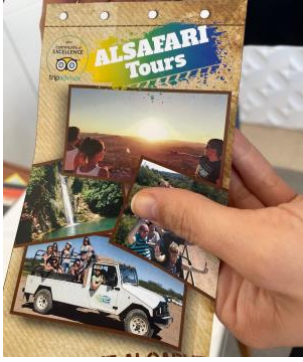


Road Trip to Nowhere



It looked and sounded so cool, a [tour through the Algarve countryside](#) in Portugal aboard a 4WD Jeep!! It boasted the most beautiful landscapes, regional architecture, and gastronomical tastes. It said we would visit a local farm to try the homemade products like the honey, carob liquor, and the Portuguese firewater (Medronho) and then go to the highest point to see the sunset.

We were picked up at our hotel by a very animated “Johnny Be Good” (as he called himself), driven through Albufeira to get two other groups of tourists at their locations, and off we went on a very bumpy ride to the REAL Algarve.

On the way we saw cork trees, wildflowers, and herbs; the outside of a castle; and some wells. Then we went to a truck stop where we could buy drinks or snacks. There were no “tastings”, just a lot of men smoking.



After that we parked near a farm to look at pigs, another well, and a local community DIY laundry.



At the top of the hill (600 meters) we had a glass of sparkling wine and watched the sunset at a scenic point with a chair, wind turbines, and a big swing. Not quite what we expected ...but a good time was had by all!

