

## The Vine House – ‘Luxury Self-Catering Apartments’: Near Porto, Portugal

### Summary

This is a wonderful hideaway for luxury self-catering holidays in Portugal. Set in undiscovered countryside just north of Porto, the ochre-coloured manor house offers just seven luxury self-catering apartments (sleeping 2 to 5). There is a choice of vintage furnishings or sleek, avant-garde interiors which successfully marry the old and new. Delightful gardens and terraces, festooned with flowers, surround the pool and upmarket apartments, whilst nearby there are golf courses and a plethora of watersports. This favourite quirky retreat has a timeless quality, perfect for luxury self-catering holidays or honeymoons in Portugal.

### Details

The Vine House Apartments are tucked away within walled vineyards just 10 minutes from the North West Coast of Portugal. Entered via an ancient stone gateway the drive is canopied with a long arch of vines, at the end of which appears the pretty ochre-coloured manor house. The spacious guest apartments are arranged in the old building and surrounding gardens. The terraces are stuffed with flowers, with pom-pom like hydrangeas and bright blue agapanthus lining the flagged steps leading to the pool area above the house. The pool makes the perfect place in which to chill out with only the church bells to mark the passing time.

The traditional style apartments, with original stone floors and shuttered windows, are decorated exquisitely with antique bedsteads, battered farmhouse tables and comfy sofas. The modern accommodation, by contrast, is sleek and minimalist, with a pale colour palette and wet rooms that are bang on trend. All apartments have their own outdoor space and most have kitchenettes, and there is also a large guest lounge with inglenook fireplace in which to relax.

Breakfasts are a delight here. You'll find some essentials in the fridge when you arrive and every day, fresh bread, cakes and fruit are served to you in huge wicker baskets. For days when you don't want to cook, the area is dotted with little villages, seemingly untouched by the passage of time, where you'll find some local restaurants. The elegant larger town of Viana also has some good eateries, and from here you can drink in the stunning coastal view from the hilltop castle. Picturesque Porto and Coimbra to the south are also worth a day trip out.

The beach is a 10 minute drive away, where the iodine-rich waters make for excellent bathing conditions that compete with those in the south. A plethora of watersports and activities are also available in the area, ranging from surfing to rafting and kayaking. For tiny-tots, a picture-perfect wooden wendy-house is hidden in the Vine House gardens, complete with its own miniature deck chairs. Grown-ups definitely not allowed!

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### Facts & Figures

7 Self-Catering Apartments (sleeping 2-5):

- 1 Bedroom Apartment – bedroom, separate lounge, bathroom & terrace. Most have kitchenettes (those without kitchenette have a fridge and have use of the main manor house kitchen). Vintage or Modern Style.
- 2 Bedroom Apartment – 2 bedrooms, separate sitting room, kitchen, bathroom & terrace. Vintage Style.

All rooms have: *Ensuite bathrooms – Terrace – Kitchenette/Fridge – TV – Telephone – Air-Con in modern apartments/Heating – Hairdryers*

Hotel facilities: Pool (saltwater) – Terrace & Gardens – Breakfasts included in price – Mountain Bikes (free) – Children's Wendy House – Internet Point

Also at and around hotel (extra cost): Walking - Golf – Watersports (surfing, windsurfing, kite-surfing, rafting, kayaking) – Tennis – Bowling – Massages in Room – Private Chef Service for Groups of 6 people+

### Regional Highlights

- Viana, with viewpoints at the top of Santa Luzia hill over the city, Lima River and Atlantic Ocean
- Bikes rides and walks in the unspoilt countryside
- Golf courses
- Watersports at nearby beaches (surfing, windsurfing, kite-surfing, rafting, kayaking)
- Day trips to the south to visit picturesque Porto and Coimbra, Portugal's ancient university town

### Location

Nearest airports:	<b>Porto (40 mins)</b>
Nearest railway station:	<b>5 mins drive</b>
Nearest restaurants:	<b>1.5 km (walking distance)</b>
Nearest shops:	<b>10 mins</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>10 mins in car</b>

