

The Portugal River Ranch – ‘Luxury Guest House & Apartments’: Alentejo

Summary

The Portugal River Ranch is a fantastic boutique hotel on Portugal’s undiscovered west coast, offering luxury self-catering apartments (sleeping 2 to 8) and sumptuous double rooms in two panoramic locations. Both sites are close to Alentejo’s gloriously deserted sandy beaches and the pretty coastal town of Milfontes. Furnished with an eclectic mix of antiques and contemporary pieces the accommodation is exquisite. This is an idyllic setting for honeymoons and romantic holidays in Portugal as well as for luxury family holidays and self-catering holidays in Portugal. Mild temperatures from March to November make this an all year round destination.

Details

Restored only last year, the Portugal River Ranch is stunning. The attractive guest accommodation on both sites is in traditional Alentejo style, with lofty bamboo-clad ceilings, huge airy rooms and earthy-coloured exteriors with bright white detailing. They blend perfectly into the rolling hills of the Alentejo with its scented eucalyptus and cork trees.

The collection of luxury double rooms and self-catering apartments at the hillside site are decorated with antiques; huge sea chests and bureaux abound. The comfortable guest lounge has a colonial feel with big white comfy sofas and various wooden artefacts decorating the fireplaces. The riverbank cottages, in contrast, are furnished in sleek contemporary style with original modern art pieces. All the rooms and apartments have their own flowered terrace and the very flexible accommodation is suitable for everyone from couples to families or groups of friends. For the ultimate in privacy, take the 3-bedroom riverbank cottage which sits in splendid isolation at the riverfront complete with its own jetty.

While away the days at the pool and you’ll be cooled by the breeze wafting through the eucalyptus and soothed by the tinkling of the goats’ bells in the hills. Breakfast and light lunches are served at the hillside pool terrace and in the evenings you can enjoy some wonderful home-cooked fare under the stars. Alternatively, head for one of the many splendid sandy beaches in the area. Potter in the sheltered lagoons and rock pools or hit the surf for an adrenalin rush. The interior of the Alentejo is also well worth discovering; take a pony trek or hire the hotel’s mountain bikes. Forested hills spring up as you leave the coast behind, with pretty white-washed towns dotted on hilltops. Enjoy a game of tennis on the excellent court at the hillside, or take a short drive to the picturesque coastal town of Vila Nova de Milfontes, where the river joins the ocean breakers.

Days out further a field include visits to the southern Algarve coast where we recommend beautiful Tavira, Faro with its designer shopping, picturesque Loule and ancient Silves. A trip to mountainous Monchique, home of Portugal’s fortified brandy, is not to be missed, and to the north you can visit Lisbon, Portugal’s majestic capital.

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

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Facts & Figures

14 Self-Catering Apartments and Double Rooms (sleeping 2-8):

- Standard double – at hillside location. Spacious rooms with lobby and private terrace, furnished with antiques.
- Apartments (sleeping up to 6) – at both locations. 1 or 2 bedrooms with separate sitting room (with sofa bed), open plan kitchen and 1 or 2 bathrooms. Some have mezzanine bedroom above. All with private terrace. Furnished with antiques at hillside location or in contemporary style at riverbank location.
- Detached Cottage (sleeping up to 5) – at riverbank location. Large stone built cottage with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, huge sitting room (with sofa bed), open plan kitchen and private terrace.
- Detached Cottage (sleeping up to 8) – at riverbank location. Stone built cottage on river front and completely private. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large sitting room and kitchen. Private jetty.

All rooms have: *Ensuite bathrooms – Terrace – Sat TV (LCD) – DVD – Internet Access – Air Con/Heating – Fans – Hairdryers*

Hotel facilities: 2 Pools – Terrace & Gardens – Restaurant at hillside site (open every day for breakfast (breakfast at Riverbank by room service). Light lunches and dinner on request) - Drinks Service – Equestrian centre – Tennis Court (free equipment) – Mountain bikes (free)

Also at and around hotel (extra cost): Horse-riding - Boat tours - Watersports at beach (canoeing, surfing, body boarding) – 4x4 Wilderness Tour - Many golf courses of the Algarve

Regional Highlights

- Natural Beauty of the Alentejo Nature Reserve, Coast and Countryside
- Algarve and Ria Formosa Nature Reserve
- Many quiet sandy beaches, with surf and sheltered lagoons
- Many watersports and boat trips
- Trips to nearby Odeceixe, Odemira, Aljezur and Vila Nova de Milfontes
- Day trips to pretty towns of Tavira, Silves, Monchique, Loule on the Algarve
- Faro for designer shopping and day trips to Lisbon, Portugal’s capital
- Many championship level golf courses on the Algarve
- Walking, biking and horse-riding in the countryside
- Mild temperatures from March to November – a great all year round destination

Location

Nearest airports:

Nearest shops and restaurants:

Nearest Beach

Faro (1.5hrs); Lisbon (1hr 45mins)
0.5 km (walking distance)
10mins drive from Riverbank; 15mins drive from hillside

