# **Estoi Vistas**

Region: Estoi Sleeps: 10

## Overview

Estoi Vistas certainly lives up to its name! This fantastic villa sits at the end of an impressive 150 metre long driveway, lined by over one hundred and thirty towering cypress trees in a sub-tropical garden full of colour, exotic mature plants, palms, bougainvilleas, fruit trees and yet more cypress trees. The countryside and distant sea views from its terraces are absolutely sensational. Guests enjoy the ever-changing views of the Atlantic Ocean and the twinkling lights of Faro once the sun has gone down. Estoi Vistas is a fifty year old, colonial-style luxury villa which is built all on one level within a spectacular, much loved garden. You will arrive at the villa in no time at all as it is situated just ten minutes north of Faro and five minutes from the historic town of Estoi, nestled amongst fields full of olive and almond trees. Many of the Algarve's sensational sandy beaches are just twenty or twenty five minutes drive away.

Estoi is a wonderful location boasting its Milreu Roman ruins and one of the Algarve's finest 19th century neo-Rococo styled palaces, the pink painted Palacio de Estoi, which is now a hotel. Guests enjoy trips into Faro Old Town or to pretty villages such as Almancil, Loule, Tavira and the fishing town of Olhao. Golf fans are in for treat with amazing, world class golf courses nearby. Guests can enjoy gastronomic feasts and superb entertainment in Vilamoura. Estoi is also within very easy reach of the sensational Ria Formosa Nature Reserve, a stunning natural park of sandbanks, barrier islands, salt marshes and lagoons. The reserve stretches 60km along the Algarve coast from Faro and the fishing town of Olhao to Tavira and beyond.

Estoi Vistas boasts five stunning bedrooms, four bathrooms and fabulous living spaces. The villa has been stylishly renovated, offering superbly comfortable







accommodation decorated with a slight 'Moorish' touch. Under a very high, attractive, beamed ceiling, the main living space is open plan in design and full of exquisite furnishings. One wall boasts three sets of gorgeous, trendy, black framed doors drowning the space in natural light and offering access and views of the terrace and garden. The dining area enjoys beautifully upholstered chairs and a traditional wooden table with statement chandeliers above. The outlook is of the pool and garden. The living space boasts a lavish corner sofa and other comfy chairs, a feature fireplace, satellite television and a Sonos sound system. The generous galley kitchen offers outstanding appliances including a dishwasher, a microwave and a Delonghi bean to cup espresso and cappuccino machine. The kitchen has been designed with polished cement worktops and gorgeous wooden cabinetry. There is a separate laundry room.

The villa's five bedrooms are comprised of three double rooms with ensuite bathrooms and two further rooms which share a bathroom. The rooms all have their own colour schemes, turquoise, yellow, orange and red with delightful vibrant colour pops in the form of curtains, rugs and other soft furnishings. Two of the bedrooms open to the pool terrace and another open to the morning terrace. There is a mix of double beds, twins and one room with bunk beds, ideal for children. The bunk bed room enjoys a unique wooden staircase to the upper bunk which also functions as a chest of drawers. The bathrooms are beautifully finished with a mix of baths and walk-in showers. Across the inner courtyard at the front of the house is an extension to the villa which is used as a games and playroom. It offers a snooker table for some family fun. There is also a table tennis table and to the east side of the villa, a petangue court.

Guests staying at Estoi Vistas will spend a lot of their time outside in the stunning gardens and on the terraces. The pool terrace enjoys beautiful views of the garden, the city of Faro and the Algarve coastline. The 13m x 5m swimming pool will no doubt be the scene of much family fun. It is surrounded by loungers and an outdoor shower. The veranda is a wonderful spot where you can listen to your favourite tunes on the Sonos sound system, enjoy

your favourite tipples or dine alfresco on the massive table. Adjacent to the kitchen is a wonderful built-in outdoor barbecue. The landscaped garden enjoys 10000 sq metres of tropical plants and flowers, palms, fruit trees and climbing bougainvillea. It will definitely make you smile!

### **Facilities**

Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Wellness • Villa • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Wi-Fi/Internet • Private Pool • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Instagrammable • Modern • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Dishwasher • Microwave • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# **Interior & Grounds**

### The Villa

This luxury colonial-style villa is located in a tranquil, authentic Portuguese area with lots of privacy- only 5 minutes from the historic town of Estoi and 15 minutes North of Faro Airport. Estoi Vistas is a spacious, attractive holiday home and offers an ever-changing view of the Atlantic Ocean and of the twinkling lights of Faro at night.

#### Ground Floor

- Large living room with comfortable seating, satellite TV, sonos sound system, fireplace and access to a covered terrace
- Open plan dining area for 6 people and access to a covered terrace
- Fully equipped kitchen with modern appliances, including a dishwasher, large fridge and freezer, ovens, a microwave and a Delonghi bean to cup espresso & cappuccino machine
- Family bathroom with walk-in shower
- Bedroom with double bed, access to the pool area and en-suite bathroom with bath and walk-in shower
- Bedroom with double bed, access to the patio and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed, access to the patio and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Bedroom with a bunk bed

#### Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (13 x 5 m)
- Large terraced and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Garden furniture
- Covered terrace
- Private parking
- Barbecue

#### Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Underfloor heating
- Washing machine
- Coffee machine
- Cot and high chair
- Hair dryer
- Safe box









## **Location & Local Information**

Estoi Vistas enjoys a lovely countryside setting, close to the quiet town of Estoi. Estoi enjoys plenty of shops and restaurants and some wonderful buildings. For boutique shopping, you can head to Mar Shopping, the luxury shopping mall. Next door to Mar is the Designer Outlet Algarve Village with many fashion and lifestyle brands.

There are many beaches within easy reach of the villa including the sensational Praia da Fuseta Beach, Vale do Lobo Beach, the beautiful Garrao Beach and the breathtaking Quinta do Lago Beach. The Ria Formosa Nature Reserve is a stunning natural park of sandbanks, barrier islands, salt marshes and lagoons which stretches 60km along the Algarve coast from Faro and the fishing town of Olhao to Tavira and beyond. The park is a haven for wildlife including flamingos and chameleons. There are some amazing beaches on the islands that rest close to the coast, including Farol Island, Culatra Island, Armona Island, Tavira Island, Deserta and Fuzeta, You should take one of the little wooden boats over to the beach. It makes for a very special day out. Ilha da Culatra is beautiful and perfect for snorkeling and diving. Ilha do Farol is at the area at the western end of Culatra with a lighthouse. Ilha da Armona is the nearest to Olhao and boasts a few fish restaurants as well as a gorgeous, golden sandy beach. The islands are especially beautiful at sunset. Tavira Island is further along the coast and is definitely worth a visit. You can take a ferry ride across the River Gilao. Praia do Barril is reached by a 1km pretty track or a cozy train ride once you have crossed the water. The town of Tavira, roughly twenty minutes from the villa, is beautiful with charming, narrow streets lined with cute cafes and decked with flags and colourful flowers. Tavira lies along the slow flowing Gilao River and is a delightful mix of traditional Portuguese heritage with Moorish influences.

Vilamoura Marina is the largest and classiest marina in the Algarve. It is brimming with luxury yachts and fabulous eateries. The nightlife is excellent. Faro Marina and Olhao Marina also offer boat trips and wonderful restaurants. Olhao currently takes roughly 400 boats though it is being









extended. Restaurants, bars, pastry shops, ice cream parlours and shops line the marina. It was in Olhao that the first canning factory was established in 1882, sparking a trend that spread in both directions along the coast, with canned tuna and sardines becoming a large source of income for the Algarve. The old quarter of Olhao brims with Moorish-style houses, square and whitewashed with flat terraced roofs and boxed chimneys. The church of Nossa Senhora do Roario dates back to the 17th century and the chapel behind it, dedicated to Nossa Senhora dos Afelitos, is still the place where the fishermen's wives gather during stormy weather to pray for their husbands. The long, delightful promenade is very attractive with the Jardim Pescador do Olhanense gardens. The fishmarket on the waterfront is Olhao's main draw. It is buzzy and quaint and sells honey, live chickens, a huge array of local produce as well as many types of fish. There are fabulous, atmospheric cafes and restaurants overlooking the colourful boats moored along the water front in the marina and the sandy beach ilhs of Armona and Culatra.

You will see the twinkling lights of Faro from the villa. Faro Old Town is beautiful, perfect for an afternoon or evening visit. You will enter through the town's 11th century Arab gateway, Arco da Vila, the oldest horseshoe arch in the country. The old town is a charming labyrinth of pretty narrow streets. The Manuel Bivar Gardens are very pretty and the Municipal Museum is very interesting.

Golf can be enjoyed at the nearby world class Monte Rei Golf Club, the Quinta do Lago Golf Club or the prestigious Victoria Golf Club to the west. There are so many more options too with sixteen courses within a short drive of the villa. Since 2013, the Victoria Golf Course, designed by Arnold Palmer, has hosted the Portuguese Masters.

### **Local Amenities**

Nearest Airport	Faro Airport (14 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Bar Dancing O Tango (2 km)
Nearest Beach	Fuseta Ria Beach (25 km)

Nearest Ferry Port	Faro Ferry Port (18 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Flor de Ameixa (450 m)
Nearest Supermarket	Supermercado Periquito (2 km)
Nearest Tennis	Algarve Tennis Club (22 km)
Nearest Town/City	Estoi (3 km)
Nearest Village	Sambada (1 km)

# What we love

- Estoi Vistas sits in the most incredible tropical garden full of cypress trees, palms, bougainvillea and other beautiful flowers
- The villa has been beautifully renovated to offer delightful living and bedroom spaces and gorgeous alfresco terraces
- Estoi is an excellent location within easy reach of the Algarve's sensational beaches, its prestigious golf clubs, a brilliant night life and some wonderful, traditional villages and towns

# What you should know...

- One of the bedrooms enjoys bunk beds so is ideal for children but not quite so comfortable for adults
- You must buy some fish at the excellent fish market in Olhao. Not only is it straight off the boat, enjoying a fish barbecue is a wonderful way to spend your evening on the terrace. You should buy some local wine to go with it too!
- There is much entertainment at the villa including a snooker table, table tennis, petanque and some equipment for the pool

# **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €500 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: Two weeks minimum stay in May and September. <br/>
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- Changeover day: Saturday.
- End of stay cleaning available?: Yes. 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?: Not permitted.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights during July & August 14 nights during June & September.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- 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 rental price.