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The Castle of Silves is located at the highest point on the hill on which the town of Silves, in the Algarve, stands. This monumental red castle was built by the Arabs in the 11th century and is currently one of the best preserved castles in the entire Algarve region. Its interior offers fantastic panoramic views over the village.

Fortaleza de Santa Catarina, built on Praia da Rocha and the mouth of the Arade River, was partially destroyed during the 1755 earthquake, but is now restored and open to the public. The fortress maintained its military purposes until the 20th century, when it was occupied by the Civil Guard and the Maritime Police, but today it serves exclusively as a tourist attraction.

I couldn't leave the Algarve without soaking up the sun and taking a dip in the magnificent Algarve beaches. Wonderful sun and warm

water ...









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