

## Sintra Manor – Luxury Guest House: Sintra, Near Lisbon

### Summary

The Sintra Manor is a real hidden gem; a delightful boutique hotel tucked away in the Sintra redwoods just north of Lisbon. It is perfectly located between the fairytale town of Sintra, with its enchanting castles, and the stunning west coast of Portugal. The rambling, rose-covered manor house, surrounded by formal gardens and flowered terraces, has enormous guest rooms with a charming shabby-chic feel. The Sintra Manor is a romantic boutique hotel for holidays or honeymoons in Portugal, where you can rediscover the delights of a bygone era, and is easy to combine with a city break in Lisbon or beach holiday in Cascais.

### Details

One can't help but be beguiled by Sintra, the hilltop town where, over the centuries, one nobleman after another built ever more flamboyant holiday palaces and castles. They chose this place for good reason: the mild climate with cooling breezes wafting through the redwoods is a welcome escape from the heat of the city. The palaces, many now national monuments surrounded by botanic gardens, boast ornate spires, Rapunzel like turrets and stucco facades.

It is in the grounds of the most famous of the palaces, Monserrate, that the Sintra Manor is set. It is entered via a grand gateway with a sweeping drive leading through lush gardens. The stone building is reminiscent of an English country house, with ivy-clad walls, rambling roses and formal lawns. But here cacti, date palms and exotic succulents grow among our more familiar plants.

The Manor's restoration has been a labour of love lasting more 28 years, and the interior is now an exquisite recreation of a bygone era. The pastel coloured rooms retain their lofty proportions, with original tiled flooring, and period pieces are mixed with "objets trouves". Even the bathrooms retain Victorian-style sanitary ware with one suite having a stone fountain base as a bathtub. Huge painted shuttered doors lead into the romantic gardens with a small pool and swan pond. With so much space to spread out in, you'll feel like the only people in the world here – the perfect place in which to relax.

For days out, nearby Sintra is not to be missed of course. Walk to Monserrate from where the tourist train chugs into town. The upmarket beach resorts of Cascais and Estoril are just a short drive away. Here you can indulge in some designer shopping or sample the many smart bars and eateries on offer (sharp dressing is essential for the more modish venues). You can even try your luck at Estoril Casino, which was Ian Fleming's inspiration for "Casino Royale". Or head for the beaches of the Sintra-Cascais natural reserve where you can soak up the sun, learn to surf or simply take a boat ride along the coast.

Lisbon, Portugal's capital, is just 20 minutes away by train or car. Its seven hills provide a wealth of interest and a cornucopia of art, culture and history. Further afield you can head north to Coimbra, an elegant university town and the beaches of the Silver Coast, and to the south lies the stunning Alentejo Coast.

A round trip incorporating stays in Lisbon, the Cascais coast and the dreamy redwoods of Sintra is perfect for a longer holiday in the area.

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### Facts & Figures

8 Guest Rooms and Suites:

- Standard Double – Spacious rooms
- Suite – Spacious double bedrooms with separate sitting room. One is a stand alone cottage with kitchenette

*All rooms have: Ensuite bathrooms – Telephone – Hairdryers*

Hotel facilities: Small Pool (open 1 May to 31 Oct) – Terrace & Extensive Gardens with Swan Pond - Sauna, Gym - Honesty Bar - Restaurant (breakfast and light snacks for lunch) – Internet Point – Main Safe

Also at and around hotel (extra cost): Golf (discounts for guests) – Massages in room – Bike Hire - Watersports – Boat Trips – 4x4 Wilderness Safari – Horse-riding – Tennis

### Regional Highlights

- Sintra, the town of fairytale castles and palaces set amid botanic gardens and protected redwood forests – take the tourist train into town from Monserrate
- Nearby beaches with watersports, tennis and horse-riding
- Cascais and Estoril Beach Resorts with many watersports and boat trips
- Estoril Casino (Ian Fleming's original inspiration for the James Bond book, "Casino Royale")
- Lisbon's many colourful districts, museums, art galleries and historic sights, tram rides and city viewpoints
- Designer shopping
- Nightlife in Cascais and Lisbon with Fado Houses, Clubs, Restaurants and Bars
- To the south, the natural beauty of the Alentejo Nature Reserve and to the north, the long sandy beaches of the Silver Coast
- Championship golf courses

### Location

Nearest airports:	<b>Lisbon (30 mins drive)</b>
Nearest railway station:	<b>Sintra – 10 min drive</b>
Nearest restaurants:	<b>5 mins drive</b>
Nearest shops:	<b>5 mins drive</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>10 mins drive</b>

