

Casa dos Loios, Porto - B&B And Beyond: 'The square root of Portuguese style'

Hidden above a minimarket in the city centre is an elegant guesthouse that offers great value, says Sophie Lam

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Grand designs: one of the top-floor suites

Finding Casa dos Loios can be a challenge at the best of times, so arriving when a sound system and its attendant Sagres-swigging crowd had swallowed up the best part of the square on which it stands, probably wasn't the smartest move. The discreet B&B occupies two floors above a minimarket on a pedestrianised square in the thrum of Porto's ancient Vitoria district. Over the weekend of my visit, a free festival celebrating Portugal's historic squares had populated the city with a dozen or so stages of DJs and bands that played throughout the day and into the night.

Happily and in spite of its age the townhouse in which Casa dos Loios is located is well insulated and most of its rooms are set