

Douro Views

Region: Douro Sleeps: 12

Overview

Set in an elevated position overlooking the meandering curves of the golden Douro river stands Douro Views, a stunning six-bedroom villa accommodating up to twelve guests. Virtually indistinguishable from its surroundings, this sleek and impressive holiday home utilises natural, local materials such as flint, slate and hardwoods to create a sophisticated, on-top-of-the-world retreat.

The views here are unparalleled, with glorious, lush vineyards and the river valley stretching as far as the eye can see, giving a sensational feeling of freedom - it's really no wonder that the BBC claimed that the Douro region provided 'the best Riverview in the world'.

Accessible via electronic gates, offering total security and privacy, the dramatic architecture of Douro Views makes it seem at one with nature, with its large, push-back glass windows bathing the home with light and the neutral colour palette that invites the outdoors in.

The interior is spacious and classic in design, with hardwood floors and comfortable soft furnishings in muted shades of grey and stone. There is a modern and stylish log burner in the living area, adding a touch of rustic charm, and a well-equipped kitchen offering all of the amenities you'll need during your stay to create family meals to enjoy while taking in the spectacular views.

Extra luxuries that you and your guests will be able to take advantage of during your stay include Douro Views' luxurious spa room, featuring a jacuzzi, sauna and steam room - the perfect place to unwind after a day of sight-seeing, hiking, or simply relaxing in the villas stunning grounds. Douro Views features six spacious bedrooms, all showcasing those incredible views and decorated in natural tones of cream and stone, accented with splashes of charcoal and smokey grey. There are three double bedrooms and three twin rooms, all complete with incredibly modern and stylish ensuite facilities.

The grounds of Douro Views are equally impressive, with lush green lawns, an alfresco barbeque and dining area, and a private infinity pool looking out over the valley. The pool terrace is complete with sun loungers, providing guests with the perfect place to soak up the sun and relax with a good book or even a cocktail or two!



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Facilities

Instagrammable • Modern • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens
• Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Hot Tub • BBQ • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms
En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Spa/Massage •
Sauna/Steam • Wine Cellar • Games Room • Indoor Games • Table
Tennis • Table Football • Pool/Snooker • Working Fireplace • Heating •
Fenced Grounds • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting •
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Soar like an eagle from its dramatic aerie, this Douro Valley rental home leaves you with the sensation of flying high above the meandering curves and classic vine terraces of the great Douro River.

Lower Ground Floor

- Spa with sauna room, hot tub and shower room
- Game room with foosball, ping pong and pool tables
- Wine cellar (seats 4)
- Bedroom with two single beds, access to the patio and en-suite shower room
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- Bedroom with double bed, access to the patio and en-suite shower room

Ground Floor

- Large living room with comfortable seating, satellite TV, fireplace and access to a balcony
- Open plan dining area for 14 people and access to a balcony
- Well equipped kitchen
- Guest toilet
- Bedroom with double bed, access to a balcony and en-suite shower room
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Annexe

- Independent studio cabin in the vineyards with bathroom and kitchenette

Exterior Grounds

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

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi connection
- Air conditioning
- Central heating
- Washing machine
- Hair dryer



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Location & Local Information

Surrounded by beautiful olive trees and rolling vineyards, Douro Views offers the perfect private holiday retreat - ideally located for visiting the local wineries or taking a relaxing river cruise. Douro is one of the oldest wine regions in the world, with grape harvesting and wine production going back over 2,000 years. Visitors here can enjoy the treasure of the Douro Valley - strong and sweet port wine, as well as participate in traditional grape stomping. If you are keen to see the grape harvest in the Douro Valley, it's best to aim for September/October time. The crowds will be smaller in the region, but be aware that the temperatures are cooler, and a light rain jacket may be required!

Portugal is famous for its abundance of hiking opportunities, and some of the country's most scenic trails can be found right here in the Douro Valley. There's no better way to discover the picturesque scenery of the region than with a gentle stroll through the patchwork of vineyards, olive groves and idyllic villages or, if you're feeling up to it, a more strenuous climb up to some of the panoramic viewpoints such as Casal de Lovios or São Salvador do Mundo.

The Douro region is renowned for its dreamy countryside landscapes, but the towns and villages are also well worth a visit! Quaint and friendly with a laid-back vibe, this beautiful region is bursting with baroque architecture, pretty chapels, museums, and small cafes and eateries offering delicious local bread and wine. The cuisine here is hearty and satisfying, with meat, fish and stews dominating the menus - so be sure to leave the diet at home! Specialities of the region include grilled salt cod, roasted suckling pig and octopus salad, to name but a few. If you're after a lighter option, you'll find all manner of places serving up delicious cheese and charcuterie platters - perfect for enjoying with (another!) glass of the local wine.

But Douro isn't just about the great food and drink! If you're looking for something a little more adrenaline-fuelled during your stay, there is an array of watersports to indulge in, including canoeing, kayaking and water-skiing. There are many designated swimming areas in the region where you can take a relaxing dip, as well as some beautiful river beaches, known as fluviais. Douros is also home to some excellent bird-watching locations, which are sure to delight nature-lovers. Bring your camera and get ready to capture some snaps of the local species such as the black stork, griffon and Egyptian vultures, golden eagles, peregrine falcons and red and black kites.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Vila Real Airport
(32 km)**

Nearest Airport 2	Porto Airport (136 km)
Nearest Village	Casal del Loivos (350 m)
Nearest Town/City	Lamego (38 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Valedouro Restaurante (4 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Quinta do Jalloto (Family Vineyards) (250 m)
Nearest Supermarket	Casa Merlo Minimercado (4 km)
Nearest Beach	Passadouro River Beach (9 km)
Nearest Golf	Amarante Golf Course (77 km)
Nearest Tennis	Vila Real Tennis Club (32 km)

What Oliver loves...

- Douro Views really says it all - the views of the Douro River are simply stunning
- Having spa facilities such as a jacuzzi and sauna on site was a real treat!
- We loved the beautiful natural location and feeling of isolation. The private infinity pool was a real plus; relaxing with an evening dip and a glass of local wine as the sunset over the vineyards really made our holiday
- It was wonderful to be able to enjoy a romantic river cruise and enjoy taking part in some great activities during our stay

What you should know...

- Douro Views is located in a rural region and surrounded by miles of the incredible Portuguese countryside, so perhaps not suited to those who want to enjoy the hustle and bustle of more urban areas
- While children are welcome here at Douro Views, parents will want to be aware that there are several areas of the villa where younger children will need to be well-supervised, including around the ground-level pool, and the barbeque area and the indoor woodburner
- The weather in the Douro Valley can be unpredictable, with it not uncommon to experience rain and fog as well as sunshine if you choose to visit later in the year

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: Credit card details are required 2 weeks prior to departure for pre-authorisation.
- Arrival time: 4 pm
- Departure time: 10 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in the rental price.
- 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: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- Pool heating charge?: Not available in this property.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Housekeeping and linen change every 3 days + Daily continental breakfast.
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