

Villa Esqueiro

Region: Minho Sleeps: 7

Overview

Lovers of contemporary architecture will adore Villa Esqueiro. It has been brilliantly built into the hillside, just 2.5km from the old Roman town of Caminha and 2km from Caminha's glorious sandy beaches. Taking advantage of its elevated position, the glass architecture offers the most amazing ocean views and drowns the villa's magical spaces with natural light. Villa Esqueiro boasts three stunning bedrooms, three immaculate bathrooms, a super trendy living space, a cool kitchen and incredible outdoor space. With a unique shaped, stylish swimming pool, manicured gardens and these fabulous, uninterrupted views across to the sea, guests may find it hard to leave this luxurious paradise.

Villa Esqueiro is within easy reach of many of the Minho's treats. The Minho boasts picture postcard landscapes with dreamy river scenes, dramatic mountains, rolling vineyards, stunning historic towns, dramatic Atlantic beaches, mysterious archaeological sites and ancient religious monuments. The region hosts wonderful events including the colourful weekly market at Barcelos, carnivals in Viana do Castelo and many religious festivals that have everyone dancing and eating in the streets. The Lima and Minho rivers idle through a succession of pretty towns offering glorious panoramic scenery and exciting water adventures. The whole region enjoys delicious local wines and fantastic gastronomic meals. Caminha is a true delight with a stunning town square boasting its famous clock tower and the ancient Town Hall, noteworthy churches and chapels and a wonderful selection of delicious eateries. From Caminha train station, guests can travel to Vigo in Spain or south to Viana do Castelo. There is a daily ferry linking Galicia to Caminha.

Villa Esqueiro's main living space enjoys a full wall of floor-to-ceiling glass doors. Guests can relax on the contemporary corner sofa enjoying the spectacular views and watching the television with its satellite channels and DVD player. Guests can dine with a view at the contemporary dining table and chairs. The villa's kitchen is a sleek wonder with exceptional appliances. Guests can also cook outside on the barbecue and dine under the stars or watching the sun go down on the beautifully furnished terrace. The ground floor is also home to a shower room and an office space with a sofabed.

The upper floor boasts three superb bedrooms, two with double beds and one with twins. The master bedroom suite, like the other two, offers floor-to-ceiling glass doors so that guests can wake up to sensational scenery. There are two



incredible bathrooms with these same views of the Atlantic Ocean, one an ensuite to the master bedroom. Just imagine showering with a floor-to-ceiling glass window beside you offering dreamy vistas.

Villa Esqueiro's landscaped garden is gorgeous. The plants are mature and colourful, all framing the scenery. Guests can relax on the sunbathing terrace with their holiday books, enjoying the wonderful Portuguese sunshine and the spectacular, captivating panorama. It is also the perfect spot for alfresco dining. The pool is splendid and totally enchanting. It is such a treat to stay in Villa Esqueiro.

Facilities

Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids
• Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport •
Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • DVD • Working
Fireplace • Fenced Grounds • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking •
Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Horse
Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities
• Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

This superb contemporary style villa is located in the beautiful area of Caminha in an elevated position that gives outstanding uninterrupted views of the ocean. It boasts a manicured garden and stylish swimming pool, creating the perfect retreat for up to 7 holidaymakers in the beautiful Minho region of northern Portugal.

Ground Floor

- Spacious living room comfortable seating, sat tv, dvd player, music centre and access to the decking area
- Open plan dining area for 8 people and access to the terrace
- Fully equipped kitchen with access to the garden
- Shower room

First Floor

- Master bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Shower room

Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool
- Large patio and garden area
- Covered terrace
- Outdoor dining
- Various sun loungers
- Garden furniture
- Various parasols
- Private parking
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Satellite TV
- Hair dryer
- Coffe machine
- Fireplace
- Sea views



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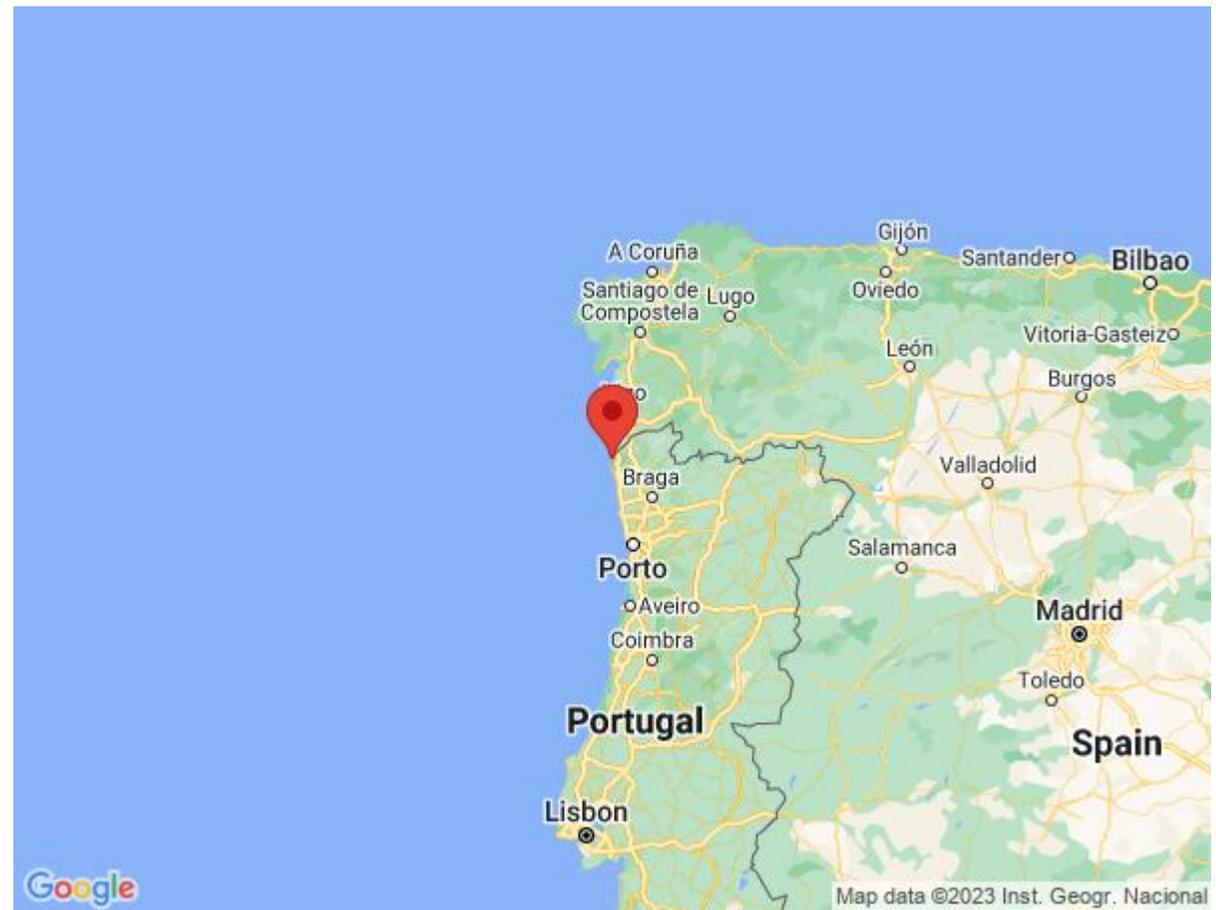
Location & Local Information

Villa Esqueiro boasts an amazing elevated plot just outside the historic town of Caminha. It is only 2km from some of the Minho's spectacular, wild beaches. The ancient town of Caminha is located near the mouth of the River Minho which separates Portugal and Spain. This ancient, characterful town boasts many historical buildings including the 12th century national monument, Torre do Relógio de Caminha. This is the clock tower which forms part of the old city walls. You can climb to the top of the tower to enjoy fabulous panoramic views of the town. The lively main town square, the Praça Conselheiro Silva Torres, boasts many cafes and restaurants and an interesting fountain which used to supply drinking water for the town. The 16th century Igreja da Misericórdia was once a hospital and hostel for pilgrims travelling to Santiago de Compostela. The grandest church is the Igreja Matriz at the end of Rua Direita. It boasts some incredible tiles from the seventeenth century. The ruins of the Fort of Insua stand on a tiny island in the middle of the estuary, originally built in the fifteenth century to defend the entrance to the river. The island was inhabited by monks from the 14th century.

Visitors enjoy magnificent beaches, some wild and boasting incredible surf and others more sheltered. The beautiful Foz do Minho Beach is located next to the River Minho, a wonderful area of magnificent natural beauty, fine golden sands and delightful walking trails. It is fantastic for windsurfing. Just around the corner is another sandy wonder, Praia do Camarido followed by Praia de Moledo and Vila Praia de Ancora which is roughly ten minutes from the villa.

Villa Esqueiro's surrounding countryside and rivers are fabulous, brimming with Camarido pine trees and picturesque walking trails with stunning views. Miardouro da Fraga is an amazing viewpoint with exceptional panorama of the Minho River and the surrounding landscape. Another fabulous viewpoint is at Santo Antão. The Serra D'Arga Mountain offers sensational vistas as well as picturesque natural lagoons and waterfalls which eventually lead to the golden sands of Vila Praia de Ancora. Visitors also enjoy horse riding, rafting and canoeing and golf on an excellent 18-hole course nestled in the hills outside the Roman town of Ponte de Lima, roughly 40 minutes drive away.

Guests staying at Villa Esqueiro can easily visit Galicia in Spain. A ferry connects the two banks of the River Minho plus there are bridges further along the river. The delightful Spanish town of Tui can be found on the northern side of the Minho River. It boasts a beautiful historic centre and an excellent range of gourmet dining as well as excellent shops. Tui is located south of the Pontevedra province sitting opposite the Portuguese town of Valença. The towns are connected by a nineteenth century bridge. Valença do Minho is located on the hillside overlooking the left bank of the Minho and on the main road that links the Spanish Santiago de Compostela with Porto. Tourists flock



to the town to buy embroidered tablecloths and sheets, the speciality of the town.

Ponte de Lima is one of the most characterful and picturesque towns of Northern Portugal. It sits 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 array of ancient houses, grand religious buildings, pretty plazas and museums. There are also a number of colourful flower gardens and the town is surrounded with beautiful natural scenery. Ponte de 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.

Further south, 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 cocophony 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.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Porto Airport (88 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Vigo Airport (57 km (Spain))
Nearest Ferry Port	Caminha Ferry Port (4 km)
Nearest Village	Esqueiro (300 m)
Nearest Town/City	Caminha (4 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurante Gaviota (2 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Merguelho Beach Bar (3 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Minimercado Mais Perto (2 km)

Nearest Beach	Moledo Beach (3 km)
Nearest Golf	Estela Golf Club (60 km)
Nearest Tennis	Codesal Tennis Club (7 km)

What Oliver loves...

- Villa Esqueiro enjoys stunning, contemporary architecture, largely comprised of glass that offers the most dreamy views of the Atlantic Ocean and drowns the modern, trendy spaces in natural light
- The wild and beautiful beaches of the Minho are only 2km away and are excellent for surfers and those that love to jump the thrilling waves
- Dining alfresco on the villa's terrace is a wonderful experience, either by day when you can enjoy the sea views or by night, under the stars

What you should know...

- This delightful villa is located close to the Spanish border. You can easily combine your holiday with a visit to Galicia crossing the Minho River by ferry, car or on foot
- As well as enjoying some fabulous beach days, you can also hire some kayaks for a fun day on the Minho River
- Please let us know if we can help arrange watersports, activity sessions, private chefs or anything else that might make your holiday even better
- There is an office space with a sofa bed so you could sleep one extra guest there

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €450 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after 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 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.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included in rental price.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights during low season.
- 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.