



Tavira 2 bed top floor apartment with private rooftop terrace & parking



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Property for: Sale
Price: USD 424,968.24

Location

Country: Portugal
State/Region/Province: Faro
City: Tavira
Address: Tavira (Santa Maria e Santiago)
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Description:

Situated in the sought-after coastal town of Tavira in the East Algarve, this very well-presented 2 bedroom 2 bathroom top floor penthouse forms part of an established, tree-lined residential area, recognized for its welcoming community atmosphere. A range of cafés, restaurants, a nearby school and a local bus service providing direct access to the town centre are all conveniently located within walking distance. The property comprises of a spacious layout and enjoys an elevated position, affording attractive views across mature greenery, surrounding hills and the coastline. Built in 2007, the apartment has been finished to a high standard, offering a comfortable and well-maintained living environment throughout. A private underground parking space and elevator access is included. A key feature of the property is the exclusive and private use rooftop terrace, complete with a substantial pergola, providing an excellent outdoor area suitable for dining, entertaining and year-round enjoyment of the Algarve climate. This penthouse represents an ideal primary residence, holiday home, or investment opportunity within one of the Algarves most desirable and characterful locations, often referred to as the Venice of the Algarve.

TAVIRA

Set gracefully on both banks of the meandering Rio Gilão, Tavira is often called the "Venice of the Algarve" not for its canals, but for its serene beauty, iconic bridges, and romantic ambiance. Unlike the



more commercialised resorts of the central Algarve, Tavira remains deeply authentic, blending a rich Moorish and Roman heritage with a modern, laid-back lifestyle. As you wander through the cobbled streets lined with azulejo-tiled façades, ancient churches, and blooming jacaranda trees, it becomes clear why Tavira is often described as the Algarves most enchanting town. With over 37 churches, many dating back to the Middle Ages, and a 7-arched Roman bridge said to have been reconstructed during the 17th century, Tavira offers a journey through centuries of Portuguese history. But Tavira is more than just a historic town it's a thriving community that blends culture, nature, and a growing international presence, making it an attractive location for both visitors and expats alike.

Tavira's timeless architecture sits alongside a vibrant contemporary culture. The town's Mercado da Ribeira, a beautifully restored 19th-century market hall, now hosts trendy cafés, artisan shops, and cultural events. The modern municipal market, meanwhile, is a feast for the senses, with fresh produce, local fish, cheeses, and flowers filling the air with aroma and colour. Tavira is also increasingly known for its strong sustainability ethos, with eco-tourism, organic farming, and conservation of the nearby Ria Formosa Natural Park being central to local policy. International families, digital nomads, and retirees are choosing Tavira not only for its beauty and safety but also for its quality of life, walkability, and expanding bilingual services including international schools, healthcare, and real estate offerings.

BEACHES & NATURAL WONDERS

Tavira is blessed with access to some of the most pristine and picturesque beaches in Portugal, thanks to its location adjacent to the Ria Formosa Natural Park, a protected lagoon system and one of Europe's most important wetlands.

Ilha de Tavira (Tavira Island)

Just a short ferry ride from the town, this island stretches over 11 kilometres and features white sands, dunes, and crystal-clear water. It's a Blue Flag beach, indicating exceptional cleanliness and facilities. Tavira Island offers calm waters ideal for families, and its small beach village provides a variety of seaside restaurants and bars.

Praia do Barril

Famous for the Cemitério das Âncoras (Anchor Cemetery), a hauntingly beautiful installation of over 100 rusting tuna boat anchors, this beach was once a thriving centre for the tuna fishing industry. Today, it's a peaceful and spacious beach accessible via a charming miniature train that runs from the mainland through the Ria Formosa wetlands.

Ilha de Cabanas

A tranquil stretch of sand near the fishing village of Cabanas de Tavira, this beach is ideal for long walks, swimming, and watching the traditional fishing boats glide across the water. It remains relatively untouched and serene even in peak season.

Secret Spots

Tavira also hides some lesser-known natural gems. Praia da Terra Estreita, a narrow and quiet beach accessed by boat from Santa Luzia, offers off-the-beaten-track tranquillity, while inland, Pego do Inferno, a hidden waterfall and swimming hole in the hills, provides a magical spot to cool off in the summer.



CULINARY HAVEN

Food lovers will feel at home in Tavira, which is famous for its octopus, caught locally in the village of Santa Luzia, the self-declared Octopus Capital of Portugal.

The town offers everything from rustic taverns serving bacalhau à brás and cataplana de marisco, to fine dining establishments that pair creative interpretations of Algarve cuisine with award-winning Portuguese wines.

Some standout restaurants include:

A Ver Tavira With views over the rooftops and river, this fine-dining spot offers refined Portuguese cuisine with a twist.

No de Gosto Known for its fusion dishes and stylish setting.

Marisqueira F A local favourite for fresh seafood and relaxed atmosphere.

Santa Luzia Restaurants For the best octopus dishes, stroll along the water in nearby Santa Luzia.

WHAT TO SEE IN TAVIRA

Praça da República The town's central square is perfect for people-watching and cultural events.

Roman Bridge (Ponte Romana) A photogenic highlight, particularly at sunset.

Castelo de Tavira The remnants of a Moorish castle offering panoramic views over the town and coast.

Igreja da Misericórdia Known for its stunning blue tile panels inside.

Camera Obscura at the Water Tower (Torre de Tavira) A unique way to see the town in real time through a periscope-style device.

Tavira dArtes A thriving arts centre showcasing work by Portuguese and international artists.

Islamic Museum Celebrating Tavira's Moorish past with fascinating artefacts.

THINGS TO DO IN TAVIRA

Tavira is not just for sightseeing it's for living. Here are some popular activities:

Walking & cycling along scenic trails and riverbanks

Birdwatching in the Ria Formosa (home to flamingos and rare species)

Boat tours to discover hidden islands and marine life

Historical tours and Moorish heritage walks

Photography & painting, thanks to the town's stunning natural light

Culinary workshops & wine tastings

Outdoor sports including golf, tennis, and water sports

Festivals like the Festa da Ria Formosa and Tavira Summer Music Festival

THE EXPAT EXPERIENCE

More and more Northern Europeans are discovering the magic of Tavira not just as tourists but as new residents. With an established international community, bilingual services, and a welcoming local population, Tavira has become one of the top destinations in the Algarve for full-time living. It strikes the perfect balance: small enough to feel personal and authentic, yet cosmopolitan enough to offer comfort, community, and culture.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Tavira isn't just a place you visit it's a place that invites you to stay. With its enchanting mix of history,



nature, cuisine, and charm, its no wonder so many are falling in love with this jewel of the eastern Algarve.

Whether you're looking to holiday, retire, relocate, or simply escape for a while, Tavira offers an experience thats timeless, grounded, and quietly irresistible.

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Built: 2007

Common

Bedrooms: 2
Bathrooms: 2
Finished sq. ft.: 93 sq m

Lease terms

Date Available:

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