



# Casa Del Ingles

Luxury Spanish Home

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## Property Information

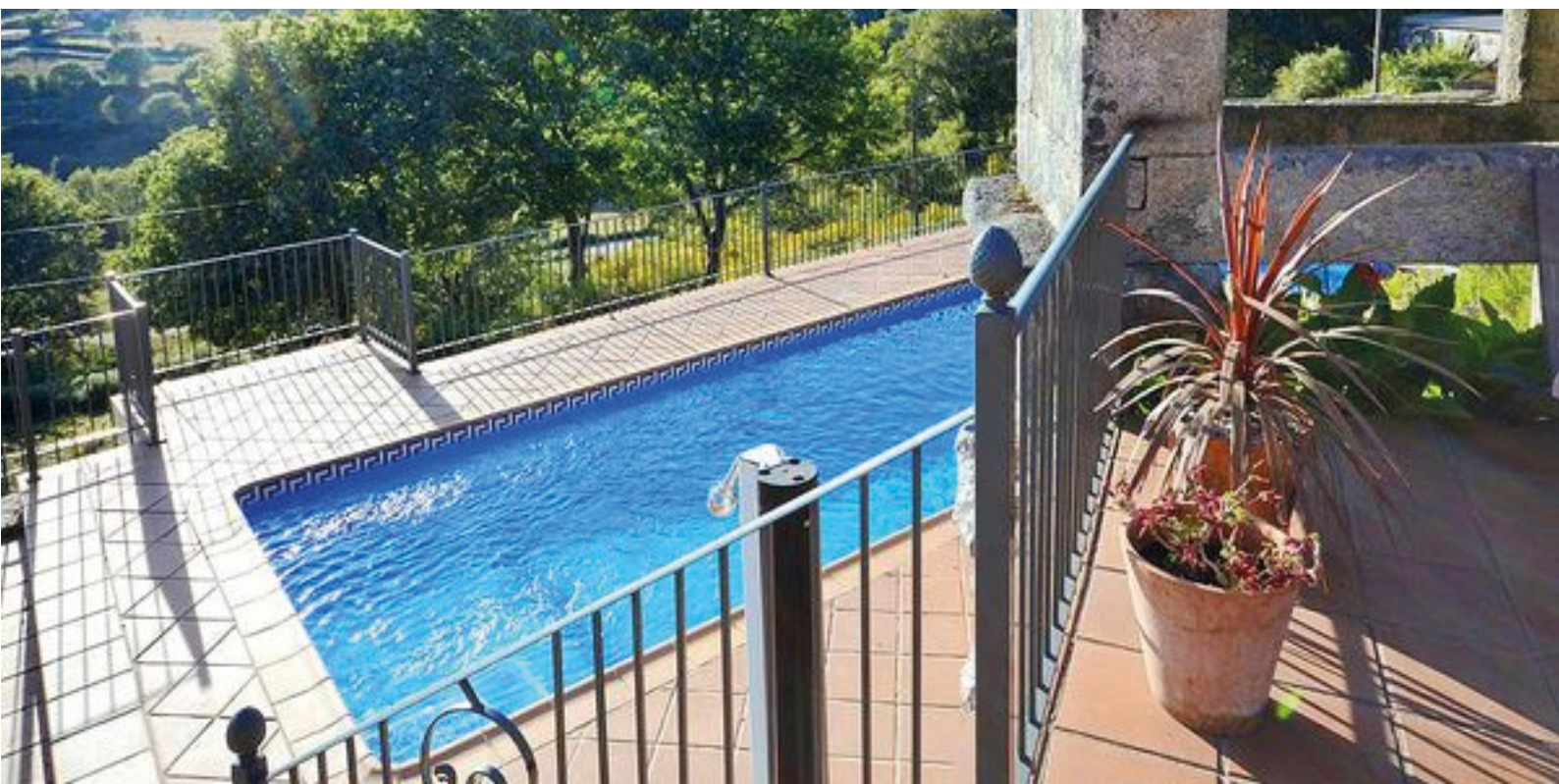
Thank you for your interest in our Spanish home 'Casa Del Ingles'. The house is a restored coaching house in Southern Galicia, perched high in the hills above the superb coastline and beach area of Vigo.

The house restoration project was completed in 2 years by local builders and craftsmen with artisan skills and the completed house is a contemporary version of the original property. The website shows some of the restoration work completed but it only really tells half of the story. As with all restorations, the detailed work that was undertaken was a significant undertaking and every element of the restoration was carefully planned and executed.

In summary the house is made up of 4 bedrooms each with an en-suite bathroom plus a lounge, dining kitchen, reading room, utility room and a games room. It is centrally heated and double glazed through-out. Outdoors there is a private walled courtyard, a large upper terrace area for dining and a lower terrace for sun bathing next to the heated swimming pool. There are also several garden areas with flowering plants, fruit trees, herbs and a 200 year old granite horreo (grain store). There is ample private parking for 5 cars behind the gated entrance. The house is very well equipped and furnished to a high standard throughout.

The house is an excellent choice for a family holiday sleeping 8 comfortably and the beautiful valley has plenty to discover. The area has something for everyone; culture, beaches, sports, amazing food and wine, shopping and even nightlife if you hit the vibrant cities close by. It's an undiscovered gem for walkers, trail runners and cyclists (both mountain and road), set as it is against an amazing backdrop.

Upon arrival at the house you'll find brochures, booklets, maps and lots of information and tips about the local area, things to do, shopping, markets, restaurants, beaches, walks and special places nearby.







## Lounge

The lounge, accessed directly from the dining kitchen, is well proportioned with windows overlooking the terrace & pool area & to the front of the property overlooking the valley. There are French windows opening to a balcony which overlooks the courtyard.

The lounge has a flat screen TV, CD and DVD player, a quality hi-fi with indoor and outdoor (waterproof) speakers, and lots of DVD's and CD's should you want a lazy night in! The lounge is cool in summer but with an open log fire makes for a cozy setting in winter. The log store is always stocked.



## Dining Kitchen

Undoubtedly this is one of our favorite parts of the house! The kitchen is very well equipped with granite work surfaces, double sink and lots of storage in the handmade chestnut units. The equipment list includes a double electric oven with large hob and extractor fan, integrated dishwasher, free standing fridge freezer, coffee machine, microwave, kettle and toaster.

The dining is done on an old English dining table with bench seating and 2 antique carved Spanish chairs with room for 10 to 12 seated comfortably. Crockery and glasses are provided to satisfy this amount of people. The dining kitchen has direct access out onto the upper terrace for al fresco dining and through to the courtyard and reading room.





## Reading Room

The reading room separates the dining kitchen area from the games room and the 3rd and 4th bedrooms, and connects the two parts of the original coaching house and features the cleaned and exposed stone roof of the bodega below.

This is a beautiful room with a picture window looking down the valley and courtyard, offering amazing views. There is comfortable seating with which to enjoy the amazing sunsets.



## Games Room

This large games room is accessed from the reading room and has lots to entertain young and old alike. There is a full size table tennis table with bats and balls, a small pool table and a darts board. There are also board games in the cupboard and shelves full of books to swap and read. You can plug your music into the Bose docking station.

The games room has a window overlooking the rear garden area and also its own entrance with a small terrace area overlooking the driveway and valley below.







## The Courtyard

The courtyard is overlooked from the lounge balcony and the reading room. It is a great place for children to play and for sheltered alfresco dining. There are two entrances front and right with beautiful heavy wooden doors, which can be locked at night. The courtyard can be lit at night to add to your dining experience. The 3 ground floor bedrooms each open out on to the courtyard.

## Master Bedroom

This is a large ground floor double bedroom with windows looking out to the pool and over the valley. There is a door which leads to the courtyard and the bedroom is also accessible via stairs from the dining kitchen. The bedroom features a wrought iron double bed and is furnished with contemporary white washed bedside cabinets, a double wardrobe and chest of drawers with dressing table mirror and a rocking chair. The en-suite has a wet room style walk in shower, toilet and wash basin.



## Bedroom 2

This smaller ground floor double bedroom is adjacent to the master bedroom and also has an entrance to the courtyard and a door to the stairs leading to the dining kitchen. It is furnished with an antique Spanish wooden bed and matching bed side cabinets and wall mirror and is completed with a large pine wardrobe and small set of drawers. The en-suite combines a bath with an overhead shower, toilet and wash basin.



## Bedroom 3

This first floor twin bedroom has a high vaulted ceiling providing a light & airy feel, off the reading room. It is furnished with a pine drawer unit, double wardrobe, bureau style dressing table & a single bed side cabinet. There is a window to the front overlooking the courtyard & the valley and a window to the side overlooking the entrance. The en-suite bathroom has a bath with overhead shower, toilet and wash basin featuring a skylight window.







## Bedroom 4

This ground floor twin bedroom is furnished with antique Spanish wooden beds, a matching mirrored wardrobe and an unusual dressing table! There is a window to the side overlooking the entrance and a door on to the courtyard. There are also stairs leading up to the reading room. The en-suite bathroom has a bath with a shower overhead, toilet and wash basin.



## Pool Area / Upper & Lower Terraces

One of the major attractions of the house is the 10m x 4m heated, chlorine free swimming pool, a rare luxury in the north of Spain. The pool has a large shallow platform for children and reaches a depth of 1.7m. If you roll on the thermal pool cover when you retire for the night, warm swims can be possible before breakfast. The pool and terrace lighting system makes for a great night swim under the stars! The environmentally friendly anti-bacterial filter system means that there is no need for chlorine and no sore eyes after swimming.





The upper terrace features a garden area and the horreo (grain store) and comes with a large modern outdoor dining table and seating for up to 10. It offers spectacular views over the valley. There are plenty of sun loungers, garden furniture, parasols and BBQ equipment.

There is plenty of space on the lower terrace for your sun loungers and parasols by the pool.

## Utility Wash Room

The utility wash room comprises a cloakroom toilet with hand basin, a washing machine, tumble dryer, iron & ironing board, storage space and a door to the upper terrace. All bed linen and towels are provided.





## The village & surrounding area

The village of Prado is a pretty cluster of red pan tiled roofed houses with a church and bar restaurant Bar Xestosa. The people are extremely friendly and as you might expect the bar is the beating heart of the village. It is a great little place where Carmen the owner makes you feel very welcome. She speaks no English but is very accommodating and will arrange evening meals if you wish (simply order the day before). She will also organise fresh bread and pretty much anything else you require!

The Church is also very beautiful and has a stunning interior. Also in the village is a newly created river swimming area (playa fluvial) which is common in these parts. It consists of a renovated water mill, outdoor BBQ's and seating areas next to the river, which has been adapted for swimming. It is really beautiful and tranquil and the river is crystal clear mountain water so yes... it is bracing!

Just 6 km away at Maceira is another, more developed riverside swimming area with a campsite café and shop. From here, you can continue up into the hills to visit the Aguia hermitage. If it's not too hot, then a variety of walks take you to the source of the River Tea, up to the wind turbines high in the hills and on to the highest point in the area (1,150 m altitude), A Roman bridge by a 60-metre waterfall, and the "Chozas": these diminutive, stone shacks with hearths were once used for overnighing by herding families in order to protect their livestock from mountain wolves.

Another local excursion takes you to a natural spring of sulphuric waters—you follow a wooden railing down to the river to reach it—the Galicians swear by it, saying it is good for the skin.

You can also visit two architectural wonders. One is a church and rectory, a true work of art carved out of rock: extraordinarily intricate handwork curves out into the exterior walkway, some in the form of fleurs-de-lys. The other is a series of ancient water mills that are still in working order and are built one above the other, operating in cascade from a single gushing stream.

Those interested in Galician culture will enjoy the local museum in A Ermida that shows what the schoolhouse and barber's were like in the 1940s, as well as the famous stone cross in Covelo: one of many that you will see in Galicia.

The valley is extremely fertile and fruit is everywhere here. From June to August there are grapes, peaches, plums, apples: if you ask, most local farmers will happily let you pick one or two to eat and enjoy.







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