

## The Red Onion – ‘Luxury Guest House’: Algarve

### Summary

This boutique guest house is a chic little hideaway on the Algarve offering a family welcome for relaxing, luxury holidays in Portugal. The tranquil veranda, with its huge tubs of geraniums is New England inspired and the luxury guest rooms are simple and airy. The citrus gardens and delightful pool make the perfect spot in which to unwind as the delicious smell of home cooked fare wafts down from the farmhouse kitchen. This really is that rarest of finds – a gem of a boutique hotel on Portugal’s Algarve and with mild temperatures from March to November and a heated pool in winter this is an all year round destination.

### Details

The six guest rooms, all looking out over the gardens, have pretty shuttered windows, with a vintage “Cath Kidson” look to the interiors and the occasional splash of colour on the walls. Two are family rooms (one with mezzanine) and there’s even a separate little “house” with kitchenette.

Breakfast and light lunches are served every day and a delicious home-cooked dinner is offered three nights a week. We dare you to resist it! There are even cookery courses on offer for groups renting all six rooms. It’s small wonder that the food is so good at the Red Onion: the family are ex-restaurateurs who have given up city life for the more tranquil pace of the country.

It took five years to restore the sleepy farmhouse into the stylish guest house it is today, but the result is a stunning blend of modern comforts with country charm. Family run, the laid back atmosphere is the perfect antidote to the larger holiday resorts so prevalent further down the coast. Spend your holiday in Portugal here simply relaxing by the pool or exploring the many local villages. Unspoilt Tavira, Silves and Loule are just a short drive away, as are the many sandy beaches of the southern coast where all manner of watersports are available. Most beaches here are divided from the mainland by a lagoon, which is crossed on foot, by boat or even on a miniature train.

Of course, on the Algarve, you are never far from a top-notch golf course and the luxury Monte Rei is the nearest and grandest in town. Your hosts can arrange reduced green fees, plus tennis, horse-riding and even a 4x4 “wilderness safari” in the natural reserve. In day trips further a field you can visit Lisbon, Portugal’s majestic capital, the stunning empty beaches of the Alentejo western coast or mountainous Monchique, the home of Portugal’s fortified brandy. It’s even possible to drive over the boarder into Spain and visit Seville.

This is a stylish all season destination for couples and families alike.

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### Facts & Figures

6 Guest Rooms (sleeping 2-4), one with mezzanine and one with kitchenette

All rooms have: *Ensuite bathrooms – (use of fridge in main kitchen) – Telephone & WiFi Internet Access – Air-Con/heating – Safe – Hairdryers*

Hotel facilities: Pool (saltwater, heated in winter) – Terrace & Gardens – Drinks Service (honesty bar) – Restaurant (breakfast, light lunch every day; dinner 3 nights a week)

Also at and around hotel (extra cost): Mountain bikes – Tennis – Many golf courses of the Algarve (discounted entry for guests) – Boat tours – Watersports at beach – Cookery lessons for groups – 4x4 wilderness safari

Can be hired for functions – please ask for details

### Regional Highlights

- Natural Beauty of the Algarve and Ria Formosa Nature Reserve
- Many sandy beaches and sand bars separated from the main land by lagoons and salt flats (walk, take the boat or miniature train to some)
- Many watersports and boat trips
- Day trips to nearby pretty towns of Tavira, Silves, Monchique, Loule
- Faro for designer shopping
- Day trips to Lisbon, the deserted beaches of the Western Alentejo coast and Seville in Spain
- Many championship level golf courses
- Cookery Courses and wine tasting for groups
- Mild temperatures from March to November – a great all year round destination

### Location

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| Nearest airports:              | <b>Faro (15mins); Lisbon (1.5hrs)</b> |
| Nearest train station:         | <b>10 mins drive</b>                  |
| Nearest shops and restaurants: | <b>1km (walking distance)</b>         |
| Nearest Beach                  | <b>15 min drive</b>                   |

