving. This sport is organized here in several small companies located in a row of hangars, as if a wish is fulfilled.

If you consider it on a beautiful cloudless day then it goes down at a fast pace with the starts and landings. And be sure, blue sky days there are many in Portugal ! The companies therefore also claim opportunities for the whole year. Jumping can take place, even in tandem with an experienced instructor from a height of 15,000 ft (almost 4,6 Km) where the Portuguese claim that this is the highest skydive option in Europe. The free fall then lasts up to 70 seconds and speeds of 200 km/h are achieved, unforgettable, but you have to have guts.

PACKAGES IN MULTIPLE FORMS

Everything is still fairly official here and if you just drop by the queue waiting to pay their 'drop' to photograph the aircraft up close, you'll be taken back by a real uniformed official. Of course it is also business as the prices are not cheaper than with us and there are even sold packages with a skydive jump including pick-ups from Faro or Lisbon and possibly extended with other tourist activities.

SPECIAL AIRCRAFT MAKE THE SCENE !

In the distance, a Pilate Turboporter PC-6 drops from the air, the pilot steers a little bit stunting inwards to create a smile on the faces of the spectators. He is crazy! But there is nothing wrong, because a Turboporter can be put to the ground almost everywhere, and besides, there is work to be done. Striking is the registration G-GECL which concerns a PC6 / B2-H4 in the beautiful bright yellow colors of Seven Skydive. On the nose you can see 'Enjoy the sky' in beautiful text so that it will never be forgotten. He quickly moves to a group of waiting jumpers who are eagerly waiting for their turn. The adrenaline is already being lifted up to great heights to stay in style.

Seven Skydive is an English company but seems to be permanently settled on the Portuguese Alvor. Skydive Algarve is also active next to Seven Skydive. The planes they use are even more exciting because it concerns the use of two Dornier Skyversants. Even stranger is that the registrations are in Hungarian and they also seem to have a kind of permanent construction with Alvor. The most extraordinary is the HA-HIB which once started as Dornier Do-28-28D2 and previously flew as KAF-116 in the Kenyan Air Force but was modernized to Do-28-G92, flying in England with Skydive Hibaldstowe. The aircraft, private property, still flies in camo colors of the

Kenyan Air Force, with shark teeth on the outer panels of the turboprop engines. The other Do-28, registered as HA-ACO and also converted to G-92 version, is owned by Trener Air and painted beautifully blue and white. The colors of the crates also belong to this colorful sport!

COFFEE UNDER ENGINE NOISE

When the 'jumpers' go on board (up to 13 in total), it is a smooth, fast and well-coordinated run while the Skyversants engines keep running. A few minutes later, the runway is entered again while the 'jumpers' are visible, sitting behind a specially transparent roller shutter. In between skydivers are scattered from the air and land at special locations at the airport itself.

A small tower separates everything flawlessly, that is also a requirement with this busyness. Sitting on the pleasantly busy terrace behind a 'cup of coffee with some goodies' flies a rising Skyservant. Even without telelens, the plane likes to get you in his grip, whether it's about it as low as they can fly. Then you think to yourself: 'How beautiful life can be'.

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