

Hotel Vivenda Miranda

ENJOY THE LUXURIES OF A SMALL PRIVATE HOTEL

What was it that, a century and a half ago, prompted an English aristocrat to build a home in the Algarve, high on a bluff, above the roar of the ocean? And by what mysterious design did this home become a place adored by its 21st Century guests?

To those who know Hotel Vivenda Miranda, the answers to these questions are simple. It is a place on the Algarve coast, above the sweep of the beach at Porto de Mós in Lagos, unparalleled for its glorious vistas of land, sea and sky. It is also now,

thanks to the imaginative, tasteful and inspired vision of its present day owners, a hostelry of such charm, style and quality that it has captured the devoted and ongoing patronage of travelers, holidaymakers and gourmets from far and wide.

More than a century after its construction, an enterprising Swiss hotelier discovered this neglected, but still gracious, home and decided that it was worth a lifetime's dedication. Nearly two decades later, with transformation to hotel complete, this glowing, pastel-peach "home from home" is serving as the inspiration for a vastly greater undertaking by the same hotelier – the nearby "Cascade Hotel and Residential Resort", on a huge 36 hectare (89 acres) site along Ponte da Piedade and above Praia do Canavial (see following article).

The concept pioneered by Urs Wild at Hotel Vivenda Miranda – an addictive mixture of superb location, fine dining, warm atmosphere, personal service and tasteful design – is now being seeded at the hugely impressive Cascade Resort, in a combination of five-star hotel, villas, apartments, commercial village and, for the senior residence market, "assisted living" apartments.

Located just 45 minutes from Faro airport, Hotel Vivenda Miranda is the natural home of the independent, affluent, but value conscious traveller who wants real comfort, discreet personal service, good fresh food and a wide choice of fine wines. With a lift for the spirits from the sea air, sunlight, shoreline spectacle and a soothing of the senses from the hotel's new luxury spa.

The new, exciting Vivenda Miranda Spa Suite is the perfect place to achieve harmony of mind, body and soul – a perfection which everybody aims for but seldom reaches. The new Spa Suite, designed with taste and style, provides the idyllic setting to revitalize mental and physical energies. A variety of treatments, including GOURMET SKIN CARE by the Italian "ISHI" method, featuring wine, chocolate, truffle and algae therapy, essential oils and aromas can be enjoyed along with the use of the Sauna, Turkish Bath, and heated loungers. The traveler can indeed sink into a state of perfect contentment.

Under the expert eye of Swiss Head Chef Damian Beck, a 14 year "Vivenda veteran", guests can rely on consistently high quality Mediterranean style cuisine. "We



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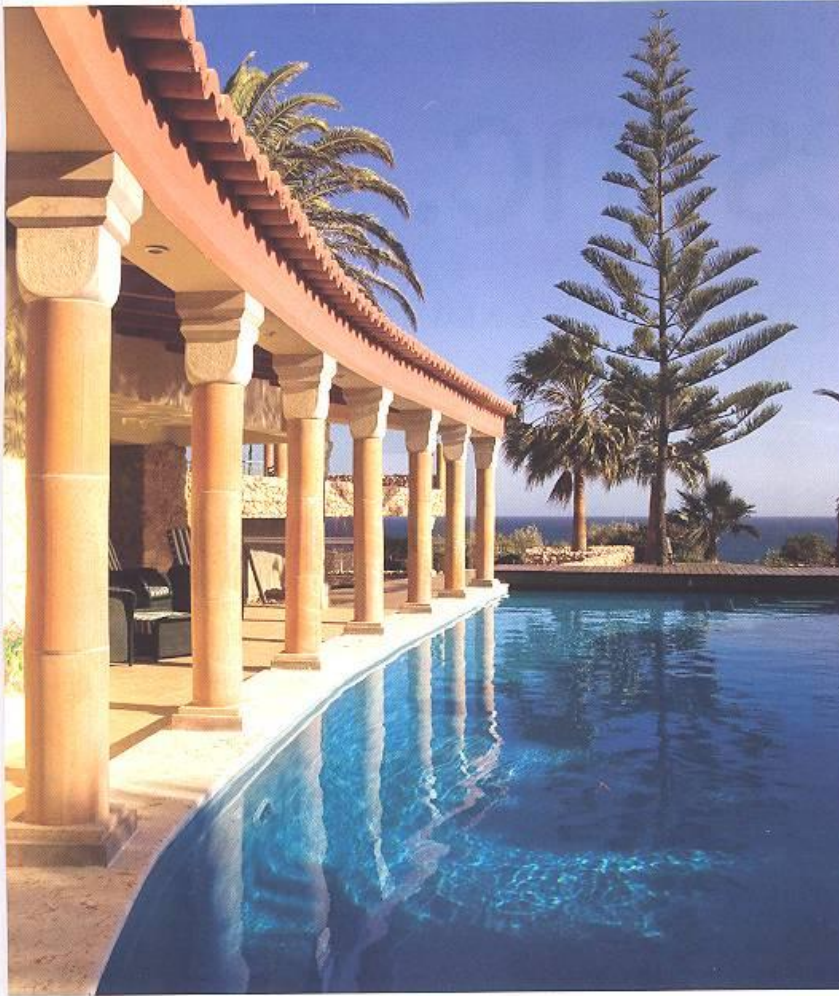
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only use fresh, local ingredients here," says Damian, "and we buy organic whenever possible. Processed products are simply unacceptable."

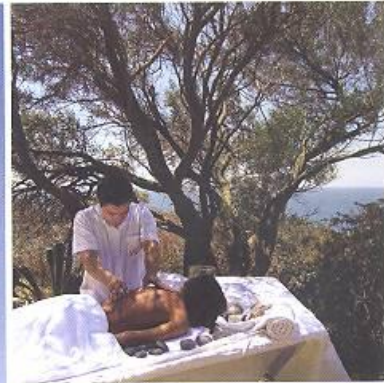
The **Restaurant Mirandus** and its terrace, with imaginative à la carte and daily menus, including the best locally caught fish (how about fresh fish in a Swiss Rösti crust?) are a delight, either day or night; daytime visitors are welcome for lunch or dinner, by reservation. For a family or corporate occasion, it is hard to imagine a more appealing venue. The gardens are as much of a delight with indigenous planting to enhance the natural environment to reduce water consumption.

A variety of innovative packages are on offer to guests. Honeymooners, golfers, sportsmen, romantics, sightseers and others can sign up for weekend, 7, 10 or 14 night packages, built around a combination of

accommodation, gourmet dinners, car hire and special interests. Take advantage of the 10 golf courses that are less than 20 minutes drive away. The hotel's golf packages include reduced green fees and guaranteed tee times at top courses such as Palmares or Penina Championship. A program of golf lessons can be tailored with the hotel's resident golf professional.

HOTEL VIVENDA MIRANDA is the only Portuguese member of the 200 strong Romantik Hotel International Group of owner-run, independent hotels, and thus conforms to the group's high culinary, service and facilities standards.

From every standpoint, **HOTEL VIVENDA MIRANDA**, with its 26 elegant rooms and suites, is the ideal retreat. The Algarve is privileged to have this former family residence open and welcoming to all, to enjoy its many charms. ■



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