

ClubHotel Riu Guaraná to become RIU's third hotel in Portugal

This summer, RIU Hotels & Resorts will be opening its first ClubHotel a range of hotels that caters specifically to families, sports fans and active visitors, in Portugal. The 4-star hotel will stand next to the Riu Palace Algarve in Olhos d'Agua and be joining RIU's portfolio as of June 2008. The 500 rooms of the ClubHotel Riu Guaraná are located in two brand-new buildings, one of which is two storeys high and the other six.

The hotel boasts an exceptional setting by Praia da Falésia, one of the rocky Algarve's most spectacular beaches, which stretches out for 8 kilometres in the shelter of a natural, 30-metre-high wall of red rock. The outstanding restaurants in Olhos d'Agua also feature fish and shellfish dishes right on the seashore. RIU's ClubHotel offers an extensive array of leisure options so that guests are always free to choose from among a number of different activities or just relax. The hotel will boast the acclaimed All Inclusive by RIU service and its three restaurants and two bars provide a broad assortment of different culinary choices. The hotel will have two swimming pools with hydromassage included, a children's swimming pool and a heated swimming pool in winter. Guests can also enjoy a full-range spa with massage service, beauty treatments, sauna and steam baths, as well as a gymnasium, nightclub and kid's club. Golf lovers will revel in the 9 and 18-hole courses just a stone's throw from the hotel. Located in the southernmost part of Portugal, the Algarve is a land of contrasts. Imposing cliffs and white sands await visitors in this warm spot on the Iberian Peninsula and its nature, tradition and culture lure visitors to this land with its astonishing cuisine. Golf lovers will also find the Algarve an authentic paradise, thanks to its more than 30 world-class golf courses. Algarve, a British favourite The Algarve is a very popular destination in the UK market, because of its mild climate, proximity, services and quality facilities. More from 20% of all guests the Palace Algarve welcomed in 2007 came from Great Britain. With the inauguration of ClubHotel Riu Guaraná, RIU hopes to consolidate demand for this destination and open up possibilities for younger guests and families. RIU currently has two Palace hotels, its most luxurious, sophisticated category, in Portugal: the Riu Palace Algarve and Riu Palace Madeira.