



Beyond the ALGARVE

Dunas villa rendering, Terras da Comporta



Dunas clubhouse rendering, Terras da Comporta



West Cliffs villa rendering

Portugal's far south is renowned for its exclusive golf communities, but the country's Atlantic coast is adding an exciting new dimension to the Iberian golf landscape.

Portugal's west coast is as far west as the terra firma of continental Europe stretches. The region has been carved by the North Atlantic into a rugged, rocky landscape, where the Portuguese government has allowed for limited, sensitive development. The area is known for its surf breaks, its wines, and its agreeable year-round climate, as well as the culture that comes from being in close proximity to Lisbon, Western Europe's oldest city.

For its many charms—and its relatively easy-to-navigate residency requirements—Portugal has become a highly popular location for expats, with research showing that the number of Americans living in the country rose 45 percent from 2021 to 2022. “The Portuguese economy has been growing, real estate values are rising, the tourism market is very strong, and Portugal is a very safe country,” says Jose Cardoso Botelho, CEO of Vanguard Properties, which is leading the development at Terras da Comporta, a golf resort community about 100 miles south of Lisbon. “Now is a very good time to invest in Portugal.”

Golfers have long enjoyed a number of real estate options in the Algarve, the famed resort region in Portugal's south. Thanks to developments like Terras da Comporta, the west coast has now become a viable, less touristed alternative. —ROBIN BARWICK ©

Terras da Comporta

Terras da Comporta comprises two resorts—Torre and Dunas—each of which will eventually offer two hotels. The Dunas 18-hole golf course, designed by David McLay Kidd, opened last October, and a Sergio Garcia design is due at Torre in summer 2025. Vanguard has plans for 730 residential units in total, with turn-key properties ranging from about \$3.7 million to \$25 million.

Praia D'el Rey and West Cliffs

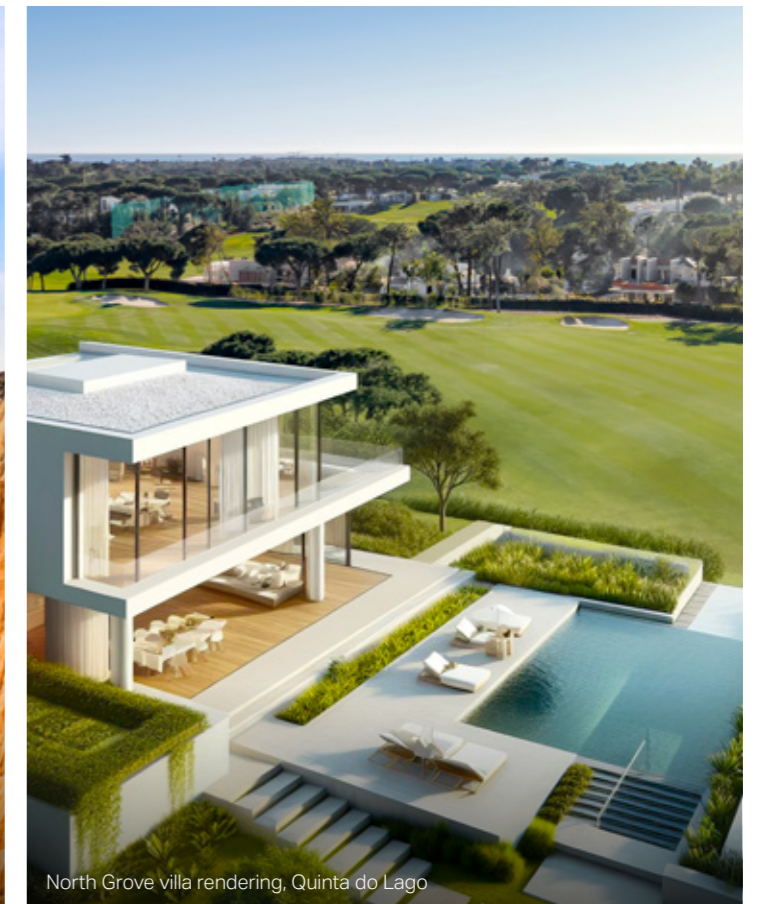
Sixty miles north of Lisbon, the sibling resorts Praia D'el Rey and West Cliffs have two excellent golf courses. Praia D'el Rey's 18-hole layout, designed by Cabell B. Robinson, swings between pine forests and dunes, with views over the Atlantic and the Berlengas Islands. The Cynthia Dye–designed West Cliffs course opened in 2017, and yet it plays as if it is as old as the dunes that define many of the holes. Among the destination's real estate offerings is a new collection of villas and townhouses at West Cliffs, where owners will enjoy golf course and ocean vistas.

Quinta do Lago

Though new-plot options are limited, real estate opportunities remain on the Algarve. The final areas of undeveloped land at the famous Quinta do Lago resort are at the One Green Way community and at North Grove, the latter of which has 13 sites available for custom luxury villas. Quinta do Lago offers 54 holes of great golf, as well as a Paul McGinley golf academy and enough restaurant options so that owners can eat somewhere different every night for a fortnight.



Gale Beach, Comporta



North Grove villa rendering, Quinta do Lago