

Courela do Ribeiro - Carrapatelo

Ecological agriculture and camping

Relaxing and active holidays in the Alentejo region, Portugal



Description

Property of about 8 hectares dedicated to integrated agriculture and agro-tourism, composed of an olive grove, a vineyard, a vegetable garden in permaculture with a greenhouse and composting, an orchard, a small lake integrated in a system of Wastewater treatment, a renovated typical Alentejo house, two independent rooms, a swimming pool, a bungalow with kitchen, a tree house and several rustic cabins under construction.

A fence protects most of the property, but leaves around a path that can be used for walking, and bike or pony rides.

The entrance to the property leads directly to the road that runs through the village of Carrapatelo, which is part of the parish of S. Pedro do Corval, the largest pottery center in the country.

Location **(GPS position 38°27'36.70"N 7°29'46.17"W)**

- Address: rua da Escola 19 – Carrapatelo
7200-081 Corval
Alentejo - Portugal
- Located in a small rural village of just over 40 people, 7 kilometers from the town of Reguengos de Monsaraz, 12 kilometers from the fortified village of Monsaraz and 47 kilometers from Evora, the district capital.

Timing

Check-in from 15:00

Check-out until 12:00



Equipments for rent

Escola 15 (casa alentejana)

- Typical Alentejo house, renovated for use by the family owner
- Room with regional fireplace, bedroom with double bed 140 cm, dining room for 6 people, fully equipped kitchen, bathroom with shower, terrace
- Direct entrance by the street in the village of Carrapatelo with access to the swimming pool and the rest of the Courela do Ribeiro from the back
- Parking for several cars accessible by the property main road
- Pedestrian path illuminated from the car park to the house.
- Two separate air-conditioning systems (refreshing / heating) with 1800 and 1200 BTU heat recovery stove in the chimney and 2 radiators heated by a cylinder gas boiler
- Satelit Television
- Internet access via protected Wi-Fi.

Quarto de cima (upper room)

- 13.4 m2 area, full insulation
- Double bed 140 cm, wardrobe, extendable table, shelves
- Entrance and bathroom with shower cubicle shared with the other bedroom
- Air conditioning (refreshing / heating) with 9000 BTU
- Mini refrigerator
- TNT Television
- Entrance through the reception gate, access via the parking path of the Casa Alentejana

Quarto de baixo (bottom room)

- Surface of 11.5 m2, full insulation
- Double bed 140 cm, wardrobe, extendable table, shelves
- Entrance and bathroom with shower shared with the other bedroom

- Air conditioning (refreshing / heating) with 9000 BTU
- Mini refrigerator
- TNT Television
- Entrance through the reception gate, access via the parking path of the Casa Alentejana

Chaparrinho (tree house)

- 7.5 m2 room perched on metal legs in an oak beside the property stream, with double bed 140 cm, wardrobe, dressing table
- Air conditioning (refreshing / heating) with 9000 BTU
- Mini refrigerator
- Bathroom with sink, shower and dry toilet integrated into the staircase
- Terrace with sequoia wood table
- "Private" gravel parking

Casa Branca (bungalow 1)

- Surface area of 24 m2 with double bed 140 cm, sofa bed 2 places, table 4 places, kitchen area with 4 gas burners, refrigerator with freezer
- Bathroom 3 m2 with sink, shower cubicle and wet toilet
- Terrace of 12 m2 with chairs and table
- "Private" gravel parking
- Air conditioning (refreshing / heating) with 12000 BTU
- TNT Television

Casa Verde (bungalow 2)

- Surface of 32 m2 with double bed 140 cm, sofa 3 places, table 4 places, kitchen area with 2 gas burners, refrigerator with freezer
- Bathroom 3 m2 with sink, shower stall and wet toilet
- Terrace of 13 m2 with chairs and small table
- "Private" gravel parking
- Air conditioning (refreshing / heating) with 12000 BTU
- TNT Television

Accessible to all

- Parking in the property
- Reception with mini-boutique property products, TNT TV and protected Wi-Fi connection
- Route "all-comers" along almost the entire property (700/1100 m)
- Walking path around most of the terrain
- 6.8 x 3.5 m swimming pool with chlorinated water. An organic pool is planned in the project
- Organic vegetable garden based on permaculture, with a small greenhouse, composting and a shaded area
- Henhouse 125 m2
- Grazing area for sheep and ponys
- Pergola with
 - sofas, tables, chairs
 - Bathrooms for men (sink, wet toilet, shower) and ladies (sink, wet toilet for handicaped, shower, diapers change table)
 - Washing, ironing and drying equipment
 - Large wood oven 140 cm in diameter
- Small 14 m diameter lake with fish and frogs, fed in closed loop
- Organic vineyard of 1,8 hectares with 6600 feet planted in "bravo" recently grafted with 5 varieties (touriga nacional, touriga franca, alicante-bouchet, tinta miúda and cabernet sauvignon)
- Wilderness area of one hectare with the possibility of building huts, tipies and stone "castles" for children
- More then 650 olive trees, mostly galega and bical varieties
- About 50 almond trees
- Orchard with more than 80 fruit trees of many varieties

- Garden and mini-lake near the reception
- Places for camping-caravanning on gravel, with water and electricity
- Three specific sand spaces for tents with water and electricity
- Septic tank to empty the toilet tank of campers

Courela do Ribeiro - Carrapatelo		
Prices list		
(without breakfast)		
Place	One night	One week
Escola 15 (alentejan house)	95.00 €	570.00 €
Quarto de cima (upper room)	45.00 €	270.00 €
Quarto de baixo (bottom room)	40.00 €	240.00 €
Chaparrinho (tree house)	60.00 €	360.00 €
Casa branca (bungalow 1)	80.00 €	480.00 €
Casa verde (bungalow 2)	80.00 €	480.00 €
Bungalow 3 - to build		
Bungalow 4 - to build		
Bungalow 5 - to build		
<p>Prices valid for the use of one double bed Additional single bed: 10 € per night Small baby bed. Gratis</p>		
Contacts		
Nelson Pereira (PT, FR, GB, IT and ES)	proprietary	964 515 142
Inácia Marques (PT)	cleanings	962 239 132
Alvaro Cardoso (PT)	garden	962 037 801

Other bungalows and rustic cabins are planned and already started, they will be built by the team of the property according to availability during the low season.

Access

Reguengos de Monsaraz is served by the bus network and the village of Carrapatelo is connected to Reguengos by bus to school hours, but private transportation is essential to visit the region.

The use of an up-to-date GPS is advised, this document indicates the GPS coordinates (in the form degrees, minutes, seconds) of some of the interesting points that we think are useful.

The roads are pretty good, even for cyclists without much training. Off-road, the region is used for rides or races with all types of vehicles, but the courses are not marked as in other European countries.

The lake of Alqueva is visible and usable near Monsaraz, the main pole of tourist attraction of the region. A well-equipped river beach is available near Centro Nautico de Monsaraz (GPS 38°25'34.29"N 7°32'45.84"W), other exist near Mourão (GPS 38°22'5.98"N 7°21'11.32"W), and near Amieira (GPS 38°17'37.07"N 7°33'32.37"W).

Lisbon Airport (GPS 38°46'12.29"N 9°7'40.08"W) is the nearest (approximately 2 hours) for those arriving from abroad, but Faro Airport (3.5 hours away) can also be used.

Practical life

The typical Alentejo house and the bungalows are equipped to make meals for those who need it. The dishes and other equipment available are sufficient for at least 6 people.

Several small grocery stores in the village of Corval sell local produce and Reguengos' four supermarkets have a good selection of food and beverages. The organic products of the property (extra virgin olive oil, canned olives, fruits and vegetables, eggs, jams) can be purchased at the reception.

The regional cuisine of Alentejo deserves to be widely known and restaurants of good or less standard offer a good variety of typical dishes.

The TNT television allows to see the main Portuguese channels.

Access to the Internet is via wireless networks whose access codes can be requested at the reception. The signal is accessible especially near the reception and in the entrance of the house but also in certain areas of the property. To avoid network saturation, we thank our customers for minimizing video visualizations.

As we do not have a public landline with a call counter, we advise our foreign customers to purchase a national mobile phone with prepayment

The property is equipped with several surveillance cameras that record continuously. In case of problems, the images can be made available to the authorities.

The particular climate of Alentejo imposes the ban on open fires or mechanical equipment that can cause sparks during the months of June to September. **During this time, we thank our guests for smoking only in areas covered with gravel and near a fire extinguisher.** Ashtrays with sand are positioned in various areas of the property. Ten chemical ABC powder fire extinguishers are strategically placed outside several buildings and a fireproof cover is available in all kitchens.

The air conditioning systems (refreshing and heating) are equipped with remote controls. Temperatures that are too low (less than 25 degrees) during the summer or too high (over 20 degrees) during the winter are not recommended for health reasons and cause excessive electricity consumption that could lead to power outages.

Current supermarket hours: 09:00 to 21:00, Saturdays and Sundays included.

Opening hours of the majority of shops, garages, etc: from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 19:00 during the week, from 09:00 to 13:00 on Saturday.

Recommended restaurants

We recommend some restaurants where you can enjoy different regional dishes and Portuguese specialties sometimes adapted to the international taste.

- "Adega do Cachete" – Corval (GPS 38°26'45.40"N 7°28'58.34"W)
- "A Tarefa" - Corval (GPS 38°26'47"N 7°29'5.42"W)
- "Moira" - towards the exit from Reguengos to the Carrapatelo by the Alandroal road, the best in the area for the sea products (GPS 38°26'5.62"N 7°31'54.31"W)
- "Convivius" - Reguengos (GPS 38°25'44.48"N 7°31'58.33"W)
- "O Pingo" - Reguengos (GPS 38°25'37.73"N 7°32'09.05"W)
- "Frade Sushi Bar" - Reguengos (GPS 38°25'45.89"N 7°32'00.07"W)
- "Os Templários" - Monsaraz, panoramic terrace on the Alqueva lake (GPS 38°26'37.92"N 7°22'48.79"W)
- "Xarez" - Monsaraz, terrace with view (GPS 38°26'39.43"N 7°22'49.57"W)

- Centro Nautico de Monsaraz - next to the Alqueva fluvial beach (GPS 38°25'34.29"N 7°32'45.84"W)
- S. Lourenço do Barrocal - a huge agricultural estate converted into a 5-star hotel (GPS 38°26'37.22"N 7°25'5.30"W)

In addition to traditional cheeses, canned olive oils and olives accompanied by local bread, regional or Portuguese specialties should be tested by foreign customers:

- "Migas" or "açorda" made with bread from Alentejo
- Various soups (tomato or asparagus or purslane or pennyroyal or fish)
- "Carne de porco à alentejana" - pork with seafood
- "Porco preto" meat (black pork, the equivalent of Spanish "pata negra") - prepared in different ways ("secretos", "lagartos", "bochechas", etc.)
- "Borrego", lamb prepared in various ways ("ensopado", roasted, with "migas", etc.)
- Pork ham or other smoked preparations
- Grilled seafood skewers
- "Bacalhau" - salt cod prepared in various ways (more than 300, according to legend)
- "Pastéis de nata" - original cream tartlets from Belém, near Lisbon
- Roasted pork or lamb
- Churrasco - roast chicken open on embers
- "Galão com torrada" - at breakfast, a large glass of milk with coffee and a salted butter toast
- "Francesinha" - like a "croque-monsieur" with a spicy sauce
- Grilled sardines, usually with peppers

Shops and other interesting points

- Pingo Doce Supermarket (GPS 38°25'34.29"N 7°32'45.84"W)
- Intermarché Supermarket (GPS 38°25'28.38"N 7°32'43.01"W)
- Lidl Supermarket (GPS 38°25'30.24"N 7°32'42.94"W)
- Continent Supermarket (GPS 38°25'29.29"N 7°31'24.61"W)
- Martins pharmacy (GPS 38°25'32.15"N 7°32'26.45"W)
- Paulitos Pharmacy (GPS 38°25'27.76"N 7°32'3.98"W)
- Health Center (GPS 38°25'44.03"N 7°32'25.34"W)
- Santana Pneus - garage and tire repair (GPS 38°25'17.93"N 7°32'29.22"W)
- Municipal swimming pools (GPS 38°25'46.81"N 7°31'59.10"W)
- Fire station – to empty dirty water from motor homes (GPS 38°25'16.37"N 7°32'7.09"W)

To see in the region

- Potteries of S. Pedro de Corval - Patalim (GPS 38°26'43.16"N 7°28'54.12"W, with whom we organize pottery workshops and who has a museum) and other
- Fortified village of Monsaraz (GPS 38°26'36.57"N 7°22'47.15"W)
- Nautical center near Monsaraz (GPS 38°26'3.75"N 7°21'0.67"W)
- Herdade do Esporão - the largest and oldest wine estate in the area (GPS 38°22'50.49"N 7°33'29.63"W)
- Carmin Cooperative - the largest wine cooperative in the country (GPS 38°25'55.46"N 7°31'14.31"W)
- Amieira Marina (GPS 38°16'40.41"N 7°32'2.45"W)
- Mourao Castle (GPS 38°23'5.06"N 7°20'45.80"W)
- Alqueva Dam (GPS 38°11'51.94"N 7°29'36.13"W)
- Alandroal Castle (GPS 38°42'6.82"N 7°24'11.50"W)
- Terena Castle (GPS 38°11'51.94"N 7°29'36.13"W)
- Vila Viçosa and its royal palaces (GPS 38°46'56.17"N 7°25'14.10"W)
- Marbreries of Borba (GPS 38°47'58.28"N 7°27'3.23"W)
- Estremoz and its Saturday market with antiques (GPS 38°50'30.80"N 7°35'4.33"W)
- Evora and its historic center (GPS parking 38°34'22.82"N 7°54'44.27"W)

To do

- Bathing in the Alqueva fluvial beaches, very busy on weekends
- Boat trips on the Alqueva, with different types of boats
- Guided walking or pedestrian tours
- Pony rides for children around the property
- Practice pottery making (3 mornings or afternoons, 4 people at least), reservations at the reception
- Fishing in the Alqueva or another water places in the region
- Photo hunting
- See "vacadas" or bullfighting
- Attend or participate in rides or races with mechanical vehicles of various types (bicycles, motorcycles, quads, buggys, etc.)

In case of problems

Contact the owner Nelson PEREIRA (+351 964 515 142) in portuguese, english, french, italien or spanish, or employees Alvaro CARDOSO (+351 962 037 801) and Inácia MARQUES (+351 962 239 132) who only speak portuguese.