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WHERE TO STAY



HOSPEDARIA ALGARVE

On a narrow country lane framed by rolling meadows stands tiny Hospedaria. Its glossy, pillar-box-red front door makes a bold statement against the traditional whitewashed stone walls. There is a red trim around its windows too, matching the sign swinging gently in the warm breeze that depicts a trumpeter on a galloping horse and announces its former purpose as a post office. The building dates from more than a century ago, during which time it was also a general store and a tavern where locals came to dance at village balls that are still talked about today. Now it is a pitch-perfect hotel created by owners Rui Liberato de Sousa and Nuno Ramos of nearby bolthole Pensão Agrícola. They have preserved not only the fabric of the place but also its spirit. Step into the original bar with its period tiled floors and industrial lighting illuminating rows of bottles and you can almost hear the rise and fall of voices from yesteryear. In the drawing room, with its high wicker-lined ceilings and oil paintings, the summer heat hangs heavy with history. Yet the whole hotel brims with an uplifting energy, dappled by sunshine and borne on the smile of Maria Leonel as she brings *bacalhau* gratin, made using a recipe from the cookbook of De Sousa's grandmother, to tables set in the gravelled corner of the terrace. Five simple bedrooms lie among the garden's fragrant jumble of flowers and fallen lemons, ripe figs and black olives. Each one has varnished cement floors and stripped wooden surfaces; some have outdoor showers, all have private leafy courtyards. There is a pool too, past the lavender. And after a few hours here, away from the hurly-burly of the everyday, that will be exactly as far as you'll want to wander. ML

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