

# Idyllic Vibes With A Touch Of Luxury



The name of the listing itself should give you an idea: let's just say it's not called a boutique-home for no apparent reason. Your home away from home, **Almóada Boutique-Home** provides the seclusion of a private vacation rental in the heart of a sunny Algarve, in tandem with a boutique hotel type of service, and **costs from only \$250 per night to book this season**, it's arguably the best bang for your buck if it's Portugal where you're headed.

Unbolting the front gate, you will first lay eyes on a compact sunbathing area featuring an intimate, heated outdoor pool fed by a weeping fountain, cozy loungers under the shade of lemon trees, and even a hammock that swings over the crystalline waters.

Swimming starkers in the pool, not having to moderate your singing, making full use of the amenities available without having to share, nor time your sleep as the breakfast room closes by 10 a.m. can feel quite freeing, particularly in a setting as tranquil as the Algarvian countryside.

What if you could have all that, and still get pampered, and **the same standards of luxury and personalized service you would be offered in a boutique hotel?**



*“A passion for hospitality and the 19<sup>th</sup> century nostalgia. No noise, no traffic, only the gentle ruffling of the leaves”.*

Can't be bothered with the kitchen or ordering food?

You can have **your own private chef** who comes round to the house at pre-scheduled hours to cook for you.

Don't fancy rocking up to town to get groceries for the weekend ahead? The Almóada concierge is more than happy to take care of that for you.

Missing spa facilities? Their wide range of massage services and tried-and-true therapies can help you release that built-up tension after another laborious year in the office.

Whether you'd rather have minimal contact with the Almóada team, only meeting them for check-in and check-out, or enhance your villa stay with a boutique service, **they're ready to accommodate** your every preference and need.

Speaking of which, can we talk about the culinary triumphs concocted here?

## UNESCO-Listed elements and Wine aged In Clay Vessels

If you're not yet sold on the nostalgic feel of staying in a renovated 19th-century homestead, but you're a devoted foodie, perhaps Almóada's gastronomy efforts could be enough of an incentive to book a prolonged stay.

At the end of the day, **this is several-millennia-old Europe**, so of course local food would be cooked and presented in delicately-molded pans and tableware made out of black Bisalhães clay, listed by UNESCO itself as an intangible cultural heritage of Portugal.

I was unaccompanied during my stay, and though I wouldn't be doing any cooking myself when Almóada guests can opt for a private chef service (more on that in a minute), it was still nice knowing there are cooking amenities available if you're looking for a more convivial atmosphere with friends.

