THE LINCE

# SANTA CLARA

HISTORIC HOTEL

# A journey of culture, flavors and history begins

A hidden gem, 20-minute drive from Porto



# 700 years of history blended with contemporary luxury

Once upon a time, there was a beloved son of King D. Dinis - D. Afonso Sanches - that felt in love with the heiress of Vila do Conde - D. Teresa Martins de Meneses. Together, they founded the Santa Clara Monastery back in May of 1318.

The building as we know it today is the result of a process developed in the XVIII century and presents several features corresponding to the Neoclassical style. It stands out for its **uniqueness**, **architectural sobriety**, **grandeur**, **geometric rigor** and **symmetry**, being a monument of great patrimonial value and a landmark for the city of Vila do Conde.

For many years, it was home to the Poor Clares Monastery — their legends and vows of silence still echo in the serene atmosphere that defines the Santa Clara Historic Hotel today.

Still gazing out over the River Ave, the sea, and the charming town of Vila do Conde, The Lince Santa Clara Hotel offers an atmosphere unlike any other — refined yet inviting, luxurious yet intimate, steeped in heritage yet effortlessly contemporary.

Awarded **Two Michelin Keys** in 2025, The Lince Santa Clara Historic Hotel proudly reaffirms its dedication to excellence, delivering a truly exceptional experience where history and modernity coexist in perfect harmony.

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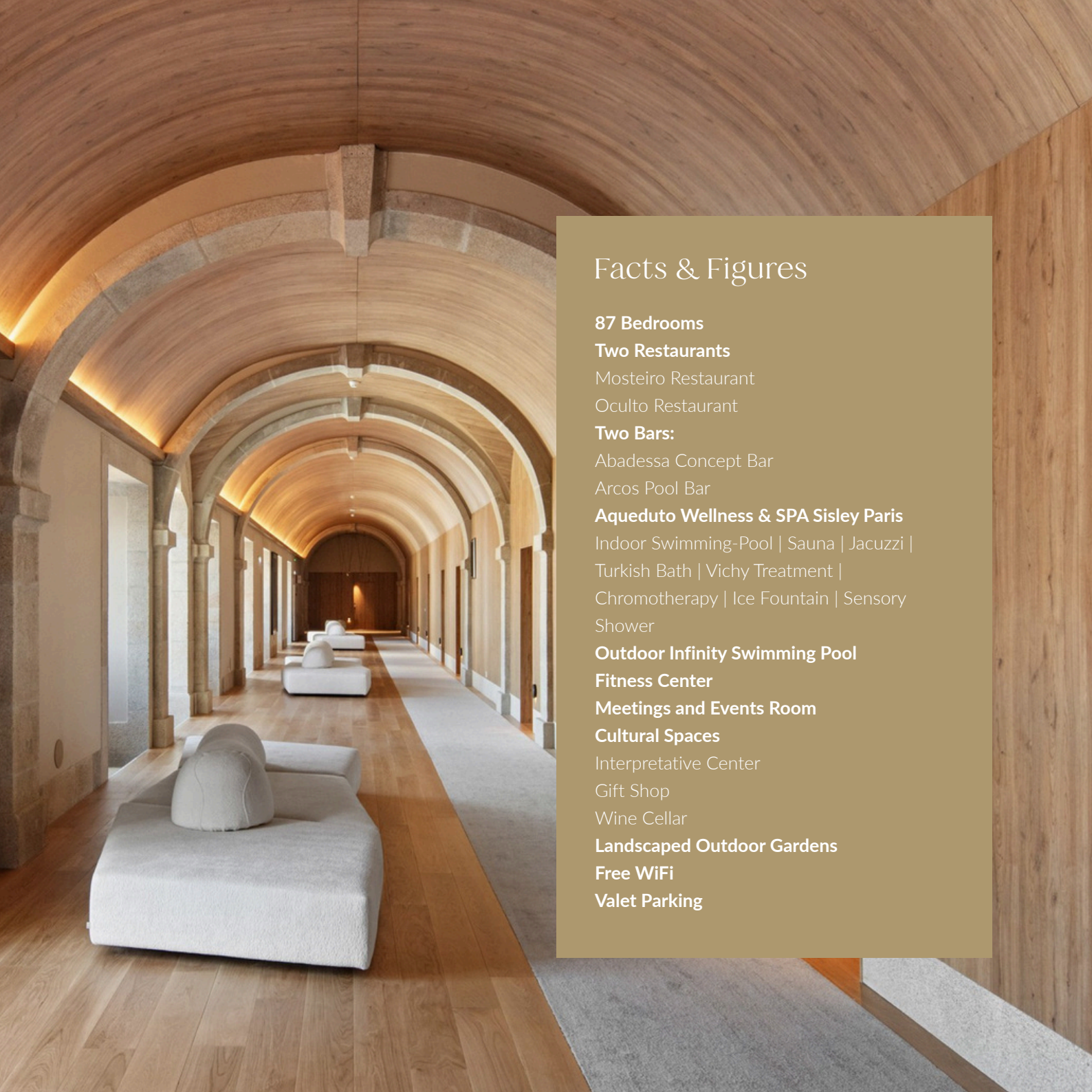
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## Facts & Figures

**87 Bedrooms**
**Two Restaurants**
Mosteiro Restaurant
Oculto Restaurant
**Two Bars:**
Abadessa Concept Bar
Arcos Pool Bar
**Aqueduto Wellness & SPA Sisley Paris**
Indoor Swimming-Pool | Sauna | Jacuzzi | Turkish Bath | Vichy Treatment | Chromotherapy | Ice Fountain | Sensory Shower
**Outdoor Infinity Swimming Pool**
**Fitness Center**
**Meetings and Events Room**
**Cultural Spaces**
Interpretative Center
Gift Shop
Wine Cellar
**Landscaped Outdoor Gardens**
**Free WiFi**
**Valet Parking**















# Michelin Star
# Oculto Restaurant

From the Latin *occultus*. Hidden, Secret and Mysterious.

At the heart of this fine dining experience lies a celebration of fresh produce and marine delicacies. Drawing inspiration from the ocean's bounty, each dish is a harmonious blend of flavours, meticulously crafted to awaken the senses and transport diners on a culinary journey that pays homage to this coastal city.

Oculto is the name that celebrates the discovery of the hotel's new floor, revealed only during the monastery's renovation. This space embodies the sublime, enchanting with perfection and dazzling with grandeur, where human skill merges with the ninth art: gastronomy. Each dish is a culinary masterpiece, executed with mastery and authenticity.

**MICHELIN** 2025

**MICHELIN** 2026

# Serene experiences. Discover Vila do Conde

**TO SEE**

**Monastery of Santa Clara & Aqueduct**
A striking Gothic convent with panoramic views, complemented by one of the longest aqueducts in Portugal.

**Nau Quinhentista**
(16th-Century Ship Replica) – A full-scale reconstruction of a Portuguese carrack, offering insight into the Age of Discoveries.

**Praia de Azurara & Coastal Walks**
Golden beaches and scenic Atlantic promenades perfect for relaxation and ocean views.

**Visit Rendas de Bilros Museum**
This museum is dedicated to the art of bobbin lace-making, a craft with deep roots in the region. Exhibits showcasing intricate lacework created by local artisans.

**Surf Lessons**
Consistent waves, sandy beaches, and several surf schools where beginners can take lessons, while more experienced surfers can enjoy the challenging breaks along the coast.

**Historic Center Walking Tour**
Stroll cobbled streets, admire baroque churches, and explore charming squares.



Discover More

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