# Villa Riccarda

Region: Portimao Sleeps: 12

### **Overview**

An artist's haven, it is easy to feel inspired inside Villa Riccarda! This newly renovated townhouse is located in the city of Portimao, just a short stroll from the bustling historic centre and a quick drive from the beach. Unique, every corner of this villa has been carefully curated by its artist owner, Eric de Bruijn, with his own personal collection adorning the walls. Centrally located, you can walk to restaurants and cafés in the historic city centre, returning to the comfort and privacy of Villa Riccarda as and when you wish; the perfect holiday balance!

From the moment you arrive, Villa Riccarda truly offers the 'wow' factor! The ground floor boasts a combined art studio and living room. Bright, spacious and elegant, this beautiful room offers white walls, polished concrete floors and oversized sofas and armchairs, with antique-style rugs creating intricate patterns underfoot. As you stride into the kitchen, it feels as though you have walked into a gallery, with high ceilings and contemporary furnishings filling the vast space. Fully equipped you will find everything you need to prepare fantastic meals which you can share around the huge dining table. There is one large bedroom on this floor with four beds.

Stairs wind up to the upper floor, where you will find the remaining five bedrooms. Four boast double beds and one offers twin beds and every bedroom has been fitted with mood lighting and Bluetooth headphones, so you can listen to your own music undisturbed! A second kitchen, dining area, television room and two bathrooms complete the upper floor, each designed with the same unique aesthetics as the rest of the villa.

Outside, the fairy-tale continues with outdoor areas on both floors. Downstairs, the outdoor area wraps around the back of the villa with a private swimming pool, outdoor







shower, dining tables and outdoor cooking facilities. An oasis in the city, this tranquil space feels similar to a courtyard in Marrakech, with lush plants, cacti and rich pink walls. Upstairs, the spacious roof terrace is adorned with lounge chairs, a dining table, sunbeds and a large American barbecue, so you can sit and dine al-fresco. There are few places more enchanting than Villa Riccarda, with artistic delights at every turn; the perfect base for those looking for something a little different!

#### **Facilities**

Air-Con • Villa • Wellness • Hairdryer • Historical Sites • TV • Recommended • Wi-Fi/Internet • Cots (Cribs) • Private Pool • Quirky (Unique) • Instagrammable • Modern • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Heating • High Chair(s) • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

### **Interior & Grounds**

#### The Villa

Villa Riccarda is an artistic townhouse in the city of Portimao. With 6 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms can accommodate up to 12 people

#### Ground floor

- Art studio with a spacious living room
- Well-equipped kitchen with a dining table
- Bedroom with two beds and ensuite bathroom

#### First floor

- Five more bedrooms, four with double beds and one with twin singles, each with mood lighting and a hammam bathrobe
- Two bathrooms with shower, toilet, sink and care products
- Toilet
- Fully equipped kitchen with dining table
- Television room

#### Exterior

- Private swimming pool (2,5 x 11 meters)
- Outdoor shower
- Dining tables and outdoor cooking facilities
- Spacious roof terrace with a large covered lounge, dining table, sun-beds, bbq









### **Location & Local Information**

A real highlight of Villa Riccarda is its fantastic location, right in the heart of Portimão. This historic port city offers the very best of the Algarve, with terraces, restaurants and bars lining the pretty streets and a welcoming atmosphere ideal for families, couples and friends alike. Portimão is known for its breath-taking beaches, as well as the vibrant nightlife in the city. A little more low-key and relaxed than some of the hectic beach towns, Portimão is perfect for those looking for a little more sophistication and culture, whilst remaining nearby the rugged and energetic Algarve coast.

From the villa itself, you can walk to the harbour, supermarket and shops in the historic centre. In fact, the city beach, Praia da Rocha is only a 15-minute stroll away! This busy beach with its towering rock formations is great for everyone, with plenty of eateries and facilities to keep you comfortable throughout the day! Praia dos Tres Castelos, Praia dos Careanos and Praia de Alvor are some more popular beaches in the area, each as beautiful as the last. Praia dos Careanos is particularly idyllic, perfect for a day in the sand.

Within the city, you can visit the Museu de Portimão, located on the riverfront in a converted 19th-century sardine and mackerel canning factory. You can learn everything about the city's vibrant past, adding some history into your stay.

For outdoor lovers, a walk along the Arade river is not to be missed, with picturesque views along the entire route. At the very end of the promenade, you will find the Fort of Santa Catarina, which is well worth it with stunning views over the Rocha beach, river and blue azure of the Atlantic!

You can take a boat trip from the harbour, exploring both land and sea. The charming fishing village of Ferragudo is just across the town, characterized by small fishermen's houses, whitewashed buildings and narrow cobbled streets, making it a photographer's dream.









Albeit the great food, fantastic wine and pretty cobbled streets are sure to enchant you, it is often the array of shopping that draws visitors to Portimão. The streets are full of shops, so be it window shopping or holiday buying, there is plenty of places to keep you entertained!

### What we love

- An artist's house, every corner of this enchanting villa has been carefully curated, offering a completely unique holiday!
- The location is perfect, a short walk from restaurants and bars, and still only a short distance from the beach.
- With two kitchens and two outdoor cooking areas, the villa is a chef's dream!
- A dream for music lovers, there is a Sonos music system throughout the villa and 'silent disco' headphones in every room!

## What you should know...

- You can park your car for free in the streets around the townhouse.
- A cot and highchair are available on request for your convenience.
- Smoking is only permitted outside on the terrace, please respect this during your stay

### **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to the client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to a full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: High chair and cot available at no extra cost (on request) The local property manager will send you a registration form to be complete, with all travellers/guests details, before your arrival date. Please ensure this form is complete at least one week before your arrival in resort.
- Changeover day: Flexible
- End of stay cleaning available?: Extra €530 paid to OT. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Minimum stay: 6 nights.
- Heating costs included?: Not available at this property.
- Pool heating charge?: Not available at this property.
- Tax: Tourist Tax of €2 per person per night for over 13's (max. 7 nights) is not included in the rental price and will need to be paid prior arrival via a link direct from the supplier. Please note that this amount is only applicable for bookings from 01/04 to 31/10. The tax will lower to €1 for bookings from 01/11 to 31/03.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included in the rental price.