

# Villa Troyal

Region: Lagoa    Sleeps: 8

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## Overview

Villa Troyal offers you the opportunity to get away from it all in a gorgeous rural setting, yet within easy reach of the Algarve beaches and the wonderful towns of Silves, Lagoa and Portimao. This four bedroom renovated farmhouse is located on the beautiful Cumeada Ridge, near the charming, traditional Portuguese village of Cumeada and only ten minutes from the historic town of Silves. The villa enjoys luxurious modern living, fabulous characterful nods from its past and artistic flair with lots of macrame, handmade art works and other wonderful features.

The village is very tranquil and Silves is a Portuguese gem boasting a fascinating history and beautiful red-hued buildings. This ancient Arab kingdom inherited a stately outline, the epitome of which is its dominant castle, the largest castle in the Algarve. The castle enjoys wonderful views of the town, its fertile fields covered with orange trees and the beautiful River Arade. Silves is a crumbling place brimming with narrow, cobbled streets lined with lively alfresco cafes, restaurants and shops. It boasts a Moorish-style garden which is open daily to visitors and a fabulous, lively market.

The renovation of Villa Troyal was completed by renowned architects. It is finished, furnished and decorated to the highest standard offering eight guests a totally luxurious stay. From the upper floor, guests enjoy wonderful countryside and distant sea views. The living space is open plan in design and all under a beautiful, characterful beamed ceiling. At one end is the living area with its sumptuous corner sofa, feature wood-burning fire and trendy lighting. Next comes the very sociable kitchen with its natural wood cabinetry and excellent appliances, followed by the dining area. From the kitchen you can access the large covered terrace for alfresco dining. Also on the ground floor is a guest toilet and two of the



bedroom suites. Guests enjoy the sleep of kings on comfy twin beds in both rooms. You will discover dazzling white walls, beautiful ancient ceilings, plenty of wardrobe space, artistic macrame lightshades and impeccable ensuite bathrooms. In the bathrooms, you will find gorgeous stone sinks and beautiful tiling.

The first floor is home to the remaining two bedrooms. One enjoys comfy twin beds and the other offers a beautifully dressed double bed. Both enjoy immaculate ensuite bathrooms and access to a sun-drenched terrace where you will be captivated by the sensational views.

Villa Troyal boasts a lovely private garden with lush lawns, architectural planting of palms and other trees, a gorgeous deck and a delightful pool. The garden is brimming with ancient olives and there are lovely spots to relax with your holiday book and a glass of your favourite tippie. There is a wonderful mix of materials in the garden with huge boulders, gravel, grass and wood. The upper shaded terrace is perfect for alfresco dining where guests can enjoy suppers cooked on the built-in barbecue and the spectacular vistas.

When you can drag yourselves away from this idyllic haven, the delights of Silves, Messines, the Algarve coastline and numerous prestigious golf courses await.

## Facilities

Wi-Fi/Internet • Villa • Wellness • Hairdryer • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Great Value • Rural Location • Private Pool • Modern • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Villa Troyal a luxury villa in Silves, is a renovated farmhouse (finished June 2012), with keeping original details to a luxury villa in the Algarve. All done by renowned architects of the Algarve. Finished, furnished and decorated to the highest standards, with private pool and garden and distance sea views.

### *Ground Floor*

- Ample living room with, satellite TV, fireplace and access to the patio
- Open plan dining area for 6 people and access to the patio
- Well equipped american style kitchen and access to the patio
- Bedroom with two single beds and en-suite shower room
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### *First Floor*

- Bedroom with two single beds, access to a terrace and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite shower room

### *Exterior Grounds*

- Private swimming pool (8 x 4 m; depth 0.50 - 1.50 m)
- Large patio and garden area
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Garden furniture
- Covered terrace
- Private parking
- Barbecue

### **Additional Facilities**

- Wi-Fi connection
- Central heating
- Washing machine
- Coffee machine
- Cot and high chair
- Hair dryer



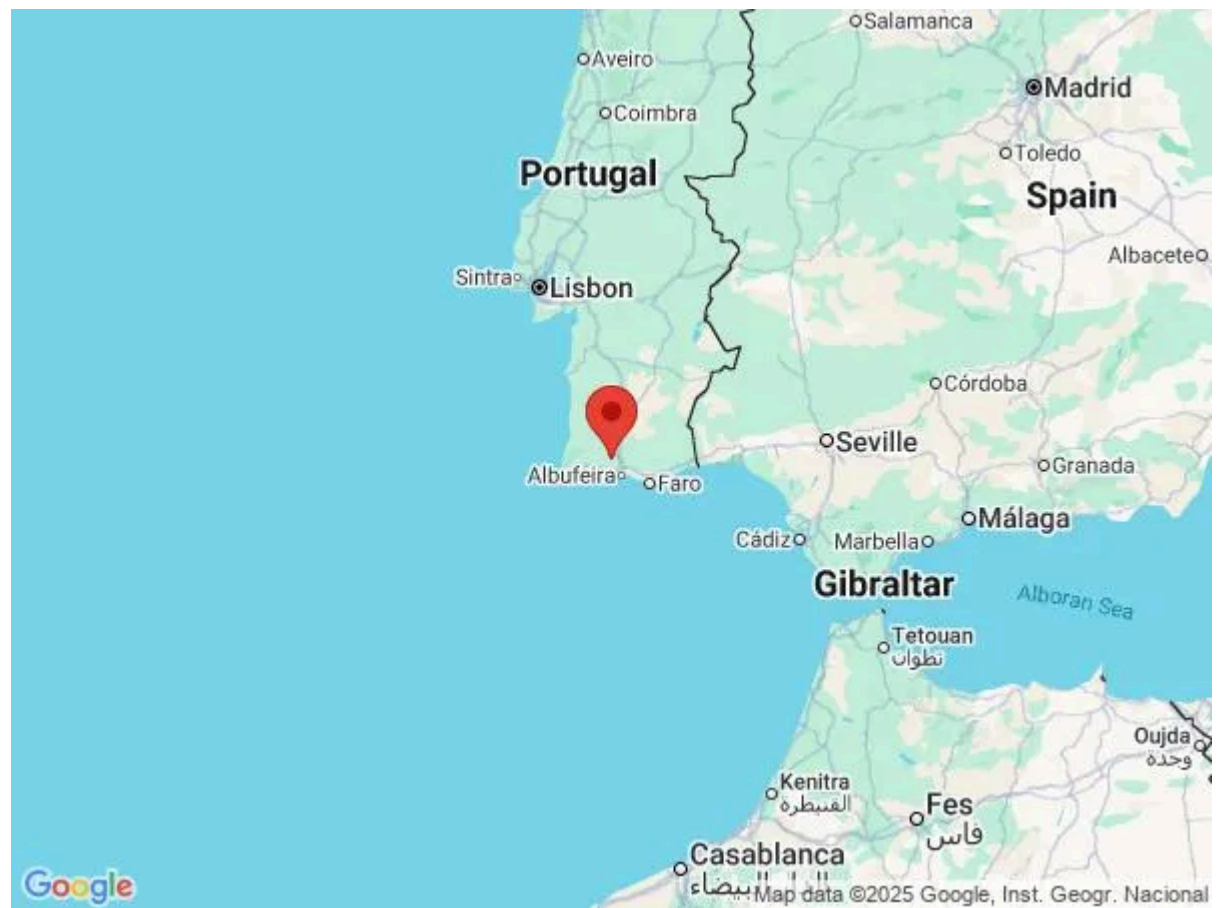


## Location & Local Information

Villa Troyal enjoys a delightful rural setting on the ridge of Cumeada, just outside the traditional village of Cumeada. The villa is roughly ten minutes drive from Silves and seven minutes from the market town of Messines. Silves is one of the most beautiful towns of the Algarve, boasting a castle, many lively bars and restaurants, a medieval festival and stunning architecture. Silves was conquered from the Moors in 1189 by King Sancho I but the Moors were only fully expelled in 1242 by King Afonso III. The ancient mosque was transformed into the town's cathedral, starting in Gothic style and completed during the Baroque period. Opposite the cathedral is the Igreja da Misericórdia, much of which dates back to the 18th century. The lively market is very popular.

Messines, otherwise known as Sao Bartolomeu de Messines, is an interesting town offering an authentic slice of rural Algarve life. Over recent years, a number of new restaurants have popped up and there is a lovely local community.

The closest beach to the villa is Armacao da Pera, a twenty minute drive away. The stunning sandy beach stretches all the way to Gale and boasts numerous beach bars and restaurants. There are plenty of other gorgeous beaches within half an hour of the villa including Ferragudo, Carvoeiro and the stunning Praia da Rocha. It is definitely worth visiting Ferragudo. Sitting at the mouth of the Arade River estuary, across the water from Portimao and Praia da Rocha, this delightful fishing village has retained its charm and offers a wonderful riverfront promenade sprinkled with palms. The main square, the charming Praca Rainha Dona Leonor, is lined with cafes, a perfect spot for breakfast and coffee. There are many fish restaurants looking out over the river. A warren of narrow cobbled streets rises up into the old village, lined with whitewashed cottages. The terrace in front of the village church offers wonderful views over the Arade River and Portimao, as well as the closest beach Praia da Angrinha. This beach is home to the medieval Castelo de Sao Joao de Arade which commands an elevated position on the headland at



the southern end of the beach. The castle dates back to the 16th century, sitting opposite the Fortaleza de Santa Catarina in Praia da Rocha. Ferragudo's main town beach is Praia Grande which lies at the far side of the castle. The sheltered waters of the Arade beaches are ideal for watersports including kayaking and windsurfing.

On the opposite side of the Arade River, Portimao brings delicious seafood, shopping and waterfront promenades to the table, along with one of the Algarve's best beaches, Praia da Rocha around the corner. Portimao is a sailor's delight with elite competitions taking place. Long before tourism arrived in Portimao, the town made a living from fishing and canning. The fascinating Museu de Portimao is housed in the evocative old Feu Cannery and impresses guests with the history of the industry. The Megalithic Monuments of Alcarlar are very close to Portimao on the hilltop and spreading out over 10 hectares. There are burial monuments in the complex and a vast cairn with a shape resembling a beehive. Portimao has a wonderful market, the Mercado Municipal, which is a great place to stock up on supplies for the villa. There is also a special farmers market on Saturdays. The riverside esplanade is remarkable and perfect for a stroll beside the swaying palms. It is beautiful at night with the twinkly lights on the opposite bank. There are many opportunities for seafaring excursions from Portimao. You can take a voyage on a replica pirate ship, look out for dolphins, take on some water sports or simply enjoy the magnificent coastline.

Lagoa is another wonderful historic town brimming with whitewashed houses that used to rise above a lagoon. Now only the name remains as well as the local delicious wine. The cultural centre of Lagoa was originally built in 1710 as the Convent of Saint Joseph but it fell into disrepair and opened as the culture centre after a major renovation. You will discover exhibitions of paintings, photography and sculpture. The Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Luz, which means Church of Our Lady of Light, is beautiful and worth a visit. The Lady in Red art gallery is located in an unused industrial space of a big wine producer. It is a stunning display of modern art.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Faro Airport (57 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Tropic Bar (8 km)
Nearest Beach	Armacao de Pera Beach (20 km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Faro Ferry Port (61 km)
Nearest Golf	Silves Golf Course (15 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Cumidoce (1 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Vitalino Manuel Mini Market (5 km)
Nearest Tennis	Silves Tennis Club (12 km)
Nearest Town/City	Lagoa (17 km)
Nearest Village	Gregorios (2 km)

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €450 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, after that time will be added an extra of €50.
- **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:** 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?:** 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
- **Heating costs included?:** Not included in the rental price, extra €150 per week to be paid locally. Logs for the fireplace have a nextra cost of €50 per week, to be paid locally.
- **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 rental price.