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## MARTINHAL Algarve, Portugal

At the end of mainland Europe, in the Portuguese Cornwall and away from the Algarve crowds, there is somewhere sleek and chic to bucket and spade it. The huge empty beaches are superb, with clean, golden sand, limestone rocks and soaring cliffs. There are dolphins and super surfing. It's not crowded even in August! Founded by the people behind Woolley Grange and Ickworth, and designed by Conran, Martinhal has villas that are cosy and fun, with squares for little feet to scamper in as grown-ups drink big glasses of Defesa rosé. There are seafood restaurants, wood-fired pizzas and a delivery service if you're feeling bushed. A crèche and kids' club look after under-eights; for teenagers there is kayaking, windsurfing, body boarding and Spain's new craze, paddle tennis, which has just hit here big-time. Warm and relaxed, this is a serious find. **Website** martinhal.com **Book it** Original Travel (tel: 020 7978 7333) offers five nights from £700, half board, including flights and car hire. ▷