

Casa do Minho

Region: Minho Sleeps: 6

Overview

Casa do Minho is a former mill, in a rural, picturesque position with pretty river views. It is comprised of the main house and an outbuilding with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. It is atmospheric with old stone walls, tiled floors and wooden ceilings. It is fairly simple in furnishings and decor. If you are looking for a peaceful, secluded villa with natural surroundings, Casa do Minho will not disappoint. The villa is situated on a lovely hillside 3km from Labruja and 10km from Center Ponte de Lima, north of Porto. Viana do Castelo is to the west and Braga to the south.

The private estate is 2000 sqm and is brimming with terraced trees, plants and lawns. There are several terraces with sun loungers and a brick barbecue. The estate is very secluded and peaceful. You will truly relax.

In the main house, there is a fairly simple kitchen/diner on the ground floor, and the living area is on the upper floor. It has direct access to a terrace. Also on the upper floor are two of the three bedrooms. One has a queen-size bed and the other has two singles. There is a bathroom to share. The rooms have sloping beamed ceilings, adding to the cozy ambience. The remaining bedroom, with a queen-size bed, and bathroom are in the outbuilding on the upper floor. There is a second kitchen, dining and living space on the ground floor of the outbuilding.

Casa do Minho is ideal for guests wanting a natural environment and tranquillity. There is glorious countryside all around to visit. It is important to note that due to limited heating options in the outbuilding, you may only want to book this villa for four guests between 1 October and 1 June.

Facilities

Great Value • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • BBQ • Satellite TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Casa do Minho is a cosy rustic holiday house composed of the main house and an annexe. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, accommodating up to 6 guests.

Main House - Ground Floor

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining area

Main House - First Floor

- Living room
- Bedroom with queen bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Shower room

Annexe - Ground Floor

- Kitchen
- Living area

Annexe - First Floor

- Bedroom with queen size bed
- Shower room

Exterior Grounds

- Lawned area
- Terrace
- Outdoor seating
- Barbecue
- Sun loungers

Additional Facilities

- Combined heating/air conditioning
- Wi-Fi*
- Television with DVD player
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Coffee machine
- Parking
- High chair and cot upon request

**Wi-Fi available at a supplement, see T&Cs*



Please note that the annexe has limited heating options so can get cold in cooler months.

Location & Local Information

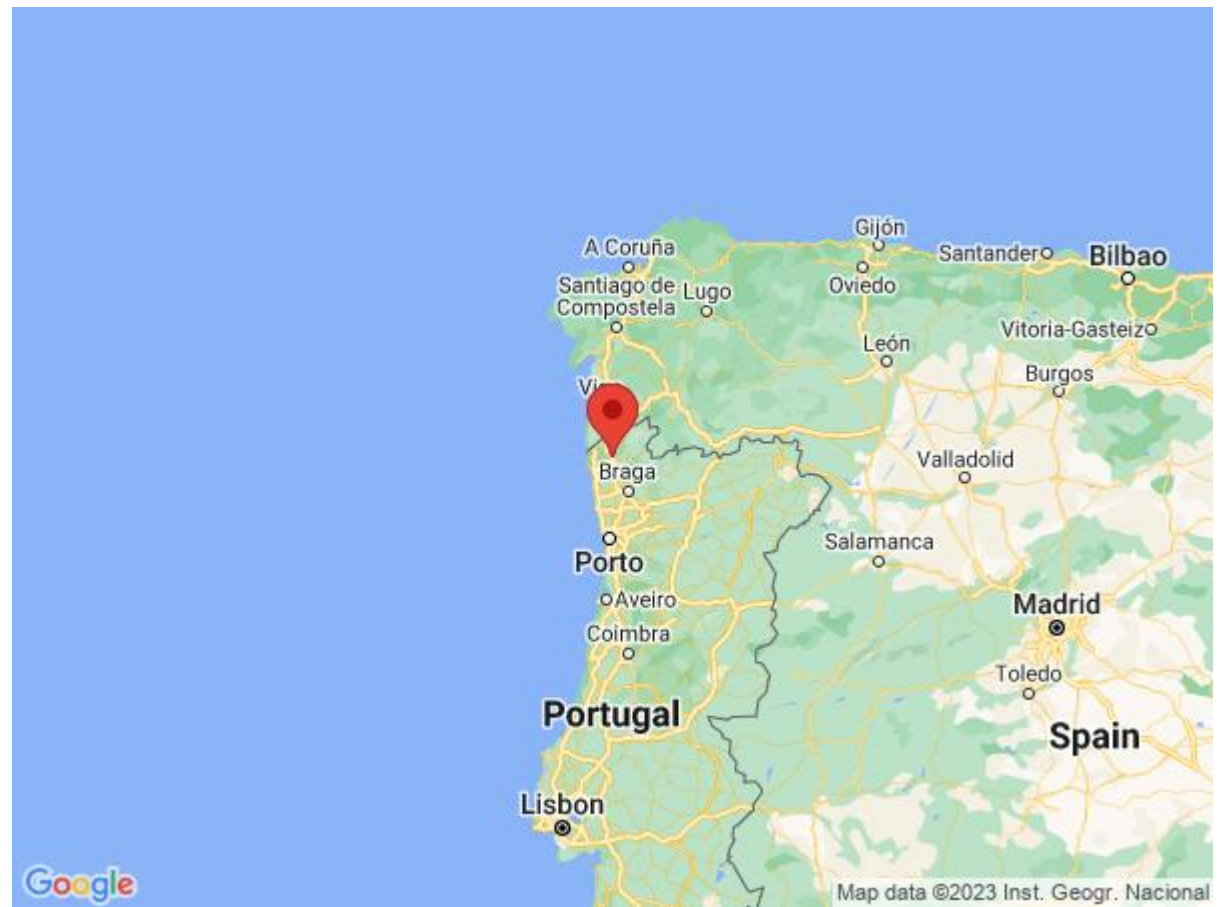
Casa do Minho is situated 22km south of Valenca do Minho. Valenca do Minho is located on the hillside overlooking the left bank of the Minho, opposite the Galician town of Tui and on the main road that links the Spanish Santiago de Compostela with Porto. The Minho separates Portugal and Spain. Tourists flock to the town to buy embroidered tablecloths and sheets, the speciality of the town. 23km south of the villa is the fabulous historical and cultural Braga. Braga is regarded as one of the main religious centres of Portugal, with the oldest cathedral and many Gothic churches. Every hour you will hear a cacophony of different church bells ringing out! It is the third largest city of Portugal and is a joy to explore. Braga is an enthralling university city and the setting for Bom Jesus do Monte, a fine monument. The historic centre is fully pedestrianised. There are pretty city gardens, charming plazas and busy shopping streets.

Viana do Castelo's compact historic centre boasts extravagant religious buildings, delightful cafes, elegant plazas and narrow shopping streets which open onto the banks of the Rio Lima. The city skyline is dominated by the mesmerising Santuario de Santa Luzia.

Casa do Minho is situated in a region of outstanding natural beauty with wild beaches, lush forested hills and slow-flowing rivers. It is a farming region where the famous 'vinho verde' is produced. Ponte de Lima is one of the most characterful and picturesque towns of Northern Portugal, on the southern banks of the Lima River. The location has been the main river crossing since the Romans constructed a bridge in 1AD. There is a delightful mix of ancient houses, grand religious buildings and pretty plazas. There are a number of interesting museums as well as colourful flower gardens and stunning natural scenery all around. The Ponte do Lima is an excellent centre for adventure activities such as the Ecovia cycling route, kayaking along the Lima River, mountain biking or hiking in the Serra D'Arga or birdwatching in the Lagoas de Bertandos. You can river bathe in Labruja. The nearest sandy beach is at Cabedelo.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Porto Francisco Sa Carneiro Airport (88 Km)
Nearest Village	Paredes (1 Km)
Nearest Town/City	Ponte de Lima (4 Km)



Nearest City	Braga (23 Km)
Nearest Restaurant	Oasis do Caminho (3 Km)
Nearest Beach	Praia do Cabedelo (35 Km)
Nearest Supermarket	spermercado Cascais (600 m)
Nearest Golf	Clube Golfe Braga (35 Km)

What we love

- Casa do Minho is situated in an area of outstanding beauty with interesting, historical towns to visit
- There are fantastic hiking, biking and kayaking opportunities around
- The local wines and food are delicious
- It is very easy to visit Porto for the day from this villa

What you should know...

- The heating in the outbuilding is minimal, so we advise not to book it for six guests out of the summer months
- The villa is quaint, charming and atmospheric but it is not sleek, modern or luxurious
- There is a public outdoor swimming pool at Ponte de Lima if you do not want to travel to the beach or swim in the river

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €200 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 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 rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, excluding pool towels.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Internet access?: Not included in the rental price. Extra €3 per day, paid locally.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights
- Changeover day: Saturday
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed
- Smoking Allowed?: Not permitted.
- Tax: Yes, included in rental price.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.