

Villa Castanheiro

Region: Minho Sleeps: 10

Overview

Villa Castanheiro is an incredibly spacious property, inside and out. It enjoys a fabulous elevated position in the hills outside of Caminha enjoying exceptional sea and river views. With a huge garden and terraces, the property is totally secluded and offers guests total relaxation in peaceful, natural surroundings. There are several stunning beaches within a very short drive of the villa. With four bedrooms, the villa can sleep up to ten guests in modern comfort.

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 including Ponte de Lima's famous vinho verde 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 Caminha to Galicia.

Villa Castanheiro is built over two floors with sun drenched light and airy rooms. The interiors are tastefully furnished and decorated with the colour palettes mostly neutral. There is quite a lot of grey, stone and white and the occasional vibrant colour pop. The modern kitchen enjoys wooden cabinetry, grey worktops and splashbacks and a good array of appliances for your self-catering stay. It is connected to the generous living room and the terrace for alfresco dining. There is a separate laundry room. The living room is very comfortable with plenty of seating and a television for your enjoyment. There is also a dining room with modern artwork and doors opening to the terrace. Also on the ground floor are three bedrooms. Two are twins that share a shower room. The last enjoys twin beds but also has two single pull out beds which are ideal for children. Guests staying in this room have use of an adjacent shower room.

The master bedroom is upstairs with a comfy double bed, gorgeous sea views,



a balcony and a smart bathroom with a jacuzzi bath and an overhead shower. Also upstairs is another living room with sofas and chairs, a great space for children to chill out at the end of a busy day. The balcony here offers superb, uninterrupted sea views.

The villa's garden is very well-maintained and very mature. There are many spots to enjoy a chilled glass of wine and the spectacular sea views and children are happy with the entertainment provided in the form of football nets and the games in the cottage which include table football. The swimming pool is a very generous size at 11m x 5m and is surrounded by loungers.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Beach Nearby • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Games Room • Indoor Games • Table Football • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes



Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Spacious living room with comfortable seating, satellite TV, fireplace and access to the terrace
- Separated formal dining room for 8 people and access to a terrace
- Well equipped kitchen with breakfast bar
- Laundry room with washing machine
- Family bathroom
- Shower room
- Bedroom with two single beds and two pull out beds
- Bedroom with two single beds
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First Floor

- Ample living room with comfortable seating and access to a balcony
- Master bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom

Annexe

- Games room with football table

Exterior Grounds

- Private swimming pool (11 x 5 m, 0.5 to 1.40 m depth)
- Large patio and garden area
- Grass football field
- Covered terrace
- Outdoor dining
- Various sun loungers
- Garden furniture
- Various parasols
- Private parking
- Barbecue

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Stereo system
- Hair dryer
- Coffe machine
- Fireplace

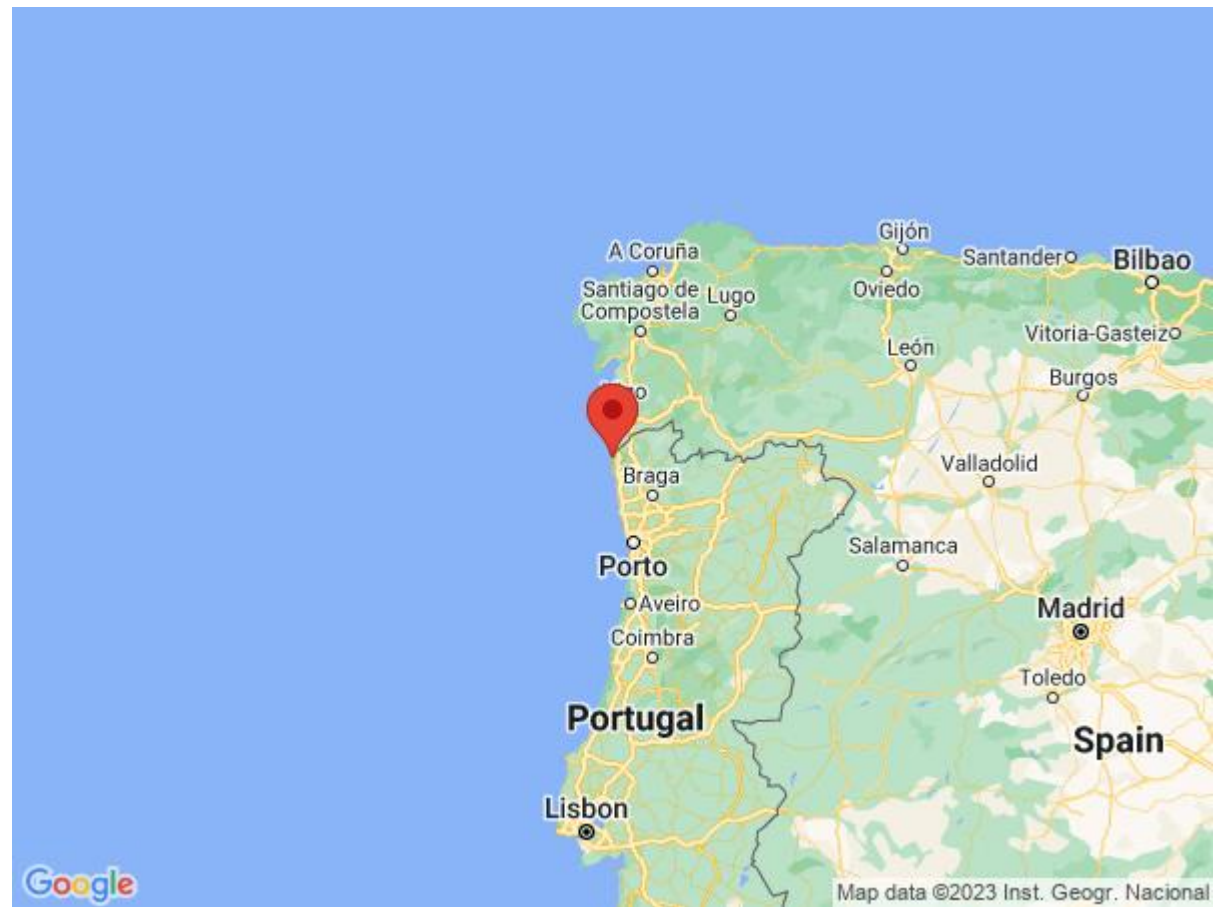
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Location & Local Information

Villa Castanheiro is located one hour from Porto International Airport, just 1.8 km from the old Roman town of Caminha. It is 25 minutes from the delightful historic town of Viana do Castelo. The Minho's fabulous beaches are just moments away. The ancient town of Caminha is located near the mouth of the River Minho which separates Portugal and Spain. This 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. 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.

Visitors staying at Villa Castanheiro are moments away from 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. At the mouth of the Minho River are 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.

Villa Castanheiro'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.

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, river bathing in Labruja, mountain biking or hiking in the Serra D'Arga or birdwatching in the Lagoas de Bertandos.

Viana do Castelo is one of Portugal's many hidden gems. It boasts 19th century boulevards, narrow lanes lined with splendid Manueline houses, spacious plazas, beautiful churches, a gorgeous riverfront, excellent restaurants and cafes and its hill-perched giant 1909 basilica Santa Luzia Church. You can reach the basilica by climbing the steps, taking the car or riding the funicular. From the top, visitors delight in a gob-smacking view over the town, rated the world's third most beautiful panorama by the National Geographic Magazine. The town also boasts St Mary the Great's Cathedral built in the fifteenth century. As well as offering architectural grandeur, Viana do Castelo also offers seaside charm. A little ferry takes you to the magnificent Cabadelo Beach where you can kite surf, bask in the Portuguese sunshine and wander along the wooden promenade.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Porto Airport (93 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Vigo Airport (Spain) (60 km)
Nearest Village	Caminha (2 km)
Nearest Town/City	Viana do Castelo (35 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Marisqueria Valadares (2 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Matriz Bar (2 km)

Nearest Supermarket	Pingo Doce (3 km)
Nearest Beach	Camarido Beach (5 km)
Nearest Golf	Estela Golf Course (64 km)

What we love

- Villa Castanheiro enjoys the most fabulous views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Minho River. It is simply magical to pour a glass of chilled wine and gaze into the distance at this fabulous panorama
- The villa enjoys an excellent mature garden with a delightful alfresco dining terrace where you can dine watching the sun go down or under the stars while children play happily in the games room or in the garden
- The villa is incredibly spacious. Every room is very generous in size and there are two living areas, both with access to a terrace or balcony

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
- This villa may not be the smartest or coolest but it enjoys a fabulous location and offers an incredible amount of space
- One of the bedrooms is ideal for children with twin beds and two pull out beds

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.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: Not available on this property.
- 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.