

# Quinta do Quirino

Region: Douro Sleeps: 10 - 14

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## Overview

Nestled in the heart of Portugal's wine valley, Quinta do Quirino is Douro's best-kept secret. Surrounded by vineyards that date all the way back to 1756, this tranquil property is in an area oozing with history, culture, and unique experiences.

Quinta do Quirino is part of a large estate, engulfed by lush vineyards that you are welcome to explore. The villa is split across two buildings, comprising of a large main house, and a self-contained studio.

In the main house, up to ten guests can sleep across five bedrooms, with four large bedrooms and one master suite. Despite the vast size, the unique design of the villa gives the property a cosy and welcoming feel, making you feel right at home in this nature-inspired estate.

The living and dining room includes a fully equipped kitchen that is ideal for entertaining, while an impressive fireplace gives the area a hint of its rustic roots. Step outside onto the balcony, and you'll be treated to views of the vineyard, river Corgo, and surrounding valley. Is there a better place to enjoy your morning coffee?

You'll find it hard to come across a property that has been more carefully designed and decorated than Quinta do Quirino. The fresh, open spaces seamlessly blend together a range of materials that elevate the natural feel of the countryside, inspired by organic living. The property owners have also used their local knowledge to handpick furnishings throughout the house, with many of the items being locally produced by nearby makers and artists. The end result is a home that evokes delicate simplicity, modernity and a tranquil way of life.

The same is true for the accompanying studio. Consisting of the main bedroom and living space, as well as another fully equipped kitchen, this area can sleep four additional guests (one double bed and one sofa bed). This extra attribute of the estate is great if you're holidaying as part of a large group or with multiple families, the added privacy adding that extra special, considered touch.

Elsewhere on the grounds, a rustic wine cellar is available for your use when visiting out of the harvest season. During this time, the space can be



transformed into a unique setting for events, parties, and other special gatherings. Immerse yourself in the local environment and organise a private workshop during your stay.

Outside, Quinta do Quirino boasts two beautiful balconies that offer incredible, unspoilt views, and a tranquil infinity pool deck too. The villa overlooks the valley, a UNESCO protected area, giving you the ultimate freedom to take in all that the Douro region has to offer.

## AS MENTIONED IN



### Facilities

Quirky • Instagrammable • Modern • Wellness • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Wine Cellar • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Toys • Waterfront • Canoeing/Kayaking • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Main House

### Ground floor

- Fully equipped kitchen with breakfast bar
- Open plan dining area for 10 people
- Large living room with SMART TV and working fireplace
- Bedroom with double bed and access to a terrace
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with shower

### First floor

- Dedicated workspace on the landing
- Master bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with freestanding bath
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bathroom with shower

## Independent Studio

### Lower ground floor

- Fully equipped kitchen with dining table for 4
- Open plan living room with sofa bed, working fireplace, TV and access to a terrace
- Bedroom with double bed and access to a terrace
- Bathroom with shower and access to a terrace

## Exterior grounds

### Ground floor

- 100m2 terrace with seating and dining area

### Lower ground floor

- 150m2 terrace with infinity pool and sun loungers

## Additional facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Direct access to the Corgo river





## Location & Local Information

Located in the UNESCO listed Douro Valley, Quinta do Quirino enjoys breathtaking views of the nearby vineyards and rolling hills. A peaceful area, the villa boasts a tranquil escape from the hustle and bustle of Portugal's resort towns, while still being within easy reach of the area's best and most exciting attractions.

For wine lovers, a stay in the Douro Valley is a must. Quinta do Quirino is just a short drive from Régua, which is the base of the oldest demarcated wine region in the world, regulated since 1756. Perhaps once best known for the famed Mateus rosé, it's no surprise that wine tours through the unique landscape are the number one thing to do in this area.

Specifically focused on port wine, there are ample wineries and caves to choose from if a day spent vineyard hopping is on your to-do list during your villa holiday in Portugal.

Don't worry if you spend most of your trip simply marvelling at the scenery - the Douro region is peppered with viewpoints that combine comfortable hikes with glorious views. Called 'miradouros', you'll come across many of them when out and about exploring the area. We recommend checking out Miradouro de São Leonardo de Galafura and Miradouro de São Domingos.

If you want to rest your legs, hop on the Douro Historical Train, a beautiful heritage steam train that runs alongside the Douro River between June and October. Beginning close to Quinta do Quirino, in Régua, the three-hour round trip takes you through the hillside terraces to Tua, with a stop off at Pinhão along the way.

Pretty towns and villages almost make for perfect day trips when holidaying in the Douro Valley. Hire a car, and explore the likes of Lamego, a cathedral city that is wrapped in vineyards. Known for its sparkling wine, there are also caves for you to explore too.

Sitting just 10km from Quinta do Quirino is the city of Vila Real, home to spectacular noble mansions and steeped in royal history. Marvel at the baroque designs, before heading back in time to Vila Real Sé, a 15th Century Gothic cathedral.

Of course, you can't visit this area of Portugal without sampling some of the traditional Portuguese dishes. The cuisine in the Douro region is largely inspired by the generations of families who worked in the hills, meaning the food is often made of simple, attainable ingredients. We recommend trying the feijoada à transmontana, a casserole with pork belly, pig's trotters, chouriço



and beans - a filling meal for a busy day spent in the Douro.

### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Porto Airport - Francisco Sá Carneiro (105km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Vila Real (12.5km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>The River Restaurante (13.5km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Clip - Good Friends &amp; Drinks (11km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Lidl (10.5km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Amarante Golfing (48km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- Set away from the tourist hotspots, Quinta do Quirino invites guests to explore a UNESCO protected area and enjoy uninterrupted views of the Douro wine valley.
- The unique decor and local furnishings give the home a modern yet authentic feel, creating a peaceful and luxurious stay.
- The addition of the self-contained studio is a fantastic option for multiple families who are holidaying together or large groups that want an added element of privacy.

## What you should know...

- The upper floors are accessible by stairs only.
- There is air-conditioning and free Wi-Fi throughout the property.
- The harvest season is between September and October.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: 500€ paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3pm - 8pm
- Departure time: 11am
- 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?: Bed linen, bath and pool towels are included in the rental price.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in rental price.
- Internet access?: Yes, Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price (please remember that it is a rural connection and so it may not be as strong as it is at home!)
- Minimum stay: 2 nights
- Changeover day: Flexible
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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.