

# Villa Calheiros

Region: Minho Sleeps: 8

## Overview

Nestled amidst the serene beauty of the Lima Valley, this beautifully renovated villa boasts breathtaking panoramic views that stretch far and wide. Perfectly positioned in a tranquil setting, it offers a serene escape into the Portuguese countryside.

This splendid villa offers ample space both indoors and outdoors, making it an ideal choice for families with children or anyone seeking a private and peaceful retreat. The expansive garden, adorned with lush green lawns, provides a haven of relaxation. The private pool, set against a picturesque backdrop, invites you to while away your days in blissful tranquility. For those seeking a bit more activity, there's a table tennis setup, a volleyball net, a sauna for relaxation, and a cosy cinema room for entertainment or respite from the sun.

The villa's interior is equally captivating, featuring an impressive open-plan living area with beautifully beamed ceilings that bathe the space in natural light. The modern, tastefully designed kitchen seamlessly merges with the living area. Here, a breakfast bar is thoughtfully positioned in front of a picture window, allowing you to savour your morning tea or coffee while taking in the stunning views. The lounge area opens onto a spacious covered terrace with a rustic wooden farmhouse table, perfect for enjoying al fresco dining while overlooking the pool area.

Each of the four spacious bedrooms, adorned with attractive hardwood floors, offers the luxury of a private bathroom. Each bedroom also has its own patio doors that lead to a balcony or the garden. The villa is conveniently located just a 15-minute drive from the historic town of Ponte de Lima, known as one of Portugal's oldest towns, with charming streets lined with restaurants and shops. It's famous for its picturesque bridge of Lima. Combining this proximity to town with the villa's breathtaking views and serene ambience creates the perfect blend of relaxation and exploration.



## Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Games Room • Indoor Games • Table Tennis • Home Cinema • DVD • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes

# Interior & Grounds

## Lower Ground Floor

- Spacious cinema room with comfortable sofa and large screen
- Sauna room with adjacent shower
- Bedroom with two single beds, access to the garden and en-suite shower room
- Bedroom with two single beds, access to the garden and en-suite bathroom

## Ground Floor

- Large living room with two comfortable sofas, Satellite TV, DVD player, music centre and access to a terrace
- Open plan dining area for 8 people and access to a terrace
- Fully equipped kitchen with granite counter and back splash, oven, hob, fridge/freezer, microwave, dishwasher, kettle, coffee machine, etc; breakfast bar with 2 stools and access to a terrace
- Guest toilet
- Master bedroom with queen size bed, access to a balcony and en-suite shower room
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## Exterior Grounds

- Private heated swimming pool (extra cost see T&Cs) (10 x 5 m, 1 to 1.8 m depth)
- Large patio and garden area
- Covered terrace
- Outdoor dining
- Various sun loungers
- Garden furniture
- Various parasols
- Private parking
- Barbecue

## Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Satellite TV
- Hair dryer
- Coffee machine
- Fireplace
- PS3 console
- Table tennis





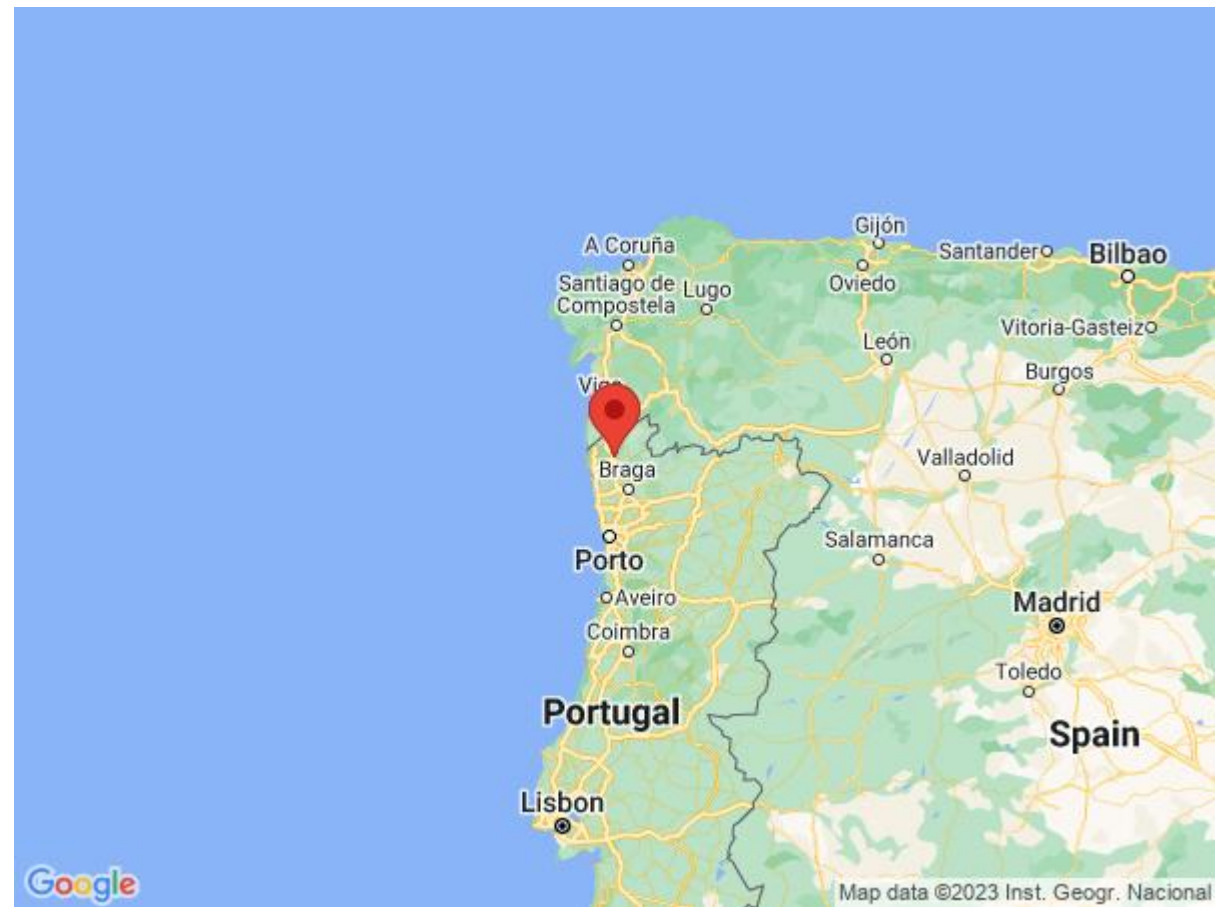
## Location & Local Information

Villa Calheiros sits peacefully, high on the hills above the stunning Lima valley, just fifteen minutes drive from Ponte de Lima. Ponte de Lima is one of Portugal's oldest towns. It offers an atmospheric ambience and a wonderful cultural experience. It is the home of the famous vinho verde wine. The Ponte de Lima Bridge is 277 metres long, stretching over the beautiful Lima River. The Romans built the first five arches and it was then fortified and extended by fifteen arches during the medieval period. Ponte de Lima boasts two magnificent churches, Igreja da Misericórdia and Igreja de Santo Antonio which sits across the river with its baroque styling. Largo de Camoes Plaza is the town's bustling square with wonderful views of the Lima River and a good array of cafes, bars and restaurants. Torre da Cadeia Velha is a tower which is part of the old Ponte de Lima wall. It is used for exhibitions and tourist shops. Ponte de Lima sits in glorious countryside with fabulous viewpoints. These include Miradouro of Saint Catarina which offers views of the river, Miradouro of Magdalene which enjoys views over the town and surrounding landscape and Miradouro of Bola da Pena which enjoys 360-degree views of the entire area. The gastronomy in the town is amazing with excellent local Portuguese dishes. Some restaurants enjoy gorgeous riverside settings. Ponte de Lima is an excellent centre for adventure activities such as the Ecovia cycling route, kayaking along the Lima River, river bathing in Labruja, mountain biking or hiking in the Serra D'Arga or birdwatching in the Lagoas de Bertandos.

Visitors enjoy kayaking and rafting on the Minho rivers. The beach is equally exciting with thrilling Atlantic waves. Caminha's Foz do Minho Beach next to the River Minho is a wonderful area of great natural beauty, Vila Praia de Ancora is an excellent beach loved by families, Praia de Moledo is a true wonder and Praia do Cabedelo is another favourite.

The gorgeous town of Caminha boasts the ancient Torre do Relógio de Caminha, the clock tower which forms part of the old city walls built in the 12th century and is a national monument. You can climb to the top of the tower to enjoy fabulous views of the town. The Rua Direita or Ricardo Joaquim de Sousa Street is the cobbled main street in the historic centre. Another historic monument is the Igreja Matriz de Caminha where you can admire tiles from the 17th century. Visitors can take a ferry over to Galicia from Caminha.

It is very easy to pop over the Minho River into Galicia. The Spanish town of Tui 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 and sits on the edge of the Minho River, 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.

You should also consider a visit to the historical Viana do Castelo. Its compact historic centre boasts extravagant religious buildings, delightful cafes, elegant plazas and narrow shopping streets which open onto the banks of the Lima River. The pearly white, neo-Byzantine Santa Luzia Church presides over the city, sitting high on the hilltop. Ponte de Lima is 52 miles from Porto so you could also consider a day trip there.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport     | <b>Porto Airport<br/>(89 km)</b>               |
| Nearest Airport 2   | <b>Vigo Airport (Spain)<br/>(65 km)</b>        |
| Nearest Village     | <b>Pinheiro<br/>(700 m)</b>                    |
| Nearest Town/City   | <b>Ponte de Lima<br/>(8 km)</b>                |
| Nearest Restaurant  | <b>Restaurante A Pombinha<br/>(2 km)</b>       |
| Nearest Bar/Pub     | <b>Avarias Bar<br/>(4 km)</b>                  |
| Nearest Supermarket | <b>Minimercado de Faldejaes<br/>(4 km)</b>     |
| Nearest Beach       | <b>Norte Beach<br/>(34 km)</b>                 |
| Nearest Golf        | <b>Estela Golf Club<br/>(62 km)</b>            |
| Nearest Tennis      | <b>Codesal Tennis Club (Spain)<br/>(61 km)</b> |

## What we love

- Villa Calheiros boasts a very scenic, very secluded hillside position that offers the most dreamy views of the Lima valley, Ponte de Lima and its famous medieval bridge
- The villa enjoys a gorgeous mature garden, terraces, a swimming pool, some wonderful games and a delightful alfresco dining area with a view
- The villa enjoys a sauna and a cinema room, both extra treats for guests

## What you should know...

- Two of the bedrooms are located on the ground floor with direct garden access and two on the upper floor with access to a terrace
- The villa enjoys a fabulous hillside position. You will definitely need a car to get about and discover all that the Minho has to offer
- Villa Calheiros enjoys a number of special treats including a sauna, a cinema room, a gorgeous garden and Playstation for the young ones

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €450 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation two weeks before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: Between 4 - 7 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Not available on this property.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- 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.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights during low season. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: For those who require pool heating, there will be an additional charge of €42.86 per night (to be paid to Oliver's Travels with the balance). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Tax: Tourist tax not applicable.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: First cot and high chair included in the rental price; please enquire before arrival.