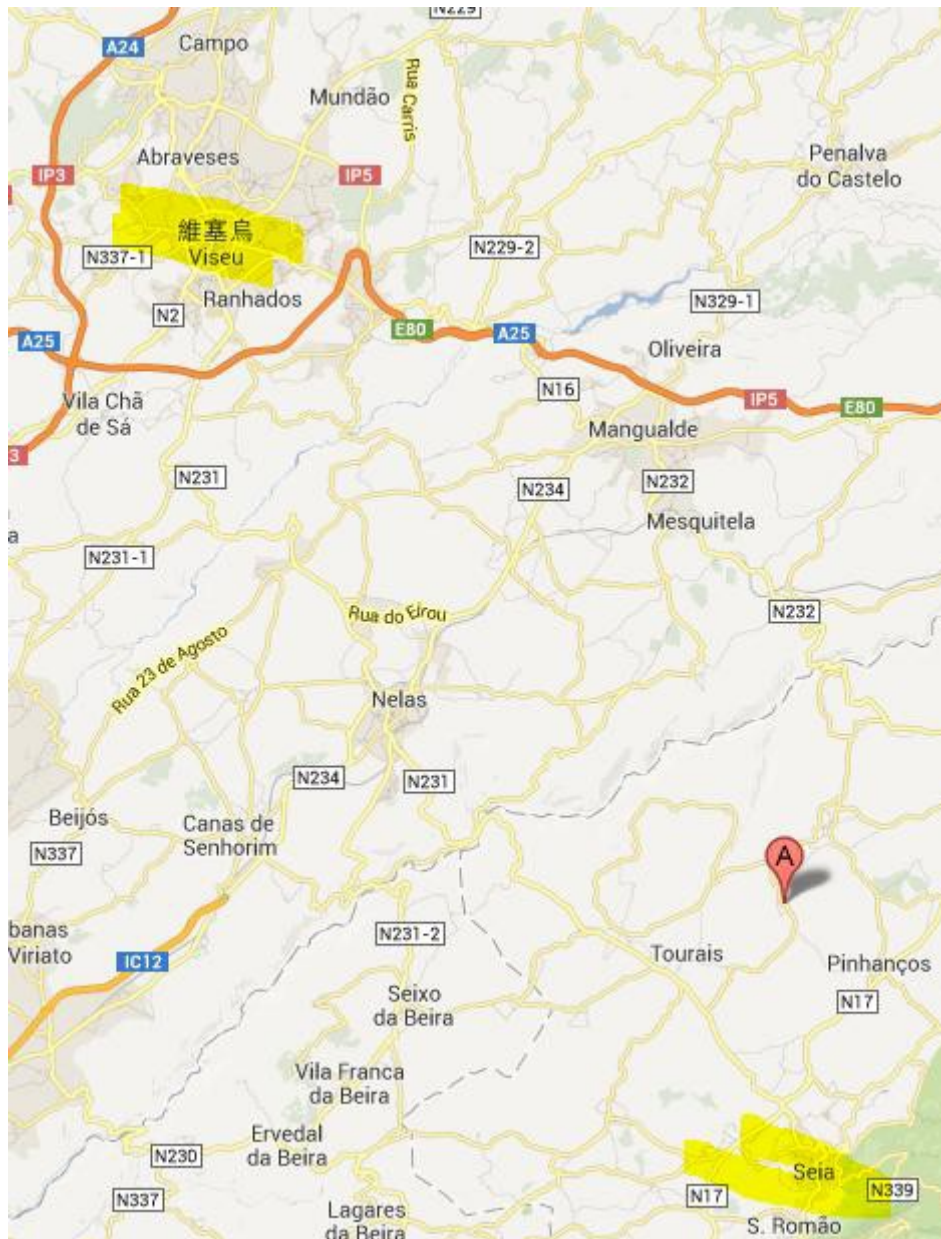


How to Arrive Here

Location:

Quinta da Luz is situated in the Berias, less than 20 minutes from Seia which sits almost halfway up Serra da Estrela. Seia is located just off the N17 which runs from Coimbra to Celorico da Beira and Guarda. The Quinta is on the edge of the village of Lajes, accessible by turnings off the N231 between Nelas and Seia and from the N17 via Rio Torto. The GPS co-ordinates are: Latitude 40°29'10.84"N; Longitude 7°43'44.73"W.





If you wish to stay a few days before an event or notify us of your expected arrival time then please email: office@quintadaluz.org.

By Car:

From the **North and West** the easiest way is to come down the A1 from Porto or the A24 from Vila Real. In both cases turn onto to A25/E80/IP5 heading for Espanha and Guarda. Turn off the A25 at junction 18 heading South for Nelas, Seia and Serra da Estrela. Stay on the N231 through Nelas for Seia. After winding through the countryside you will come to Paranhos da Beira, you will be reminded of this by the cobbles you will be driving over as you enter the town itself. After the GNR station on your right you will come to a sharp right hand bend, cafes on the left. After going round the bend you will see the red Correios sign on your right and a sign on the side of the buildings on your left to V N de Tazem and Girabolhos. Turn here, if you miss it do not worry, take the left turn at the second set of traffic lights – the first is one of the pedestrian crossings you may have noticed on your drive through other villages, they are sensitive to any car going over 50kph in their zone!

Do not be concerned over the narrowing road, keep straight on through the houses and round a sharp right hand bend and onto tarmac! Straight over at the roundabout – this is where you will join if you turned left at the second set of lights, so turn right if you came

that way. Follow along the road, being careful after the second left hand bend to watch out for a sharp right hand bend leading onto a small bridge. Head along past a right hand turn to Seia and then a left to Girabolhos. Ahead of you is the outskirts of the village of Tazem, the road takes a left hand bend, and then just after the start of the cobbles a right, as you come round this bend on the left you will see a mirror, at the apex is a sharp right hand turn to Lages and Lapa. Turn up here, past a bar on the right and a sign of Casa and Quintel 'for sale' on the left.

As you drive up the hill the road will bend left and ahead of you on the right a large granite building with flagpoles and yellow surrounds to its windows. Immediately in front of which is a turn onto a rural track. If it is wet do NOT take this, rather continue up the road and as it bends left past an orangey/pink building on your left and starts to go downhill you will pass a pink building on your right. Slowdown as two buildings later there is a very sharp right turn going behind the second house on your right. Take this turn with its no shooting signs. Stay on this track and then left at the junction ahead of you.

If it is dry and you take the turn in front of the building with the yellow surrounds, turn left at the first junction, then right at the next one, then you are on the same rural road. Stay on the track past the vines and then olives on your left and then vines on both sides of the road after you bear right at the junction. After about 500 metres on the whole track you should sight the orange tiles of the Quinta on your left - there is no other house on the road. A local map is included on the last page.

From the **East**, the easiest route is along the A25 past Guarda, watch Serra da Estrela rising to the front and left of you. Just before Guarda the road splits. Stay on the A25/E80/IP5 heading for Viseu, Celorico da Beira and Mangualde. At Celorico Da Beira, junction 24, leave the A25 for the N17 and head for Coimbra. The road takes you over the A25 heading south and then you will be in rural Portugal proper. The first sign of this will be the pedestrian traffic crossings, if your speed is greater than the mandatory 50 kph, then the lights will turn red even if there is no traffic or pedestrians in sight!

Shortly after passing the 'Star' roundabout with Gouveia to the left, the N17 will start to go downhill and at the left hand bend turn right to Rio Torte. Follow the road until it starts to rise, past an old factory and high on the right a school will be visible, take the left turn to Vila Nova de Tazem. Rising up through the vineyards and along the ridge you will come to a long right hand bend. As the road straightens and the old wall on the left finishes there is a left hand turn to Vila Nova de Tazem. Take this and follow along through new houses to a T junction with a mirror ahead of you. Turn left and follow into the town. At its roundabout take the right hand turn signed to Paranhos. Follow the road round a new building on the left and continue out of the town, past the wine Co-operativa on the right and the olive lagar on the left into Tazem. As the road bends right down into the centre, just past the recycling bins on the left there is a sharp left turn signed to Lajes and Lapa.

Turn up here, past a bar on the right and a sign of Casa and quintel 'for sale' on the left. As you drive up the hill the road will bend left and ahead of you on the right a large granite building with yellow surrounds to its windows. Immediately in front of which is a turn onto a rural road. If it is wet do NOT take this, rather continue up the road and as it bends left past an orangey/pink building on your left and starts to go downhill you will pass a pink building on your right. Slowdown as two buildings later there is a very sharp right turn going behind the second house on your right. Take this turn with its no shooting signs. Stay on this track and then left at the junction ahead of you.

If it is dry and you take the turn in front of the building with the yellow surrounds, turn left at the first junction, then right at the next one, then you are on the same rural road. Stay on this track and then left at the junction ahead of you. Stay on the track past the vines and then olives on your left and then vines on both sides of the road after you bear right at the junction. After about 500 metres on the whole track you should sight the orange tiles of the Quinta on your left - there is no other house on the road.

From the **South** the easiest way is to come up the A1 from Lisbon, turning off at junction 13 signposted Coimbra Norte onto the IP3, direction Viseu. This will take you past Penacova, making several crossings of rivers and alongside lakes. As the road comes up from the Mondego valley and slips between two and one lanes, there is a left hand bend

with a right turn signed to Covilha by the IP6 and then Covilha and Oliveira do Hospital at the actual right turn. Take this and continue along this relatively new road to its end. You will be taken up to the right and at the roundabout turn right to Oliveira do Hospital and then left at the next roundabout onto the N17 heading for Oliveira.

Stay on the N17 past the turns to Oliveira, through three sets of lights you come to the fourth roundabout. There is a Galp petrol station on the left and signed to Seia on the right. Stay on the road to the next roundabout just ahead and turn left onto the N231 signed Nelas and Viseu.

After passing through two sets of traffic lights and past a REN electricity sub-station the road bends left and as it straightens out and starts to rise a pink house is visible on the right. Take the right turn signed to Lajes and Lapa de Tourais. Follow along the road through Lapa's one way system and into Lajes. Pass the church on your right and through the narrow road of the village. As the road leaves the village it rises up and swings to the left, past a sign on the right saying Vila Nova de Tazem.

Almost at the top of the rise you will see ahead of you a right hand bend and just after a 40 km speed sign, straight ahead a track starting at the last white house on the left (if you miss this left turn, the next opportunity to turn around will be by the large granite house on the left with the yellow surrounds). If you need to turn around, come past the pink building on your right. Slowdown as two buildings later there is the very sharp right turn going behind the second house on your right.

Turn left at the first junction, stay on this track past the vines and then olives on your left and then vines on both sides of the road after you bear right at the junction. After about 500 metres on the whole track you should sight the orange tiles of the Quinta on your left - there is no other house on the road.

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