



# ERICEIRA

## WORLD SURFING RESERVE



### World Surfing Reserves

The World Surfing Reserves are an international project whose main objective is the preservation of the surfing areas, including the habitats that surround them. The eligibility by Save The Waves Coalition is based on a number of strict criteria. These are the quality and consistency of the waves, its environmental wealth and sensitivity, the importance of the waves to the local surfing culture and its history and the local community's support. After enshrinement as a reserve, the locals have a public tool with which to protect their waves, they become guardians of the World Surfing Reserve. Ericeira was awarded this distinction in 2011.



### World Surf Cities Network

A surf city is an urban area where surf, its culture, and employment in industries related to the surf sector constitute a significant part of the local economy, and exists by the city administration the recognition of the importance of the surf industry to its tourist promotion. The World Surf Cities Network improve the positioning of the member cities in the network as a destination of surf tourism, contribute to the concept of surf tourism linked to enjoying the city, promote the creation of new local companies linked to surf, and improve, in a collaborative manner, the definition and implementation of local strategies for development of the surf sector. Ericeira is a member of this network since 2011.

#### 1 S. LOURENÇO

##### Point Break



Large bay that can hold the entrance of a giant swell. Soft inside wave and difficult outside wave, when large.

Consistency: ★★★★★

- Type of wave: powerful right with several sections receiving larger swells
- Type of seabed: sand covered rocks, sand and reef
- Break angle: 50°
- Swell conditions: N/ NW
- Type of break: progressive/ plunging
- Tide conditions: mid tide
- Length of break line: 50 to 150 m
- Wave height: 0.5 to 4.5 m
- Wind conditions: SE to NE

#### 2 COXOS

##### Point Reef Break



Ericeira's queen wave, and one of the most famous in Portugal. It has a classic pointbreak configuration with its break line accompanying the contour of the shore from start to finish. Beware of the sea-urchin. Entering and exiting this spot can be difficult in low tide.

Consistency: ★★★★★

- Type of wave: long, powerful right with several barrel sections
- Type of seabed: reef
- Break angle: 40°
- Swell conditions: all swells, ideal conditions with W/ NW
- Type of break: plunging
- Tide conditions: low tide to rising or falling mid tide
- Length of break line: 150 to 300 m
- Wave height: 0.5 to 3 m
- Wind conditions: SE to NE

#### 3 CRAZY LEFT

##### Point Reef Break



A tubular wave on the south side of Dois Irmãos Bay. Fast waves, hollow type and very powerful, that break over a rock bed. Best when high-tide.

Consistency: ★★★★★

- Type of wave: fast, long, and barrel left
- Type of seabed: reef
- Break angle: 40°
- Swell conditions: N/ NW
- Type of break: plunging
- Tide conditions: mid tide rising
- Length of break line: 80 to 120 m
- Wave height: 0.5 to 2.5 m
- Wind conditions: SE to NE

#### 4 CAVE

##### Reef Break



This is the heaviest wave in Ericeira, comparable to Australian waves. It's very dangerous because it breaks in front of a rock. Should only be used by professionals and even they are advised to wear protection.

Consistency: ★★★★★

- Type of wave: fast, barrel, flat, and very dangerous right
- Type of seabed: reef
- Break angle: 27°
- Swell conditions: NW/ N
- Type of break: plunging/ from the bottom
- Tide conditions: high tide
- Length of break line: 30 to 70 m
- Wave height: 1 to 2.5 m
- Wind conditions: SE to NE (without wind)

#### 5 RIBEIRA D' ILHAS

##### Reef Break



Probably one of the best rights in Europe. Long right with various sections. It is a very valuable, competitive wave as it allows surfers very different levels of approach. It's one of the most consistent Summer spots.

Consistency: ★★★★★

- Type of wave: long right
- Type of seabed: rocks and reef
- Break angle: 55°
- Swell conditions: all swells ideal conditions with W/ NW
- Type of break: progressive/ plunging
- Tide conditions: all tides
- Length of break line: 150 to 300 m
- Wave height: 0.5 to 3.5 m
- Wind conditions: any quadrant - ideal conditions from SE to NE

#### 6 REEF

##### Reef Break



Tubular wave over a very flat rock bottom (1m deep - very shallow). When it works it's magical, but could leave wounds.

Consistency: ★★★★★

- Type of wave: rapid, powerful, and barrel right
- Type of seabed: reef
- Break angle: 35°
- Swell conditions: NW/ N
- Type of break: plunging
- Tide conditions: mid tide
- Length of break line: 30 to 70 m
- Wave height: 0.5 to 1.5 m
- Wind conditions: SE to NE

#### 7 PEDRA BRANCA

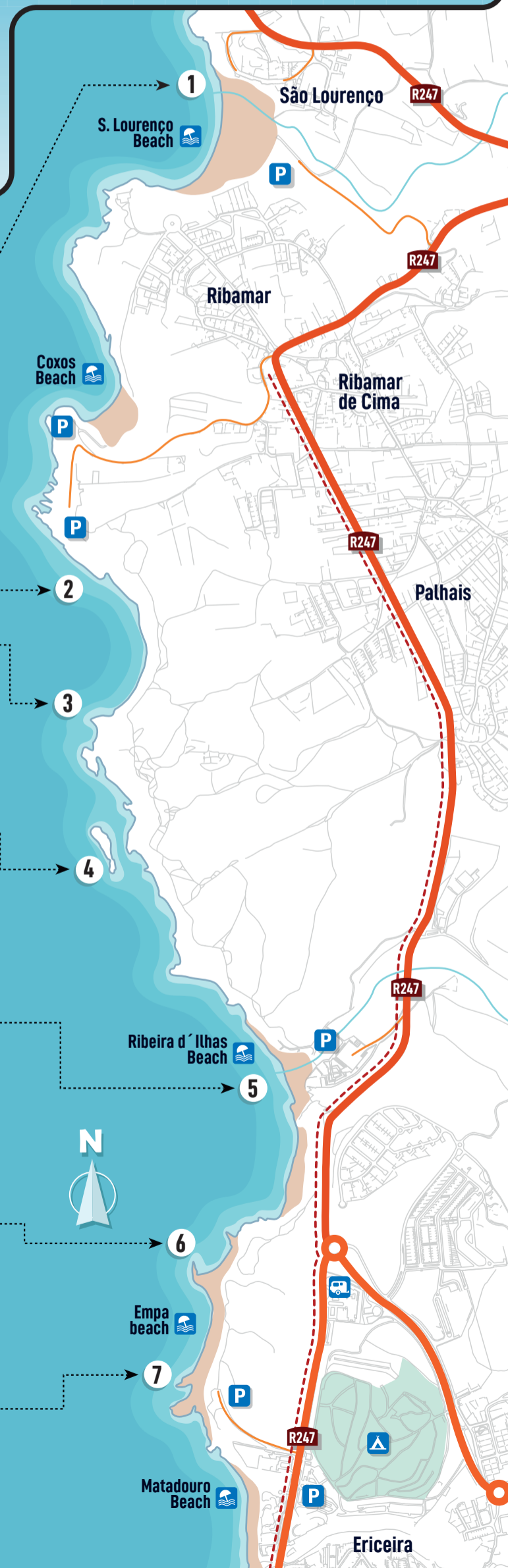
##### Reef Break



Very fast and potent left reef break. It has a fabulous look and holds waves from 1 to 3 metres. This wave is regular and dangerous and characterised by an area of rapid starts, followed by a barrel to the inside. Not recommended with low tide.

Consistency: ★★★★★

- Type of wave: rapid, powerful, and barrel left
- Type of seabed: reef
- Break angle: 40°
- Swell conditions: SW to W/ NW
- Type of break: plunging
- Tide conditions: mid tide rising
- Length of break line: 50 to 100 m
- Wave height: 0.5 to 2.5 m
- Wind conditions: from SE to NE





# ERICEIRA Other Waves

<b>8 BACKDOOR</b> 	<b>Reef Break</b> This wave works during Summer. It has tubular sections that are a little bit scary, when the tide is low.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> rapid right ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> reef ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 40° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> W/ NW ■ <b>Type of break:</b> progressive/ hollow ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> falling mid tide ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 30 to 70 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 2 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> SE to NE
<b>9 MATADOURO BEACH</b> 	<b>Point Break</b> Several reef breaks. Ideal for surf lessons and for the first autonomous surf sessions. Withstands waves up to 2.5 metres. Works with low tide till mid tide.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> right ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> rock and sand ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 40° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> N ■ <b>Type of break:</b> Progressive strand ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> mid tide, low tide ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 50 to 100 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 2.5 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> E
<b>10 S. SEBASTIÃO BEACH</b> 	<b>Reef Break</b> Several reef breaks. Ideal for the first autonomous surf sessions. Withstands waves up to 2 metres. Works with low tide till mid tide.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> right and left ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> rock and sand ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 40° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> N ■ <b>Type of break:</b> progressive strand ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> mid tide, low tide ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 30 to 50 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 2 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> E
<b>11 ALGODIO BEACH</b> 	<b>Reef Break</b> Long right reef break. Holds waves up to 4 metres. Works with mid tide to high tide. Strong currents towards the pier. Located in the centre of Ericeira.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> right ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> reef and sand ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 40° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> N ■ <b>Type of break:</b> progressive strand ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> mid tide, high tide ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 50 to 100 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 4 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> E
<b>12 PESCADORES BEACH</b> 	<b>Beach Break</b> Left beach break. This sandy bottom spot is protected from the strong waves of north by the breakwater. It works mainly during the Winter, when the big waves reach the Portuguese coast. It is often the only surfable spot in the region. Works with low tide till mid tide.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> left ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> rock and sand ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 40° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> W/ SW ■ <b>Type of break:</b> plunging ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> mid tide, low tide ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 50 to 100 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 2 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> E/ N
<b>13 FURNAS – PICO DO FUTURO</b> 	<b>Reef Break</b> Hard and dangerous wave, due to the proximity to rocks. Hard drop wave, good tubes and thick lips. Long history of broken boards. It's a last resource when all waves are too big.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> right ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> Reef ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 40° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> N/ NW ■ <b>Type of break:</b> progressive/ hollow ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> Low tide ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 50 to 100 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 1 to 3 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> E/ NE
<b>14 BALEIA OR SUL BEACH</b> 	<b>Reef Break</b> It's a resource beach for the days of hard tide conditions. Ideal for the first autonomous surf sessions, although beginners must pay attention to the proximity to the rocks. Withstands waves up to 3 metres. Works with all tides. Located in the centre of Ericeira.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> right and left ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> rock and sand ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 40° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> N ■ <b>Type of break:</b> progressive strand ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> all tides ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 30 to 50 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 3 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> E/ N
<b>15 FOZ DO LIZANDRO BEACH</b> 	<b>Beach Break</b> Good spot for beginners and advanced surfers. On days with stronger waves it is not suitable for beginners.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> right and left ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> sand ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 45° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> S/ SW ■ <b>Type of break:</b> plunging ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> all tides ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 30 to 50 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 2.5 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> all
<b>16 S. JULIÃO BEACH</b> 	<b>Beach Break</b> Works with swells from almost all directions and tides, depending only on the type of bottom, which is sand. It's a small wave spot that maxes-out easily.	Consistency: ★★☆☆☆ ■ <b>Type of wave:</b> right and left ■ <b>Type of seabed:</b> sand ■ <b>Break angle:</b> 45° ■ <b>Swell conditions:</b> W ■ <b>Type of break:</b> Plunging ■ <b>Tide conditions:</b> all tides ■ <b>Length of break line:</b> 30 to 80 m ■ <b>Wave height:</b> 0.5 to 2.5 m ■ <b>Wind conditions:</b> all



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<p><b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL: EASY</b></p> <p>This sand bottom beach break is easy to get in and exit. It usually has gently breaking waves. It is generally not too shallow and without strong currents. Conditions can vary greatly depending on local conditions. It is an ideal break for learners.</p>	<p><b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL: MODERATE</b></p> <p>This sand or reef break provides safe access to the waves, is generally of safe depth but can have currents. Ideal for intermediates.</p>	<p><b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL: DIFFICULT</b></p> <p>This reef break is difficult to get in and out from. It is shallow in some areas and can have strong currents. For advanced surfers.</p>	<p><b>DIFFICULTY LEVEL: DANGEROUS</b></p> <p>This break is dangerous to get in and out from. It provides powerful waves, breaking over shallow reefs and potentially strong currents. Experienced surfers only.</p>

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