Casa Mero Douro

Region: Portugal **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

A decadent and stylish villa based in the charming region of Alijo, Casa Mero Douro is the ideal property for large groups who are looking to unwind and reconnect as a collective. The outdoor grounds of this villa are truly phenomenal, sporting a far-reaching decking area with a tremendous swimming pool, that naturally blends in to its surroundings. Thus, guests are free to float aimlessly in the crystal-clear water as they appreciate the sublime views that surround them. In addition, this property is home to an attractive selection of outdoor terraces. These are the perfect areas for guests to enjoy a range of al fresco dining experiences, helping to elevate the luxury of this marvellous property.



Travelling inside, this property presents a stunning array of ornate furnishings, helping to build a deeply expressive holiday home. The living area is home to an eclectic range of seating arrangements, such as a considerable sofa and an assortment of rich green armchairs. Thus, guests can use these spaces to their fullest potential, recharging their batteries as they reminisce about their favourite parts of the trip so far. The dining area is incredibly spacious, ensuring that guests can enjoy their daily meals in style. Using a broad dining table and a wealth of grey fabric chairs, this space helps to accentuate the opulence and affluence of this entire property. The kitchen within this property adheres to a much brighter theme, presenting a collection of bright white cupboards and surfaces. Therefore, guests will have access to everything they would need to craft a plethora of amazing meals throughout their stay on this impeccable property.







The first floor is home to eight beautiful bedrooms overlooking the Douro River. All of these bedrooms host a considerable double bed that has been fitted with a collection of ample and crisp linens. Again, all of these

rooms are home to incredible double beds, ensuring that guests can revel in a deeply restful and tranquil night's sleep throughout the duration of their once-in-a-lifetime trip.

Facilities

Villa • EV Charger • Wellness • Canoeing/Kayaking • Fishing • Recommended • Watersports • Private Pool • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Maid Service Included • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Instagrammable • Modern • Parking Space • Waterfront • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • TV • Indoor Games • Safety Deposit Box • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Breakfast Included • Bathroom Toiletries • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Casa Mero Douro has been painstakingly restored to maintain the existing Old-World charm while adding New-World conveniences and infrastructures. Enjoy a house with a decoration designed for comfort and well-being, this house is enveloped in a breathtaking setting!

Ground Floor
- Large living room with various seating areas, fireplace and access to the terrace
- Open plan area with two games tables
- Media room with comfortable seating and TV
- Open plan dining area for 16 people and access to the terrace
- Fully equipped kitchen with breakfast bar and access to the terrace *(Please see Ts&Cs)*
- Laundry room with washing machine
- Two guest toilets

First Floor
- Bedroom with two single beds pushed together, access to a balcony and en-suite shower room
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- Bedroom with double bed, access to a balcony and en-suite shower room
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- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite shower room
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Exterior Grounds
- Private swimming pool overlooking the river
- Large terrace and garden area
- Covered terrace
- Various sun loungers
- Outdoor dining
- Garden furniture
- Private parking
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities
- Access to the river *(please note, Douro River is closed to navigation from January to march)*
- Wi-Fi connection
- Washing machine
- Cot and high chair
- Hair dryer









Location & Local Information

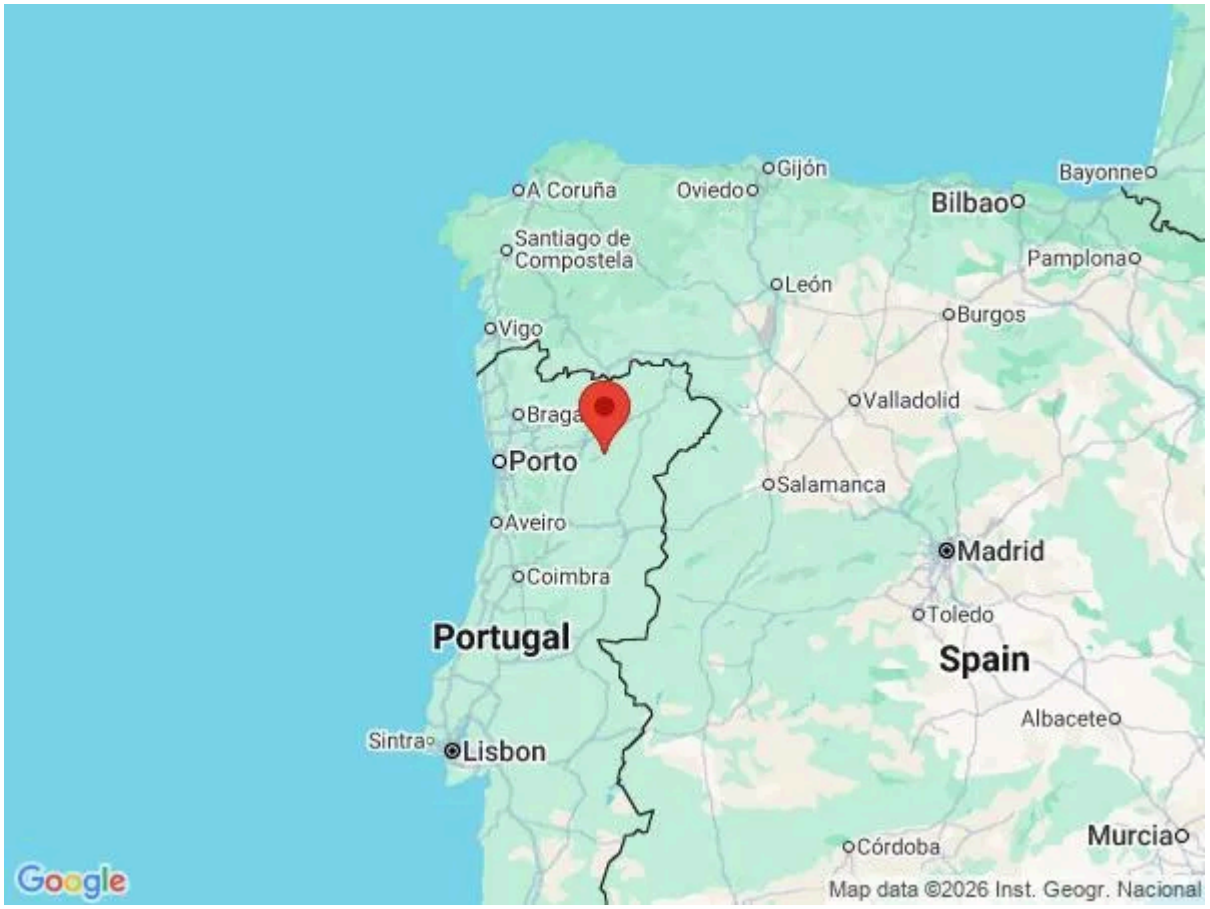
Casa Mero Douro is just a 20-minute drive away from the quaint region of Alijo, giving guests a chance to explore this premium area with ease. One of the most alluring attractions in this region can be found in Pinhao station, which is based around half an hour away from the villa. Complete with 19th-century fixtures and unique artefacts; this train station is a great place to visit if you wish to learn more about the whimsical legacy of Alijo. This station is also home to an array of decorative tiles, which depict the timeline of this region's history in great colour and detail. Whilst you're here, make sure to observe the grandiose bridges and railways that help to accentuate the timeless nature of this landmark.

Alijo is often commended for its variety of port wines, a commodity that helps to characterise the rich culture of this entire region. If you are an avid lover of this type of wine, a trip to Regiao Demarcada do Douro Vinhateiro is a real treat. Translated as the Demarcated Region of Douro Winery, this landmark presents 26,000 hectares of luscious foliage and has been producing port wine for over 2000 years. This high-end production has allowed this attraction to be classified as Mankind's Heritage by UNESCO, due to its integral impact on the local community and its ability to effectively reflect the evolution of human life. Região Demarcada do Douro Vinhateiro is located just over 35 minutes away from Casa Mero Douro.

Alongside its vast selection of native wines, this region is also celebrated for its riveting food scene. Gambas al Ajilo, also known as Spanish-style garlic shrimp, is a simple yet divine dish that is much loved by tourists and locals alike. This meal pulls upon a collection of fresh prawns that have been prepared with a plethora of garlic-infused olive oil and hints of smoked paprika. Thus, this is a fantastic dish to try if you are looking to take a leap out of your culinary comfort zone and delve into something new. This dish can be found in many bars and restaurants within the town centre, allowing guests to soak up the bustling local atmosphere as they revel in a truly amazing meal.

Some interests locals nearby

- Boat Pier: 50 metres away (navigation on the Douro river is not permitted between January – March)
- Local train station (the Douro Line runs between Porto and Pocinho): 10 minutes drive
- Tua dam (this dramatic construction is located on a tributary of the Douro River): 6 kms
- Pinhão (harbour): 17 kms by car or 35 min by boat
- Favaios Bread & Wine Museum (the village is also famous of its dessert wine): 10 kms
- Heliport: 6 km
- Quinta da Romaneira: 6,6km
- Quinta do Bomfim: 17km by car or 35 min by boat
- Quinta do Crasto: 1h:15m by boat
- Quinta do Ventozelo: 20 min by boat









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Porto Airport (150 km)**
Nearest Village	**Castedo (4 km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Alijo (9 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Beira-Rio Restaurant (6 km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Supermercado Coviran (11 km)**
Nearest Beach	**Soutelo do Douro River Beach (43 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Lamego Mini Golf Course (80 km)**

What we love

- River taxi´s can be organised, at an extra cost, by the owner as there is a small mooring just at the bottom of the garden. Perfect for exploring surrounding areas.
- All bedrooms offer stunning views of the river and mountains
- This property is also home to a tremendous games room, complete with two game tables and a large TV
- The bedrooms also host a collection of storage spaces, ensuring that your belongings can remain safe and secure throughout the duration of your trip

What you should know...

- Breakfast is included but lunchtime or evening meals are extra and the owner prefers the clients to comply with these conditions (please see Ts&Cs)
- There is a little mooring at the end of the garden so the owner can organise taxi boats to collect the clients and take them to nearby villas and then return them. The property is very remote therefore this option is perfect for clients that do not want to do too much driving
- Due to its rural location and how the property blends in to its surroundings, there are drops and uneven ground, which may not suite families with small children.
- The two floating staircases, to the first floor, do not have hand rails
- The train runs along the back of the property a few times during the day, its just a small train that provides a service to the Douro area.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** Credit card details are required 2 weeks prior to departure for pre-authorisation.

- **Arrival time:** After 3 pm

- **Departure time:** 5 pm

- **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:** A non-refundable 50% deposit is required to confirm a booking at this property (or full payment if booking within 12 weeks of departure). Please note that breakfast is included in the rental price. However, kitchen use is subject to certain conditions. If you prefer not to use the kitchen and decide to have the chef for meals, we offer a reduced rate of €250 per night. Please indicate this preference during the booking process, and feel free to contact us for further details.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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:** 3 nights. All other durations on request.

- **Heating costs included?:** Not available on this property.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Not available on this property.

- **Tax:** Tourist Tax included in the rental price.

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.