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TAVIRA DAY TRIP FROM MARINA SAN ANTONIO

Tavira is an ancient city settled well before the Romans built a lovely bridge across the river. Today it is called “The Little Venice of Portugal”. Many of the old buildings clustered along the river banks still survive. It is a charming place. Although the once lucrative fishing harvest has gone, the tourists flock to the city and the wonderful island beaches of Ilha de Tavira, bringing enough cash to keep the town alive. The short bus ride from the Marina San Antonio is well worth the effort.



The original site of the Roman bridge. It has been repaired in the original design.

Much of the 15th Century and earlier structures and streets remain. The tourist is from a different era.



A student of architecture history would have field day here.

Beautifully decorated exteriors.



Period wind vane.



The shaded colonnade in the town centre.





Tavira blue door.

Mullet swarm around a fresh stream on the river at low tide.



Catherdral. You can catch the little red train out to the Tavira Island Ferry

Exterior wall fittings



Interior of cathedral with blue ceramic tiles decorating most of the walls.

Window without a view.





Graffiti on an abandoned harbor warehouse.

The anchorage behind the Tavira Island is too shallow for Manca. A few shallow draft yachts can be seen in the distance.



There are many sheltered beaches on the lagoon side of the island.

Lonely Planet has given the Ilha de Tavira a great rating. The beach stretches for many miles. The habitat is cared for and like most of Portugal's many beaches; it is very clean.





The wide, white beach on the island stretches for miles into the distance.

Yellow umbrella.



The natural habitat is protected by restricted walkways. To the road there are slatted wooden walkways.

Windsurfers head out to sea from the river.





Salt production, once vital to the extensive fish processing factories, still employs a few locals.

Cheap ferries take you out to Ilha de Tavira. If you miss the last one there are campgrounds for the night.



Hope you enjoyed the short tour!

Terry,

Finally catching up with my blogs. October 12, 2016