

Villa Malu

Region: Lisbon Sleeps: 12

Overview

If you are looking for a spacious, luxurious rural retreat away from it all, then the dazzling Villa Malu is a very good bet. Set on an incredible 13-acre estate surrounded by wonderful countryside near Gasparoes, this wonderful property offers blissful tranquillity and seclusion like few others. Gasparoes is located between Ferreira do Alentejo and Alijustrel in Alentejo, with the Atlantic 67km away. In closer proximity to this stunning villa, you will find a river beach with sand, huts, sun loungers, a watersports activity centre, a children's playground and a jetty. Lisbon is less than 2 hours away. Alentejo stretches all the way to Portugal's southwestern coast and is generally off the radar for many travellers. It is an intriguing rural region with diverse olive groves, vineyards, flower-filled meadows, and forests sprinkled with quaint villages. The region is known for its hardy red wines, and the food is delicious, rustic and authentic. You will certainly get a taste for real Portugal when staying at Villa Malu.

Villa Malu is a sprawling modern gem boasting 6 bedrooms that sleep up to 12 guests. It will feel as though you are stepping back in time in this region through the villa that offers luxurious modern comforts. The villa is extremely roomy inside and out, with outstanding social spaces. The furnishings are stylish and very comfortable. The brilliant white exterior might lead you to think that the interior decor will be a whitewashed canvas for artwork and modern furnishings, but you will be in for a surprise. Bold statement walls and striking colour combinations are in abundance.

The gardens and terraces of Villa Malu come with a large 12m x 6m heated swimming pool, alfresco dining, a barbecue, table tennis, table football and bicycles so that you can explore the estate and area. The outlook is idyllic, with fields and greenery all around. It is so peaceful and totally private, the perfect place for families or friends that love the outdoors.

Most of the rooms are located on the ground floor. The striking kitchen boasts an excellent range of appliances, vivid blue cabinetry and a handy breakfast bar where guests can keep the chef company. The open plan living space offers comfy sofas surrounding the open fireplace and huge, wall-mounted television. The dining room is very spacious, with floor-to-ceiling doors opening onto the terrace. There is an additional living space where you can relax with your holiday read or borrow one of the books from the library shelves. Five of the bedrooms are located on the ground floor, including the master with its kingsize bed, closet and ensuite bathroom. The bathroom,



again in black and blue, boasts a bath and a shower. Sliding doors open from the master to the terrace and garden, as they do with most bedrooms. There are three bedrooms with double beds and another room with a single bed underneath that pulls out. The villa offers two family bathrooms on the ground floor, one with a bath and a walk-in shower. All of the bathrooms are modern with unique colour schemes. Villa Malu also enjoys an interior patio, a bright, pretty spot adorned with plants.

The final bedroom is located on the first floor, along with an additional sofa bed and a furnished roof terrace where you can admire the 360-degree views over the countryside. Villa Malu will certainly give you the chance to relax in this splendid, rural position totally.

Facilities

Modern • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • BBQ • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Table Tennis • Table Football • Pool/Snooker • Rural Location • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa Malu is a modern, rural 6 bedroom villa near Gasparoes, between Ferreira do Alentejo and Alijustrel in Alentejo

Ground floor

- Fully equipped kitchen
- Living and dining room opening on the swimming pool
- Suite with king-size bed, closet, and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed
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- Bedroom with drawer bed
- Bathroom with walk-in shower
- Bathroom with bathtub
- Interior pátio
- Reading room with fireplace
- Games room with pool table

***All bedrooms are equipped with A/C, except the bedroom with the drawer bed*

First floor

- Bedroom with double bed
- Solarium with outdoor furniture

Exterior

- Large heated all year round swimming pool (12m x 6m, with volleyball net)
- Electrical pool cover protection
- Dining area for 14 guests
- Charcoal BBQ
- Table football
- Swing
- Toboggan for kids
- Private parking
- Four bicycles



Location & Local Information

Villa Malu has located 14km from Ferreira do Alentejo, the closest village, where you will discover lovely authentic restaurants, supermarkets, and pharmacies. The village's Lagar do Marmelo is a very attractive mill where you can enjoy a tour to learn about the whole olive oil process. The oil is truly delicious. The village boasts an outdoor swimming pool which is very popular.

The region of Alentejo is best known for its delicious red wines. The food is hearty and rustic, full of delicious flavours. Alentejo offers visitors a wonderful holiday with a difference. You will not find developed high rise hotels. It is ideal for embracing the culture and rich history of one of the earliest inhabited places in Europe. Inhabited by Visigods, Lusitanos, Romans and Arabs, you will find monuments dating back to the early stone age and the megalithic period. Alentejo occupies a third of the total area of Portugal and is known as the gastronomic soul of the country. Visitors can enjoy fantastic forests and many artisans working with pottery, woods and cork products.

The splendid Albufeira dos Cinco Reis is 35km from Villa Malu. It is a wonderful area with a river beach with loungers and umbrellas, a watersports activity centre with canoeing, sailing, stand up paddleboarding and other sports, a children's playground and a jetty. It is a wonderful day trip without having to travel all the way to the sea. If you do want the seaside, Praia Grande de Porto Covo is 65km from the villa and Praia da Costa Norte is 67km. Porto Covo is within the Sudoeste Alentejano e Costa Vicentina Natural Park and was a small fishing village that prospered during the 20th century. It holds onto its quiet charm with rows of immaculately whitewashed cottages. Praia da Costa Norte is also a stunning beach with wild waves. You will discover that the beaches of Alentejo are very natural with dazzling white sand and often pounding waves.

The historic town of Elvas is within easy reach of the villa. It boasted the largest collection of bulwarked dry-ditch land fortifications globally and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2012. Elvas is 15km west of Spain's Badajoz and is a very interesting place to visit. It's important buildings include the Fort of Nossa Senhora da Graca and the centenary aqueduct of Amoreira. There is also a lovely town plaza, quaint museums, narrow, medina-like streets and extraordinary forbidding walls and buttresses.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Lisbon Airport
(150 m)**



Nearest Airport

Faro Airport
(145 km)

What Oliver loves...

- Villa Malu offers complete privacy and utter tranquility in this beautiful rural location. From the villa's rooftop terrace you can see lush countryside all around
- The villa enjoys wonderful entertainment space. The swimming pool is gorgeous and visitors love the alfresco dining listening to birdsong and watching the sun go down
- Although it is some distance from beaches, the river beaches and dams are fabulous with watersports and glorious sand being enjoyed at Albufeira dos Cinco Reis

What you should know...

- Most of the rooms in this rural retreat are one level so this property is ideal for guests with mobility issues
- One of the bedrooms offers a single bed with a rollaway bed underneath. If you have 12 guests, you will need to use this bed
- The region is famous for its delicious red wines which you can easily taste and buy

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €800 to be held on clients' credit card as guarantee, to be paid at time of booking
- Arrival time: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- Energy costs included?: Included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Linen & bath towels included in the rental price
- Pets welcome?: Pets not allowed
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included in the rental price
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking inside the villa
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property
- Pool heating charge?: Included in the rental price
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi connection included