Casa Clarissa

Region: Portugal **Sleeps:** 20

Overview

A breathtakingly attractive, majestic manor house built in 1778, Casa Clarissa offers a unique opportunity to enjoy a real piece of classical beauty in the north of Portugal.

A bright white front greets you as you wind your way along the tree-lined driveway and pull into the large courtyard on arrival, with ample free parking space for the whole group.

The house is pleasantly obscured from view by a flourishing expanse of old trees. Inside you are met by a series of lovingly restored rooms brimming with historical charm.

A fantastic array of shared spaces, including a formal dining room, casual living rooms and a brilliant games room highlight the beautiful fusion of historic character and modern luxury.

Antique furniture sits delicately among perfectly restored rooms of elegance and splendour, framed between floors and ceilings of polished wood. The casual living space is the perfect place to enjoy an evening, with a pool table for all to enjoy.

And between the many elegant rooms sits a large central courtyard, bathing the house in the natural light of day and creating a sense of oneness with the outside world.

Each of the ten bedrooms is delightfully rich in history and simultaneously simple in design. Traditional patterned rugs sit beneath antique drawers and dressers, while majestic bed frames create a dazzling centrepiece for each room.

There are seven double bedrooms and three twin bedrooms, all of which enjoy private ensuite facilities and

central heating. The Alentejo-style décor demonstrates a respect for the history of the house, intensified by the fresh paint and beautifully restored floors and vaulted ceilings.

Complementing the exquisite interior facilities is an utterly beautiful garden. A substantial private swimming pool sits just beyond the main entrance to the house and has space for the whole group to spend some quality time together in the sun.

Sun loungers and benches, shaded and unshaded, surround the pool to provide the perfect relaxation station for the hot and hazy afternoons. Indeed, within the property, there is even a small museum with a collection of vintage cars, the passion of the current owner!

Facilities

Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Villa • Great Value • Ideal for Kids • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Games Room • Indoor Games • Satellite TV • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Casa Clarissa is a manor house from the 18th century (1778), near the spas of São Pedro, do Sul. There are 10 bedrooms and 10 bathrooms, and it can accommodate up to 20 people

Ground Floor
- Separated formal dining area for 14 people
- Reading area with seating and access to the garden
- Games room with sofas and chairs and pool table
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
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First Floor
- Ample living room with comfortable seating, satellite TV
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
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- Bedroom with two single beds and en-suite bathroom
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Exterior Grounds
- Private swimming pool
- Sun loungers and parasols
- Large patio and garden area
- Private parking
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities
- Wi-Fi connection
- Central heating
- Dishwasher
- Billards table
- Satellite TV

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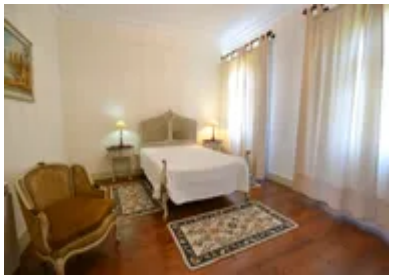


Location & Local Information

Enveloped in luscious forests and rolling hills, Casa Clarissa is located in the beautiful Centro region, famous for its beautifully diverse landscapes and deeply historical towns and villages.

Here you are ideally situated to enjoy the quaint communities as well as the slow pace of life in rural Portugal. The city of Viseu is about 30km away, while Aveiro is under an hour away and hosts many relics of the region's rich history. The spas of São Pedro do Sul are just a 10 minutes' drive away.

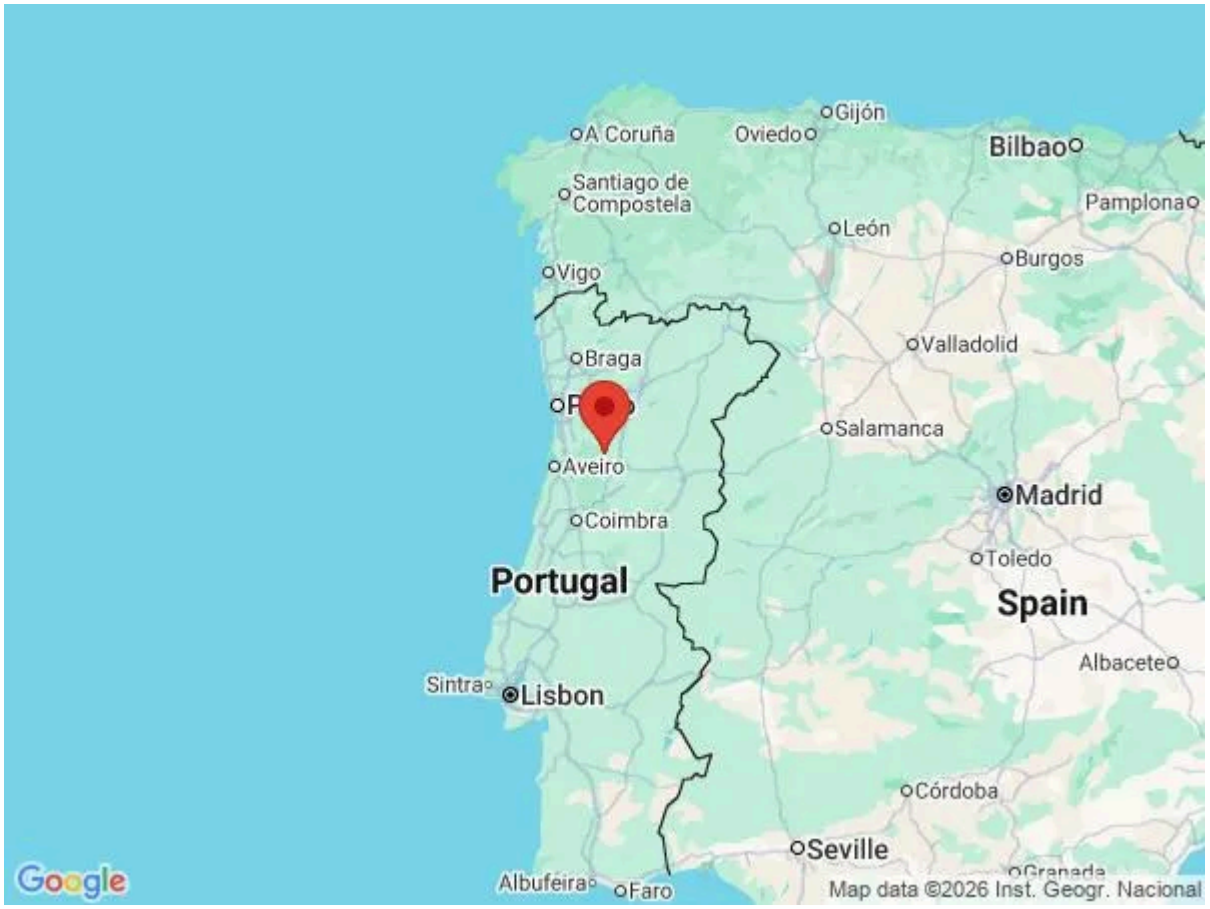
The thriving town of Porto is about 110km away and is a UNESCO World Heritage city, built along the hills overlooking the Douro river estuary, with a busy historical and commercial centre.

Porto is, of course, famous for its eponymous Port wine, a 40% sweet, fortified wine, and you can enjoy many a port tour, and we would highly recommend a visit to the various wine caves, both of which are thoroughly affordable and excellent value.

Around two hours away is the fabulous Peneda-Gerês National Park, which is the only National Park in the country. It is a mountainous nature reserve that includes prehistoric remains, walking trails, rugged hills as well as deer, wolves and golden eagles! Portugal itself is a small, fascinating country at the most Western point of mainland Europe.

The capital, Lisbon, is known for its lively nightlife, with endless bars and clubs full of fun-loving locals and tourists alike, but also has plenty of fascinating history (check out Belém, jam-packed with monuments!) and undulating terrain, famously termed the 'city of the seven hills'.

From Lisbon, it is very quick to travel by the domestic high-speed train line to the city of Braga, which will connect you reasonably quickly to Casa Clarissa.



With a vast coastline with the mighty Atlantic Ocean, Portugal is a real paradise for the keen surfer, or indeed even those looking to try it for the first time.

And for those less keen on surfing, the beaches of Portugal are still well worth a visit for their beautifully clear waters. Casa Clarissa is just under an hour to the coast to the West, and under two hours to the Spanish border in the East.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Porto Airport (120 km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Aveiro Ferry Port (76 km)**
Nearest Village	**Varzea (3 km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Sao Pedro de Sul (5 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Nunes Pinto (2 km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Why Not Bar (3 km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Minipreco (5 km)**
Nearest Beach	**Torreira Beach (86 km)**
Nearest Golf	**Porto Golf Club (93 km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Sao Pedro Tennis Club (3 km)**

What we love

- The stunning interior is decorated with great taste and a touch of elegance that maintains its original characteristics while adding a delicate new layer of comfort and luxury
- The vast outdoor pool is a most beautiful location to relax under the afternoon sun, dipping in and out of the pool to cool off as the sun works its magic
- Scenic walks, exciting bike tours and of course endless wine tasting opportunities nearby make this picturesque location in the hills of northern Portugal irresistible

What you should know...

- Naturally, the villa is relatively remote, which is very popular with those seeking to escape the hectic action of modern life but might not suit those who like to be in the thick of it, with few entertainment facilities nearby
- The fantastic outdoor pool is seasonal, and therefore may not be available during the off-season
- Unfortunately, pets are not allowed welcome in this historic home

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** Credit cards details may be requested as guarantee

- **Arrival time:** Between 2 - 8 pm

- **Departure time:** 12 am

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Bed linen and bath towels are included in the rental price.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** The Owner resides in a private area of the property that is completely separate from the rented accommodation. The Owner's living space is independent and not accessible to guests, ensuring privacy for both parties.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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?:** Not permitted.

- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.

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

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price.

- **Pool towels included?:** Not included.