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KEY FACTS

Dating back to 1910, the aristocratic Belle Époque Vidago Palace Hotel carries a legacy of lavish hospitality, comfort and immaculate service into the 21st century following a transformative renovation completed in 2010.

Boasting 70 individually designed rooms and suites, Vidago Palace Hotel was reimagined by a dual team of talented Portuguese designers: José Pedro Lopes Vieira and Diogo Rosa Lã, who retained or re-created its elegant period features with a fresh eye for design and detail.

Portugal's Masterchef Rui Paula has masterminded the range of culinary experiences offered in the property's six diverse restaurants. From imaginative fine dining and live jazz in the Grand Ballroom and sunny breakfasts in the glass-roofed Winter Garden, casual rustic fare in The Club House and summertime Pool Bar, there is a choice for every occasion or whim: wedding, celebration or weekend away. Pick the Four Seasons Room for its literary salon-style, or the handsome Wine Cellar for private dining and tastings.

At the heart of the resort is Vidago's ultra-contemporary, Álvaro Siza Vieira-designed Thermal Spa, offering exceptional specialist treatments and programmes devised by expert medics and balneologists, which integrate the curative properties of the estate's remarkable mineral waters.

Vidago Palace Hotel Golf Course opened in 1936, the course was originally designed by Scottish specialist Philip Mackenzie Ross and later renovated and expanded in 2010 by Cameron Powell, who made it even more challenging. The award winning 18-hole par 72 golf course offers raised tees, bunkers and greens and includes a golf academy, 340m driving range, chipping area and two putting greens. A junior golf programme is available.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

Oporto Airport: 1 hr, 10 min drive by car / 127 km

Vila Real aerodrome: 40 min drive by car / 40 km

Vigo Airport, Spain: 1 hr, 54 min drive by car / 190 km

Flight time from the UK: 2 hr, 10 min

Airlines flying from the UK (direct): British Airways, easyJet, RyanAir, TAP Portugal (indirect): Swiss, Iberia, Lufthansa, Brussels Airlines

ACCOMMODATION

70 rooms and suites including:

41 Classic rooms: seating area, private furnished terrace, view over the façade and park

16 Superior rooms: twin or king size bed, bathrooms with large bathtub or shower, space for an extra bed, park view

3 Privilege Rooms: spacious bathroom with bathtub and separate shower, seating area

6 Junior Suites: 39-49 sq.m, double or twin bed, bathroom with bathtub and separate shower, living room, park view

4 Suites: spacious bathroom, dressing room, living room

with desk area and sofa bed

FACILITIES

70 luxury guest rooms and suites decorated in a sophisticated British style, evocative of the Belle Époque: includes Classic, Superior and Privilege rooms that are spacious yet cosy, featuring attractive chaises longues and generous bathrooms. The Junior Suites and Suites are equipped with modern luxuries and offer superb parkland views

Grand Ballroom Restaurant: majestic gourmet restaurant open for lunch and dinner, serving refined traditional dishes from Northern Portugal using organic ingredients re-interpreted by acclaimed chef Rui Paula; with an enchanting atmosphere and direct access to the front garden of the hotel

Winter Garden Room: a romantic conservatory offering a daily breakfast of fresh pastries, fruit and delicious hot and cold specialties, featuring a large glass skylight and opening onto the terrace overlooking the hill and Spa

Wine Cellar: a focal point of the hotel, the cellar is a warm, welcoming space where guests can sample and savour top-quality wines with complimentary snacks. It has been designed as a bistro dedicated to wine-tasting in an elegant café-like atmosphere, ideal for private events, and includes a wine shop selling wine and local products including olive oil, bottled fruit and vegetables, cheese and preserves

Four Seasons Room: a bar and lounge, designed in the

style of a literary 18th century salon with natural daylight and French windows that open onto the terraces

The Clubhouse: an impressive yet informal bar and restaurant serving local and international dishes, set in a spacious welcoming space separate from the hotel, with casual indoor and outdoor seating on two stone terraces within the park, a living area and shop – ideal to grab a bite or drink or simply relax in between rounds of golf

Pool Bar: an inviting setting for guests to enjoy a cold drink or light meal and relax in a sun lounger surrounded by the ancient park. Themed dinners are available in the summer months

The Golf Course: The award-winning 18-hole par 72 golf course offers raised tees, bunkers and greens and includes a golf academy, 340m driving range, chipping area and two putting greens. A junior golf programme is available

Vidago Palace Spa: an oasis set amidst 100 hectares of scented pine and cedar trees within the park, offering exclusive wellness and beauty treatments and programmes based on the virtues of Vidago's mineral water. It comprises 20 treatment rooms, two outdoor pools and an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, Turkish bath, sauna, state-of-the-art gym, meditation area, relaxation room and a juice bar.

Facilities for Children: kids menus, indoor playroom with books and toys, access to the Spa's swimming pool and special children's spa programmes

PRIVATE ROOMS

Conference Centre: This beautiful historic building offers 7 meeting rooms, one multi-purpose room, one reception room, one bar lounge and an auditorium in an amphi-theatre, which can seat up to 264 people. It is suitable for all types of events from conferences, seminars and international meetings to festivals, private events and product launches. Outdoor event space is also available, providing a beautiful setting for weddings.

DID YOU KNOW?

The hotel's multi award-winning consultant chef Rui Paula is recognised for his participation in Masterchef Portugal since 2014, his four outstanding restaurants in Portugal and two books compiling the best of his eye-catching recipes using tasty and fresh ingredients.

In 2015 he won the 'Best Portuguese Cookbook' award from the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards and this year he was honoured by the Portuguese Gastronomy Academy as the 'Best in the Art of Cooking'.

Vidago's thermal water was first discovered by a farm labourer in the 19th century. The rich alkaline waters come from four cold mineral springs, three of which bubble to the surface within the grounds of the hotel's park. It is known to have a high mineral content with therapeutic properties that ease digestion, decongest the liver and help cleanse the kidneys.

Vidago's water began being bottled in 1886 and at one point 500,000 bottles were produced annually with it receiving gold medals and certificates of achievement. It can still be tasted directly from the spring in its highly concentrated, naturally carbonated form.

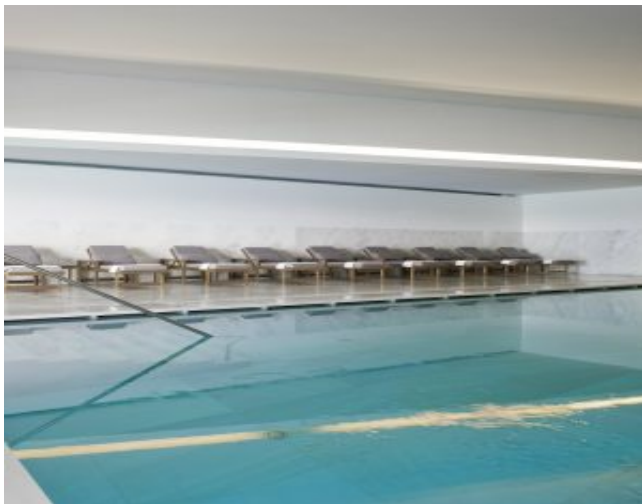
The Portugal Senior Open took place at the Vidago Palace Golf Course in 2014, when American golf player Tim Thelan won the event as part of the European Senior Tour.



Hotel Facade



Grand Staircase



Indoor Pool



Outdoor Pool



The Park and outdoor events space



Outdoor Terrace



Vidago Palace Bus



18-Hole Golf Course



Suite



Winter Garden Restaurant

