



The Secret Garden

Guests have shared access to our family garden, which is wild, productive and in constant change. Directly outside the guest rooms, it has quiet, shady nooks, leading to a roughly level lawn with trees and outbuildings. It is a work in progress and we are often doing jobs like pruning, strimming and small building works on storage and utility spaces in the garden.

There are various approximately terraced levels on a gentle South West slope, many mature trees including orange, fig, olive and native oaks and our growing vegetable garden. We are gradually making changes with a permaculture ethos and we are also working to develop more guest spaces. There is a shared (basic) camp kitchen with sink, fridge and wood fired bbq.

About Us

We are a small family of three and we speak English, a little French - our Portuguese is improving! We relocated to Portugal from the UK, so we are sympathetic to those looking to find their own place. We believe in "learning by doing" and we have links to local home-educating and alternative lifestyle groups that we can share with you during your stay, if you wish.

Location

The house and 1 acre of mature land are nestled in a private setting away from the main village street. The village has a bakery, fruit, vegetable and flower seller and café (new owners expected Oct 2023), with an annual wine-making festival. Locally within 1km walking distance, there is a shamanic yoga studio.

5 minutes by car are all the facilities of Miranda do Corvo (a typical small market town).

Within 20 minutes by car are many beautiful river beaches, mountains of Serra da Lousã, the City of Coimbra, Roman ruins of Conimbriga. It's even faster on the highway! We are 45 minutes from the coast at Figueira da Foz.



ROSA SUITE

Three-room guest suite on the first floor, comprising an entrance hall with sitting and kitchenette areas, one bedroom (with a double and a fold-out single bed) and a private shower room. The whole space is around 28m², it is a mini apartment and directly adjoins our family home.

Access is via a set of external stone steps to a small balcony which has views over the front gate (with its impressive, ancient wisteria), the Vale de Lamas and towards the village.

The entrance hall contains various seating, plus a small kitchenette comprising sink, units for storage, two-ring electric hob, kettle, microwave and mini fridge. Please note it is not a full kitchen and does not have an oven. We are just installing a lovely woodburning stove (October 2023) with a small top oven - perfect for winter!

The shower room has a large, walk-in shower cubicle, low level flush WC and hotel-style sink.

The bedroom is fresh and simply furnished, with a double bed, a fold-out single bed, chest of drawers, side tables with chairs and hooks for hanging clothes.



FIGUEIRA

This is 29m² tiny home, totally self-contained annexe of our traditional Portuguese village house – your hosts live on site. Comprises an open plan sitting and kitchen area, one bedroom (with a double and bunk bed, so sleeps 2+2) and a private shower room.

Access is via our main gate, around the side of the house and onto a terrace which contains a basic camp kitchen (shared use).

The sitting room contains modular sofas (NEW wood burning stove now ready to use). At the other end of the room, a lovingly refurbished, kitsch kitchen comprising sink, units for storage, full gas hob and oven and small fridge.

The shower room has a large shower made from an old wine barrel, compost toilet (bucket system) and sink.

The bedroom is fresh and simply furnished, with a double bed, bunks, side table with chairs, dressing table and hooks for hanging clothes.



General

We have full fibre broadband included in your stay! Please note we usually switch it off overnight, but if this is a problem for you, please let us know.

We generally have friendly people staying here, but we are not an intentional community. Guests might choose to occasionally meet up or cook together, but that is not expected.

We welcome well behaved pets, by arrangement only.

We have various opportunities throughout the year for volunteering, either staying in our bell tent in summer, or parking up your own vehicle or yurt at other times of the year. Please see our [helpx profile](#) for the latest opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!