

# Casa Cintia

Region: Douro Sleeps: 18

## Overview

Standing proudly against the stunning backdrop of the Basto region, this 17th-century manor house, steeped in history, offers any nature lover a genuinely delightful home in the tranquillity of rural Portugal.

As you approach through the winding fields of farms and vineyards, you will truly begin to appreciate the isolation and the serenity of the landscaped gardens. Inside, there are seemingly endless living areas, from ornate drawing rooms to open-fired dining rooms.

All of the bright rooms in Casa Cintia are bursting with a unique charm among the eclectic antiques. There is indeed something for everyone, with plenty of peaceful lounge areas for those seeking a little rest and relaxation, as well as a games room, complete with a pool table, for those after a bit of activity.

Able to accommodate up to eighteen guests, and with the option to add one additional bed in each room for those travelling with young children, this is the perfect home for a large gathering of friends or family.

Each of the nine bedrooms oozes a unique and irresistible charm, with majestic hardwood bedframes, traditional décor and elegant fireplaces. There are six double bedrooms and three suite rooms complete with double bedrooms and living areas.

All nine have ensuite facilities. Polished wood ceilings and teak floors come together to frame each room beautifully. All nine enjoy either direct access to the courtyard or a spacious first-floor balcony.

This series of quaint balconies, adorned by wicker chairs and thriving plants, overlooks the leafy courtyard creating the perfect environment for a fresh coffee in the morning sun.

The grounds, including 220 acres of forests and vineyards, are indeed the perfect place to get lost in the Iberian countryside. With vine-covered walkways, a large, log-fired barbecue and perfectly comfortable dining area for up to eight provides the space for a hearty al fresco meal, while the large fireplace is the ideal spot for an evening of beautiful, local wine and excellent conversation.



Outdoor dining opportunities are further maximised by the deck chairs dispersed across the garden. Perhaps the highlight of the expansive gardens is the huge private pool on the terrace, an idyllic spot for a relaxing morning.

All of this opulence is set against an equally stunning backdrop of the Serra do Marão mountains, just on the other side of the Tâmega river!

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## **Facilities**

Great Value • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ideal for Parties • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Wine Cellar • Games Room • Indoor Games • Pool/Snooker • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Fenced Grounds • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

Casa Cintia is a country manor house build in the 17th century, which was and still is the focus of an agricultural and forestry operation that extends over approximately 90 acres. There are 9 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms, and it can accommodate up to 18 people

### *Lower Ground Floor*

- Large dining area for 10 people and access to the patio
- Games room with seating area and pool table



### *Ground Floor*

- Large traditional styled living room with comfortable seating, fireplace and access to the garden
- Separated formal dining area for 8 people and fireplace
- Media room with comfortable seating, satellite TV and fireplace
- Reading room with arm chairs and fireplace
- Well equipped kitchen with dining
- Bedroom with two single beds, access to the patio and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with two single beds, fireplace, access to the patio and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with two single beds and en-suite bathroom



### *First Floor*

- Bedroom with double bed, fireplace, access to a balcony and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with two single beds, access to a balcony, fireplace and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with two single beds, small living area and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with two single beds, fireplace and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

### *Exterior Grounds*

- Private swimming pool
- Outdoor lounge and dining area
- Large patio and garden area
- Summer kitchen
- Outdoor games
- Covered terrace
- Private parking
- Barbecue

### **Additional Facilities**

- Wi-Fi connection

- Central heating
- Satellite TV
- Wine testing

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# Location & Local Information

Enveloped in vineyards and rolling hills of green, Casa Cintia is located in the beautiful Basto region, famous for its delicious wines and as the home of the Parque Natural do Alvao. Equidistant to the villages of Cabeceiras de Basto, Celorico de Basto and Mondim de Basto, you are ideally located to enjoy the quaint communities as well as the slow pace of life of rural Portugal.

The town of Braga, the capital of the district, is about 45 minutes away and hosts many relics of the region's diverse history. The thriving city of Porto is just an hour's drive 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.

Also under an hour away is the fabulous Peneda-Gerês National Park, the only National Park in the country. Canicada Lake and Pedras Salgadas Thermal Spa are also under 20 miles away, making them ideal for a day trip.

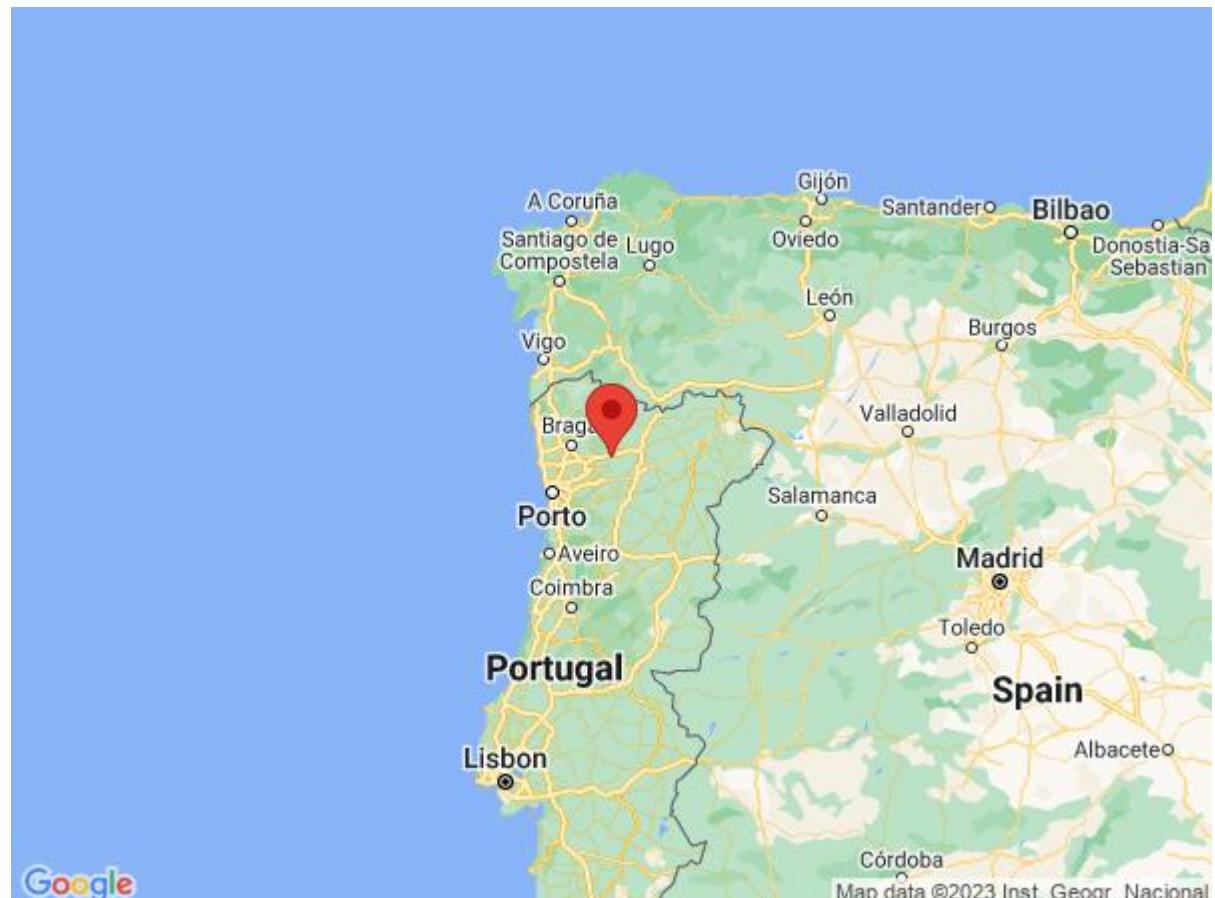
Portugal itself is a small, fascinating country at the most Western point of mainland Europe. The capital, Lisbon, is known for its lively nightlife, with endless bars and clubs full of fun-loving locals and tourists alike, but also has plenty of fascinating history (check out Belém, jam-packed with 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 Cintia.

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.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Porto Airport (91 km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Caminha Ferry Port (147 km)</b>



Nearest Village	<b>Canedo de Basto</b> (650 m)
Nearest Town/City	<b>Cabeceira de Bastos</b> (13 km)
Nearest Restaurant	<b>Quinta da Travessa</b> (3 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Baketas Bar</b> (7 km)
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Mercado Mourinhas</b> (2 km)
Nearest Beach	<b>Matosinhos Beach</b> (97 km)
Nearest Golf	<b>Nortada Golf Club</b> (97 km)
Nearest Tennis	<b>Lousada Atlantic Tennis Club</b> (57 km)

## What we love

- We adore the nine ensuite rooms, each one a little unique, but all equally luxurious!
- The huge pool in the private garden is a spectacular spot for fun with all the group, with the perfect choice of luscious grass or comfortable sun loungers alongside it for an ideal afternoon of relaxation
- The extensive outdoor facilities, even including a badminton court, allow you to make the most of the perfect rural landscape and fantastic Portuguese weather! The barbecue zone is great for spicing up meal times
- From a private pool to a multitude of ornate and beautiful living areas and even a games room complete with pool table – you're spoilt for choice when it comes to enjoying a little down time!

## What you should know...

- While Portugal enjoys the warmest winters in all of Europe, rainfall can still be expected through the winter months, with the occasional snowfall too, so be sure to check the forecast!
- Those travelling with youngsters should take extra care as the pool is not fenced
- There's no air conditioning in Casa Cintia, but the pool is a fabulous place to cool off!

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £5,000 to be pre authorised on credit card at least 48 hours prior to arrival
- Arrival time: Between 2 - 8 pm
- Departure time: 12 am
- End of stay cleaning included?: 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 garbage disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Bed linen and bath towels are included in the rental price.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- Tax: Tourist Tax included in the rental price.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: If the lead name is younger than 30 years of age, and more than half of the group are younger than 30 years of age, then the security deposit will be £10,000 pre authorised on 2 credit cards (£5,000 on each card) at least 48 hours prior to arrival.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please be aware that the housekeeper lives on the property to provide service of breakfast and cleaning at an extra cost (the kitchen on the house will be shared). If you do not wish to be provided with catering, please let us know to inform the owner.