

Welcome to Quinta do Pinheiro

QUINTA
do PINHEIRO

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QUINTA DO PINHEIRO
ALGARVE
PORTUGAL
LUZ DE TAVIRA

History

QUINTA DO PINHEIRO HAS A RICH HISTORY DATING BACK TO THE LATE 19TH CENTURY.

Originally built between 1870 and 1875 by the grandparents of the former owner, Mrs. Luiza Junqueira Reis, the estate initially consisted of Casa da Eira and Casa das Flores. Mrs. Luiza's grandparents further expanded the property, constructing additional houses for wine production and agriculture. Their estate, which ultimately stretched across 36 hectares from the national road 125 to the shores of the Ria Formosa Natural Park, became an important source of employment for the local community.

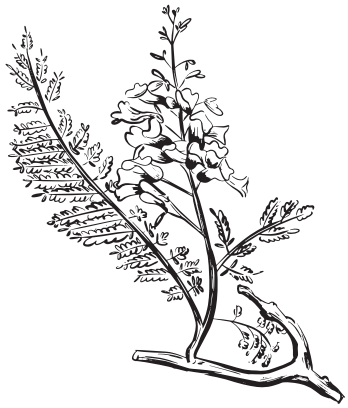


After inheriting the farm, Luiza Reis continued wine production until around 2000, later renting the land for avocado cultivation and the house as a holiday retreat. Mrs. Luiza's husband turned part of the house into a museum showcasing his eclectic collections, some of his historical agricultural tools and antique toys can still be found inside the quinta.

When the farm came up for sale in 2021 the successful Dutch entrepreneur Martijn Kleijwegt, who had previously become a farmer in Portugal, and his wife Monique Snoeijen, who was then still member of the editorial board of a Dutch newspaper, fell in love with it and renovated it, preserving its original charm. Quinta do Pinheiro now offers 5 unique houses (Casa da Eira, Casa das Flores, Casa Grande, Casa Celeiro and Casa da Avó) surrounded by a lush garden and vineyard.

In 2025, the owners had the opportunity to acquire the neighbouring property, which originally also belonged to the Junqueira family, including the hill with its centuries-old pine trees bordering the lagoon. A walking path across the estate leads now to the top of the hill, offering breathtaking views over the lagoon. The houses on this newly acquired land are currently being developed and are expected to be completed by the summer of 2027.

Architecture



THE ORIGINAL CHARM AND ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY OF THIS XIX CENTURY FARMHOUSE,

was meticulously preserved by the esteemed Portuguese architect *Frederico Valsassina*, maintaining its historic appeal and architectural splendour.

The distinctive red windows connect indoor and outdoor spaces, while the flooring, made from local stone and indigenous materials, merges with the surrounding landscape. Inside natural colours were used, which change with the light reflecting throughout the day. This harmonious blend of Algarvian architecture and nature offer visitors a full local experience.

Nature

QUINTA DO PINHEIRO IS LOCATED IN THE PROTECTED NATURE RESERVE OF PARQUE NATURAL DA RIA FORMOSA WHICH OFFERS A UNIQUE SANCTUARY FOR NATURE LOVERS.

On one side the Atlantic sandy beaches, on the other the Ria, with its small islands, marshlands, sandbanks and salt pans.



A haven for birdwatchers, with a diversity of species including, white storks, little egrets, spoonbills, whimbrels, turnstones, plovers (our logo has one), flamingos, amongst many more who either live or stop by while migrating south. Stretching from Faro to the Spanish border, this area is a treasure trove of natural wonders and the most important wetland in the South of Portugal.

Gardens & Hilltop

THE GARDENS OF QUINTA DO PINHEIRO ARE CAREFULLY DESIGNED BY OUR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, MAURICE LÉVY.

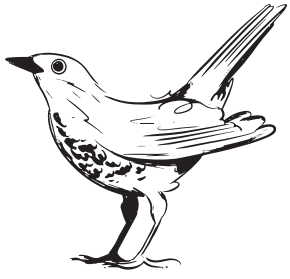
Throughout the estate, around the houses, the swimming pools and the yoga pavilion, you will find a rich variety of fragrant Mediterranean plants, herbs, flowering shrubs and fruit trees, alongside subtropical species that are increasingly finding a home in the Algarve's changing climate.

We care for the gardens using organic gardening principles, working with nature rather than against it and encouraging biodiversity throughout the estate. The gardens invite you to slow down and explore. Find a quiet spot in the shade, pick seasonal fruit and herbs when available, or simply enjoy the scents, colours and sounds of nature that change throughout the year.

BEYOND THE GARDENS LIES ONE OF THE ESTATE'S MOST SPECIAL PLACES: A HILL COVERED WITH CENTURIES-OLD PINE TREES THAT FORMS PART OF THE QUINTA DO PINHEIRO PROPERTY.

A footpath leads through an area of largely undisturbed flora and fauna, where nature is allowed to flourish with hardly intervention. It is a wonderful place for a quiet walk, birdwatching, meditation or simply experiencing the beauty and tranquillity of nature.

At the top of the hill, you will find breathtaking panoramic views over the Ria Formosa lagoon.



Archaeological grounds

Quinta do Pinheiro is located within the archaeological landscape of ancient Balsa, a thriving Roman town that flourished here nearly 2,000 years ago. Archaeologists believe Balsa once had public baths, a theatre, a racecourse and a busy harbour connected to trade routes across the Roman Empire.

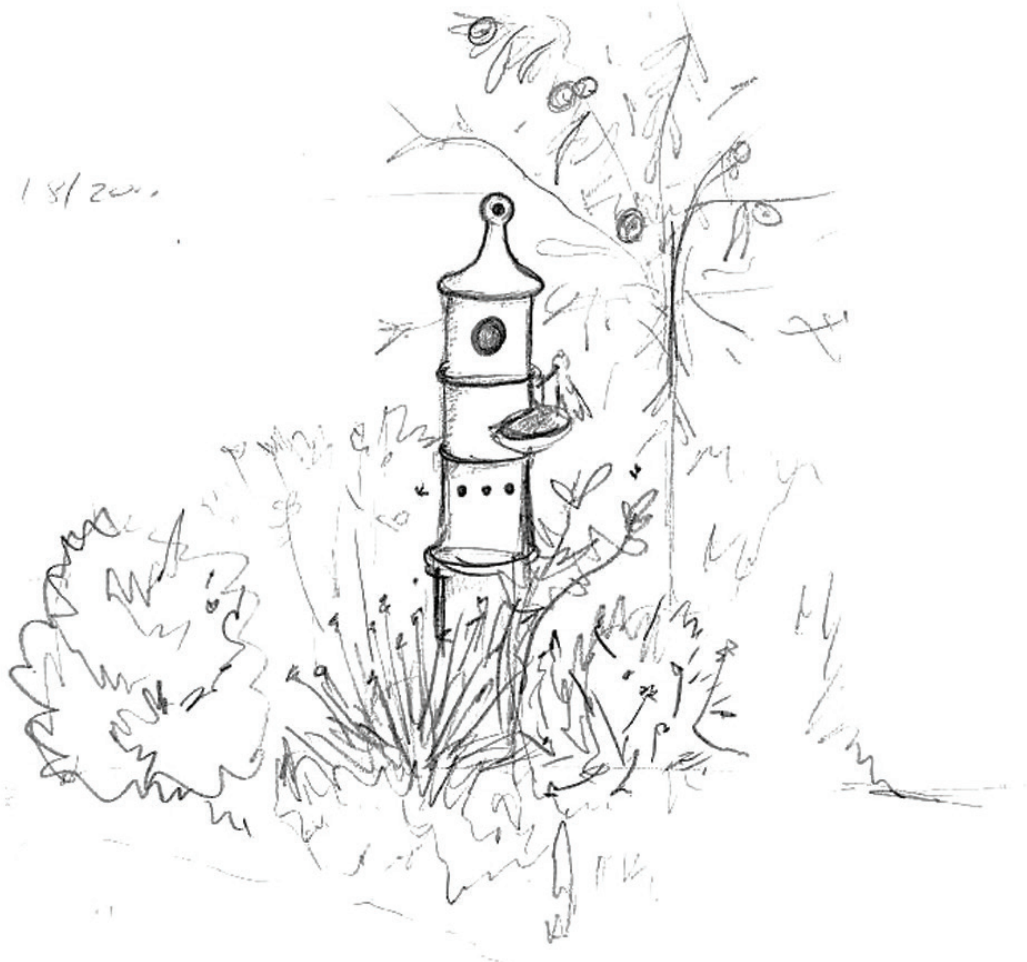
From the hilltop, you can see the remains of what was once the heart of this settlement. Although much of Balsa still lies hidden beneath the surrounding fields, its rich history continues to shape the landscape and atmosphere of the area today.

Artist in residence: Marte Mei

INVITED BY QUINTA DO PINHEIRO TO DEVELOP A SITE-SPECIFIC ARTWORK, DESIGNER MARTE MEI CREATED BIODIVERSITY CHIMNEYS, A SERIES OF STACKABLE CERAMIC STRUCTURES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT LOCAL BIODIVERSITY.

Drawing inspiration from the region's traditional white clay chimneys, Marte translates this familiar architectural element into three stoneware pillars. Placed throughout the orchard and gardens, they provide places to nest, drink and shelter for birds, insects and pollinators.

The project connects local architectural heritage with the Quinta's commitment to ecological regeneration, envisioning the estate not only as a home for people but as a shared habitat for more-than-human life.



Wellness

EXERCISE

We have an air-conditioned room where you can *practise yoga and Pilates or do some light strength training*. You are welcome to use the room throughout your stay. We provide mats and props, including dumbbells, mats, blocks, straps, foam rollers and bolsters. A key can be obtained from the manager for the duration of your stay.
We also have a fully equipped yoga pavilion, which we use for retreats, yoga classes, and Pilates classes.

YOGA LESSON

We have a yoga teacher available for *private classes by appointment*.
The lessons take place in the yoga pavilion, or somewhere outside on a secluded spot. For groups with a minimum of 4 we can provide yoga classes on a deserted beach.

MASSAGE

We have a few massage therapists *available by appointment*.
Treatments take place in the treatment rooms in the same building as the yoga pavilion, near the adults' pool.

PILATES

We have a pilates teacher available for *private classes by appointment*.
The lessons take place in the exercise room, or somewhere outside on a secluded spot. For those looking for pilates on a reformer, the professional Pilates and yoga studio *All in Comunidade* is located in nearby Tavira.

POOL

We have two, non heated pools. The historic square watertank near the quinta (1870), and the round watertank near the Yoga pavilion (1910), which serves as an adult only pool. We allow only one toy in the pool: a swim resistance band. If you want to work on your stroke, simply strap on the band, attach it to one of the columns by the pool, and you can swim in place - without ever reaching the other side.

The manager will be happy to help you with any of the activities listed above.

Things to do

THE LAGOON AND THE OCEAN

Just a short walk from Quinta do Pinheiro, you'll find piers providing access to the tranquil waters of Ria Formosa. Here, you can try *paddleboarding or kayaking*. We have a stand-up paddleboard available for our guests to enjoy during their stay.

Exclusively for our guests, we offer a *small private boat* to take you across the lagoon to a secluded beach, there are no facilities — so don't forget to bring an umbrella. *This service is subject to the tides and the availability of the boat and the team.*

In Cabanas de Tavira, just past Tavira, you can get *kitesurfing* lessons and also rent kitesurfing equipment.

Boat trips are available from Fuseta, Tavira, Santa Luzia, and Olhão. Some tours offer the chance to spot *seals* or *seahorses*.

WITHIN CYCLING DISTANCE, YOU'LL DISCOVER INVITING BEACHES WHERE YOU CAN RELAX AND EXPLORE

BARRIL BEACH:
A small, charming train brings you to Barril Beach, you can also enjoy a 10 à 15 minute stroll across the Ria. Barril Beach has a nice restaurant (Museu de Atum) and a snackbar (Barril Beach Café). On a walking distance from Barril you'll find a nudist beach.

FUSETA BEACH:
Praia da Fuseta is a delightful small beach in the heart of Fuseta. Adored by families with small children. It has a restaurant onsite, as well as rental for paddleboarding. It can be crowded in high season.

FUSETA ISLAND BEACH:
A beach opposite Fuseta. You can reach it by ferry or water taxi. There are sunbeds and a small restaurant where you can grab lunch. The boarding area might look busy, but if you walk a bit, you'll find a mostly empty beach.

ILHA DE TAVIRA BEACH:
The beach of Ilha de Tavira is situated in the far east of Tavira Island, which can be reached by a ferry or watertaxi from Tavira. Numerous loungers and beach umbrellas and lots of nice restaurants.

Things to do

WALKING, CYCLING AND HORSE BACK RIDING

The coastal bike trail, Rota da Costa Atlântica, follows the coastline, with Quinta do Pinheiro situated along this path.

The bike path also serves as a wonderful hiking trail. The lagoon is also ideal for horseback riding. During low tide, you can stroll through the lagoon.

CHARMING TOWNS

Along the lagoon you can find charming towns and villages like Olhão, Fuseta, Santa Luzia, Tavira, Fabrica, and Cacela Velha (with its 17th century fort), each offering its own unique charm and attractions.

VISIT ORCHARD OF FLAVOURS (POMAR DOS SABORES)

Just five minutes from Quinta do Pinheiro lies *Pomar dos Sabores*, a unique edible botanical garden.

Founder *Miguel Cotton* researches which trees can withstand heat, drought, salinity and heavy rainfall. He has collected more than 600 trees, all of them edible — fruits, roots, bark, sap or leaves. These 'trees of the future' offer surprising flavours, ranging from candycotton-fruits to leaves tasting of bacon.

The Orchard of Flavours is an important source of inspiration for Quinta do Pinheiro. In the near future, a similar food forest will be created on the site where currently greenhouses stand.

GOLF

The Algarve is known for its high-end golf courses. There are many options within a 30-minute drive from Quinta do Pinheiro.

For example, Benamor offers a pleasant and moderately challenging course, Quinta da Ria/Quinta da Cima has beautiful courses with views of the Atlantic Ocean and Monte Rei, slightly inland, is renowned for its stunning course.

Should you wish to book or reserve any of the experiences listed above our manager will be happy to assist you.

Winetasting

WITH A HISTORY OF WINE PRODUCTION AND SURROUNDED BY A VINEYARD, QUINTA DO PINHEIRO OFFERS AN IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR DISCOVERING PORTUGUESE WINES.

The quinta, built in 1870 and spanning 36 hectares, was used until around 2000 for wine production. The large wooden barrels at the quinta evoke memories of that time.

In 2024 the well known Portuguese wine producer *José Luís Santos Lima Oliveira da Silva* has planted his grapevines at the quinta. This award winning producer is present in the regions of Lisboa, Algarve, Alentejo, Douro and of course, last but not least, the Algarve.

Wines from the Algarve are upcoming. The diversity of the landscape, gastronomy and culture, as well as the history of wine, makes this region, in the far south of Portugal, a unique and particular territory. At the quinta we sell the lovely sparkling wine from Casa Santos Lima.
(Belíssimo Rosé 100% Negra Mole.)

Upon request, and for a minimum of 4 guests, we organise wine tastings.



Dinner at the quinta

AT QUINTA DO PINHEIRO WE WANT TO SHARE NOT ONLY THE BEAUTY OF OUR SURROUNDINGS, BUT ALSO THE FLAVOURS AND THE CREATIVITY OF LOCAL AND VISITING CHEFS. WE WORK WITH A TRUSTED NETWORK OF TALENTED CHEFS WHO CAN COME TO THE QUINTA AND PREPARE DELICIOUS MEALS FOR YOU ON SITE — WHETHER FOR A SPECIAL DINNER OR A RELAXED FAMILY MEAL.

During the summer months of July and August, when nearby restaurants tend to be very busy, we always have an on-site chef available who prepares a fixed daily menu for our guests.

During the rest of the year, the following chefs are available:

SANDRA CATAPLANA

Sandra's renowned *cataplana*, the beloved Portuguese fish stew, earned her the nickname. But *Sandra's* talents extend far beyond that—she also creates delicious salads and desserts. Expect Portuguese dishes made with fresh ingredients and prepared using traditional techniques.

MARCELLO FROM BIO.TEQUIM

Tequim is a highly regarded organic vegetarian and vegan restaurant in Tavira, known for its creative dishes, seasonal produce and locally sourced organic ingredients. When his schedule at the restaurant allows, *Marcello* is available to cook at the quinta on request, creating a three-course menu bursting with bold flavours.

JOE DEVINE

Joe Devine is a British chef who relocated to Tavira via Amsterdam and brings *30 years of gastronomic experience* to every dish. He cooks with great attention to detail, presenting beautifully composed plates with a style that is uncomplicated yet deeply centred on flavour. He is the author of A year's cooking in the Algarve.

DAVID PINHEIRO

David Pinheiro is an international chef with over nine years of experience leading kitchens across Portugal, Norway, and Finland. He recently returned to his hometown Tavira. On his culinary journey, David has gained *the confidence to keep things simple*.

Please contact the manager for prices and availability.

Restaurants we recommend

OS FIALHOS
Luz de Tavira

Within a 25-minute walk from the Quinta, you'll find this highly recommended spot, particularly known for its seafood and delicious clams (*amêijoas*) prepared in olive oil, garlic, and coriander. Don't miss out on trying the arroz de marisco (seafood rice). Additionally, the fresh crab and its accompanying salad are exceptionally tasty. Be aware that the atmosphere can be lively and a bit rustic.

MESA FARTA
Tavira

Our favorite. A modern restaurant set in a beautifully restored former warehouse, where renowned chef *João Viegas* pays tribute to traditional Portuguese cuisine with modern flair. Highlights include impeccably fresh seafood — think oysters, grilled mackerel, and locally sourced fish. Their rice puding is worth committing a crime for.

mesafarta.com

NOÉLIA
Cabanas de Tavira

In Cabanas de Tavira, a 20-minute drive away, you'll find *Noélia*. A not-so-hidden gem renowned for its superb flavours and more refined than most Portuguese restaurants. *Noélia* personally oversees the kitchen and is a celebrity in her own right. It's challenging to secure a reservation during the high season.

AUSTA
Almancil

For a more refined culinary experience, *Austa* in *Almancil* is well worth the 35-minute drive. Rooted in a philosophy of honest food, drink and connection to the land, the restaurant works closely with small independent producers from Portugal and selected parts of Spain, celebrating seasonal ingredients and thoughtful craftsmanship. *Austa* also offers an excellent wine list.

MARISQUEIRA CAPELO
Santa Luzia

In *Santa Luzia, Capelo* is a must-visit spot. The restaurant is famous for its tarbot. Also don't miss out on their boiled shrimp as a delightful appetizer. Pair your meal with a glass of *Esporão* white wine for the perfect dining experience.



Restaurants we recommend

CASA DO POLVO TASQUINHA
Santa Luzia

Also situated in Santa Luzia is the popular *Casa do Polvo Tasquinha*. If available, don't miss the opportunity to try their *Bacalhau à Brás* (traditional Portuguese dish made with salted cod (bacalhau), potatoes, onions, eggs, and parsley); alternatively, indulge in their range of squit.

TRÊS PALMEIRAS
Tavira

The only option is grilled fish with salad and toast, sign your name on the chalkboard and wait a bit. It's always busy. Located in Tavira on the East side of the river.of the river.

FÁBRICA DO COSTA
Canela

About 25 minute-drive towards *Cacela Velha* you will find *Fábrica do Costa*. A seafood restaurant located right at the Ria with stunning views and enchanting light. Try their *Bacalhau à Brás*.

IGUARIAS DA VILA
Fuseta

A charming Portuguese restaurant on a cozy square in *Fuseta*. The menu ranges from mussels to pork cheeks and grilled fish. The route to get there is a lovely cycling path.

VEGETARIAN

BIOTIQUEM
Tavira

Chef Marcelo from Biotiquem is a friend of the quinta. His restaurant in Tavira is a charming spot that serves fresh, organic dishes with carefully balanced flavors. The perfect place for a light bite.

GREEN SPIRIT
Fuseta

A friendly, family-run vegetarian restaurant tucked away in a quiet side street. They serve creative, freshly prepared dishes — from salads and curries to burgers, pizzas, and risottos. A good alternative to the seafood-heavy restaurants in town.

QUINTA DO PINHEIRO



Groceries

FOR YOUR EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS, TAKE A QUICK 5-MINUTE DRIVE TO THE MINI-SUPERMARKET IN LUZ DE TAVIRA. IT'S PERFECT FOR PICKING UP WATER, BEER, RICE, PASTA, BREAD OR ANY OTHER BASICS YOU MIGHT NEED. YOU'LL SPOT IT TUCKED BEHIND THE CENTRAL SQUARE.

If you're in need of a larger selection, head towards Tavira on the N125. At the second roundabout, you'll encounter Pingo Doce, a spacious supermarket, or head to Continente, the largest supermarket situated within the shopping center of Tavira.

For the freshest fish, make your way to the stunning market in Olhão. Arriving early is advisable to secure parking.

Seeking gourmet delights? Apolónia in Almancil is your destination. Though it's a 35-minute drive, their offer of delicious products and wines makes it worth the trip, despite the higher prices.

Little shop

Those wishing to take home a memory of Quinta do Pinheiro can visit our small shop.

Here you can find, for example, handmade ceramic espresso cups and Moleskine cahiers with the little bird from the logo (the little plover) as well as blankets and bath products we use at the quinta.

The products we use

SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER

In the bathrooms, you will find the beautiful ceramic dispensers with shampoo and conditioner from 8950, a Portuguese brand inspired by the agricultural traditions and natural landscapes of the Algarve. The formulas are plant-based and made with carefully selected natural ingredients. The scent of fig, almond and fennel evokes the orchards, fields and wild nature that surround Quinta do Pinheiro.

SHOWER GEL, HAND SOAP AND BODY LOTION

The shower gel, hand soap and body lotion are from *Benamôr 1925*, one of Portugal's most iconic skincare brands. We chose the Gordíssimo range because, after a day in the Algarve sun, sea breeze and salt air, we appreciate products that nourish and hydrate the skin. Its subtle fragrance is also wonderfully comforting.

OLIVE OIL

The olive oil in your house is made from olives harvested from the trees of Quinta do Pinheiro, as well as from the olive trees on the owners' private property nearby. After the harvest, the olives are taken to *Lagar Santa Catarina*, a traditional local olive mill, where they are carefully pressed into extra virgin olive oil.

OUR SLIPPERS

You will find a pair of slippers in your cottage, made by *Primal Soles*. We chose them as a sustainable alternative to conventional hotel slippers, which are often used only once and then discarded. Every pair is thoroughly machine-washed after each guest's stay.

If you enjoy wearing them during your stay, you are welcome to take them home by purchasing your pair for 17,50 euro.



A gentle guide to your stay

FURNITURE

We selected our furniture, interior decorations and tableware with attention. Part of it comes from the original furnishings of the quinta and reflects the history of the house. Please inform the manager in case of damage or loss, so we can repair or complete it.

CHILDREN

The quinta is not renovated with small children in mind. We prioritized the original charm and architectural beauty. Parents or other adults should be aware of possible risks.

The watertanks and the mini-pool from Casa da Avó are not supervised. Roof terraces and steep stairs (the stairs in the Chapel room of Casa Celeiro have no handrail) are also not designed with children in mind.

Old farm tools are no toys. The quinta is not responsible for any accidents that occur in and around the farm. At the very back of our property, there is an unprotected railway line. Children are not allowed in that area.

POOLS

Since we've restored Quinta do Pinheiro with a deep respect for the landscape and the architecture that surrounds it, we kindly ask guests not to use inflatable toys or floaties in the pool area, with the exception of safety items for young children. This helps us maintain the calm and timeless feel of the space for everyone to enjoy. The pools are not supervised.

Children should be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times, in and around the pool area.

We ask our guests to shower before entering the pool. Diving is not allowed. For safety reasons, glass objects are not allowed throughout the pool area. Quinta do Pinheiro is not responsible for any accident that occurs in these areas.

BEACH TOWELS

In your wardrobe, you will find beach towels from Futah, a Portuguese brand inspired by traditional hammam towels.

Please feel free to take them with you for a day at the beach.
We kindly ask that the pool towels remain at the quinta for use around the pools.

A gentle guide to your stay

PRIVATE OUTDOOR SPACES

Each house at Quinta do Pinheiro has its own private outdoor space where you can relax, dine or simply enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

Casa das Flores has a covered terrace directly opposite the house, overlooking the vineyard.

Casa da Eira has a private terrace in the adjoining alley, next to the historic alambique (traditional distillery).

Casa Grande features a roof terrace as well as a shaded terrace under a pergola at the back of the house.

Casa Celeiro also has a roof terrace and the exclusive use of the table and seating area in front of the house.

Casa da Avó offers several private outdoor spaces: an intimate courtyard patio, a terrace beneath the beautiful Tipu Tipuana tree, and an additional terrace along the side of the house.

We kindly ask guests to respect the privacy of those staying in the other houses and to use the outdoor spaces designated for their own accommodation.

NO SMOKING

We kindly ask guests not to smoke inside the quinta. Smoking is only permitted outdoors on the terraces, and we kindly ask you to use the ashtrays provided. If you cannot find one, please feel free to ask a member of the team.

Due to the high risk of wildfires in the Algarve, we ask for your special care and attention. Please do not smoke elsewhere on the estate. We would especially like to draw your attention to the hill with its centuries-old pine trees bordering the Ria Formosa: to help protect this unique natural area, it is only accessible to non-smokers or to smokers who are happy to refrain while visiting.

CAMPFIRE

If weather conditions allow — outside the high-risk fire season and only when it is dry and not too windy — we may light the campfire for guests on the eira (the historic circular threshing floor), always in consultation with the manager.

RAILWAY CROSSING

A railway line runs along the edge of the Quinta do Pinheiro estate, separating the main part of the property from the agricultural land beyond. While (electric) trains pass only occasionally, please be aware that the railway crossing on the property is *unmanned and has no barriers*.

For this reason, children should be supervised at all times and should not roam the grounds unsupervised. We kindly ask all guests to exercise caution when approaching or crossing the railway line.

Important information

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCIES

In case of a life-threatening emergency, please always call ***112*** (ambulance/emergency services). Portugal's emergency number operates 24/7 and English is generally spoken.

Exclusively for our guests, we offer a dedicated emergency assistance service through iMergencies. In your house, you will find a card with the iMergencies emergency number, available 24/7 in multiple languages. Should you need assistance, simply call that number. The iMergencies team can provide medical advice, arrange healthcare support and coordinate with local emergency responders on your behalf, ensuring you receive swift and appropriate help.

If you are able to travel independently to an emergency department, we generally recommend the Private Hospital of the Algarve in Gambelas (Faro). It is a private hospital with a 24/7 emergency department and, in our experience, waiting times are often shorter than at the public hospital in Faro, where delays can be considerable. Please note that treatment at a private hospital may not be fully covered by all insurance policies.

For non-urgent medical care, appointments or general medical assistance, we recommend Hospital da Luz Clínica de Tavira in Tavira.

CHECK-OUT

Check-out time is any time *before 12:00 pm*.

GATE

The main gate remains open during the day and is closed from 7:00 pm onwards. Attached to your key ring, you will find a remote control that allows you to open the gate when entering or leaving the property.

INTERNET

The wificode is: quintadopinheiro

MANAGER

The host and manager of Quinta do Pinheiro is Carlos Machado. For any inquiries you can reach him at +351 916 005 441 or via email: *manager@quintapinheiro.com*.