

Directions from Faro Airport to CASA DO MAR, PRAIA DA LUZ, PORTUGAL

Note these directions involve using TOLL ROADS. Please ensure that you know whether Toll Fees are included with your hire car contract. If they are not they can be paid in the local post office in Praia da Luz or via our local agents, but, they must be paid within 48 hours of use or a fine will be incurred. Some other car hire companies offer a one-off fee which means they pay the tolls for you and re-charge you the toll cost after your rental. Just BEWARE as it all seems to differ and can be totally random and nonsensical!!

Most hire car companies at Faro airport either have on-airport collection, or collection from the main airport feeder road (in which case the company collects you by bus from the airport and drives you to their collection site). In either case, get on to the main feeder road out of the airport car parks, or join the feeder road from your off airport site. Praia da Luz is approximately 1 hours drive and 100km from Faro Airport.

The feeder road from the airport links on to the main coast road, the N125. Follow directions onto the **N125** with signposts to **Lisbon/Portimão**. NB: the N125 is a busy dual carriageway with businesses on either side of the road and intermittent traffic lights).

After a few miles on the N125 you will be offered the **IP1** (sometimes also known as the IC4) motorway to **Lisbon/Ouest/Sagres**. Exit the N125 at get onto the IP1. On the IP1 after only a short distance exit once more onto the **A22** signposted to **Lisbon/Albufeira/Portimão**. You now stay on the A22 for approx 70 kilometres. NB: After some time the Lisbon (A2 road peels off to the right), but you continue to follow the signs to Portimão/Lagos/Sagres.

After approximately 70km to leave the A22 at **EXIT 1 signposted to LAGOS-VILA DE BISPO** (Exit 1 off the motorway, **not** Exit 2 - Lagos).

After leaving the A22 cross over one sharp roundabout and at the second turn right toward onto the N125 signposted to **Vila de Bispo**.

After approx. 2.5km at a small roundabout (in the process of being built in April 2013) there is a sign post to turn **left to Praia da Luz, take this exit which is the last on the roundabout**.

Half way to Luz you pass the Val Verde campsite on your right. On entering Luz there are various housing developments on the left & very shortly you come to a T junction where you cannot go straight on as the road becomes one way. At this point turn **left** down the hill. At the base of the hill there is a T junction (in front of the Luz Bay Hotel), turn **right** signposted to "Praia" and follow the twisting winding road past villas to reach a junction (with a mirror as the line of sight is obscured). Be careful at this junction as it is fairly blind!

At this blind junction turn **left**, down the hill to a small roundabout reached after 100m. There is a car park is on the right and the beach is in front of you. Turn **left** at the small roundabout and almost immediately turn right onto the cobbled beach road. Follow the beach road for approximately 200m passing the Casa do Mar main entrance on your right (opposite Casa do Mar garages). After the tall long white side wall on your right turn right into the rear entrance of Casa do Mar. There is a blue/white painted low level building in front of you. **Park** your cars here, there is sufficient parking here for 3 cars if parked carefully. If you need additional parking you can park outside the garages for Casa do Mar although in high season this parking is less reliable as other beach users can sometimes park here!

Walk up the small steps to the right of the rear parking area and this will bring you into the main entrance courtyard of Casa do Mar. The key safe can be found half way down the left hand wall once you go through the door in a small recess.

Note: if at any time you go wrong with these directions just get into Luz and follow the signs for **Praia**. These will ultimately bring you out at the small roundabout near the beach road cited toward the end of these directions.

