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Quinta do Ventozelo

Ervedosa do Douro, Portugal

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Telegraph expert rating



" One of the oldest and largest farms in the Douro Valley features 29 rooms dotted around the estate, with a restaurant looking out over lavender bushes to the terraced vineyards which roll down to the river. There is wine tasting, walking trails and a visitor centre, creating a full Douro experience. "

Telegraph Review

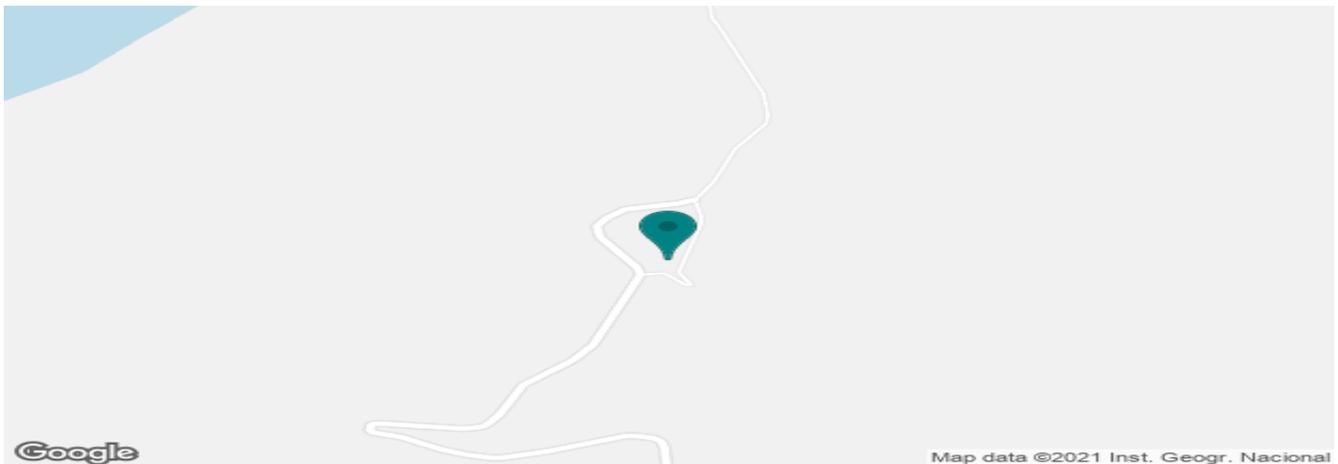


By **Mary Lussiana**

Location

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The Quinta perches high up above the Douro River with the pretty town of Pinhão visible in the distance, this is one of the nicest locations in the seriously beautiful Douro Valley, the oldest demarcated wine region in the world. The farm estate runs from right along the edge of the Douro River through woods, valleys and streams up to a height of almost 2,000 ft, offering a rich micro-climate for the vines they grow. Porto airport is under two hours away, but stay a day to two in Porto to enjoy the vibrant city.

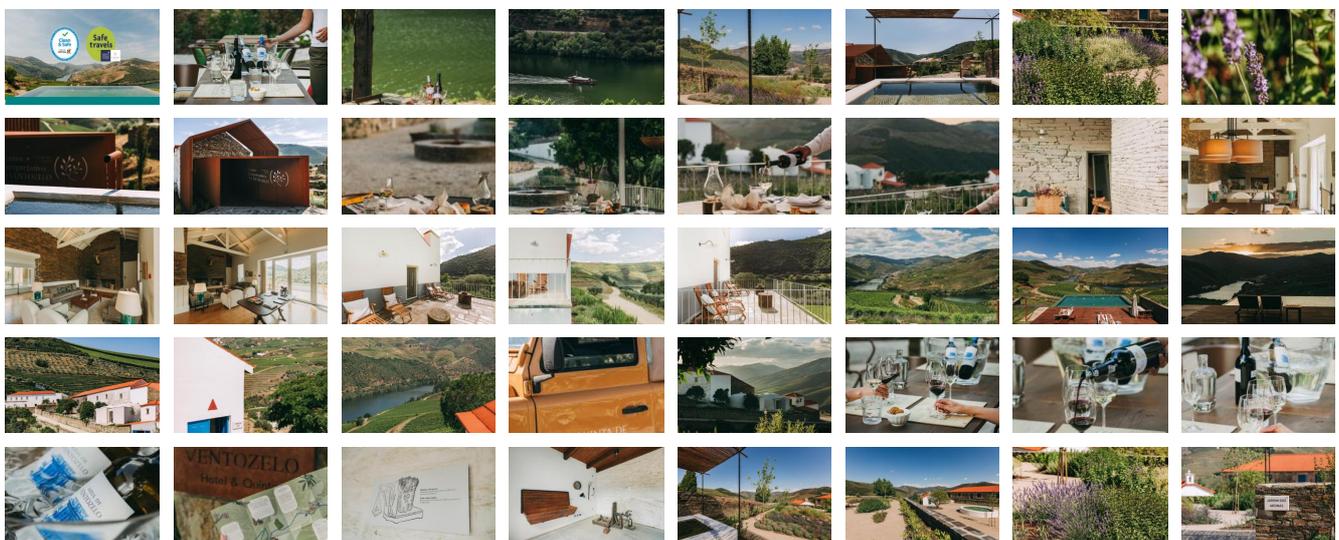


Style and Character

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The whitewashed buildings which have been sensitively converted to bedrooms are all former farm buildings, scattered around the estate. At the heart of it, just by the Reception, is a shop with artisanal products from the region alongside local olive oils and Ventozelo wines. There is a small chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Joy, olive oil presses, a winery and a beautiful herb garden and a visitor centre which brims with information about the history of the estate, the local flora and fauna and the wider Douro Valley.

The character of a working farm has been retained and the rooms, comfortable and simple, embrace their surroundings.



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Service and Facilities

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Service is good with wine-knowledgeable local staff on hand to advise. There is an outdoor pool, as well as walking trails and jeep trails which will take you all over the estate, picnic in the back should you require. There are grape and olive harvests to join in with and wine tastings to enjoy (and do try the Ventozelo gin too). The visitor centre, with audio guides, offers an excellent guide to the local wildlife and the history of the Douro Valley.

- ✓ Bar
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Pool
- ✓ Restaurant
- ✓ Room service
- ✓ Wi-Fi

Rooms

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The 29 rooms are spread across seven different whitewashed buildings, which have been sensitively restored and are well integrated in the landscape. There is Casa do Feitor – with five double rooms and one suite for people with reduced mobility – which has a terrace overlooking the orange grove and a balcony with river views; there is Casa do Laranjal with five double rooms overlooking the orange grove; Casa Romântica, which is just that, with one double room, a sitting room and balcony with views across the vineyards, olive and orange groves.

There are the Balões, two previous wine storage tanks, each of which now have a double room with sitting room and open porch overlooking the valle; then there is Casa do Rio, with two double rooms, a sitting room, terrace and patio right by the river; Casa Grande, which houses six double rooms with access to a library, dining room, kitchen and pool making it ideal for a big family get-together; and lastly there is the Cardanhos, which has seven superior rooms with a shared sitting room and an exterior terrace.

Only Casa do Rio and Casa Grande are sold as house only. The others all have the possibility of booking a double room within the house. Décor is simple and comfortable, allowing the outside to dominate and incorporating some nice rustic touches.

Food and Drink

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Whilst the Ventozelo's own wine and even their gin impresses, their food could benefit from a wider menu. But do try the excellent cheese board, the smoked sausage board and the smoked ham board, which between them highlight the best local produce. Main dishes include grilled codfish with baked potatoes and cabbage. On the terrace, which has beautiful views over fragrant lavender bushes onto the valley and Douro River, try the wild boar pate.

Value for Money

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Doubles from €140 (£125) including breakfast. Free Wi-Fi.

Access for guests with disabilities?

Yes, one room but to be noted is the fact that the rooms are quite far from the restaurant.

Family-Friendly?

Children can be accommodated, and the possibility of booking an entire house makes it a good prospect for large family groups. There are no specific child-friendly facilities however.

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