THE MADE REAL BLUEPRINT / STEP 2

# A rented house with land in the Serra do Açor, *inland from Coimbra – around Góis, Arganil or Pampilhosa da Serra.*

Portugal · Coimbra district · around Góis

Anna · 14 March 2027

## THE LIFE AROUND THE HOUSE




Travel times as I recorded them, not measured on a map. A green dot is something I checked; an ochre dot is still an estimate.

## Go further with this place

It does not give me a market town on the doorstep. The nearest proper market is twenty-five minutes away, and I have decided I can live with that.

FROM RESEARCH TO REAL LIFE

# What I learned here

Eight days in February gave me what the research could not: an ordinary winter week, with laundry, bad weather that disrupted the internet connection, and nothing special happening.

COUNTRIES / MY SCORES OUT OF 20




My own scores on the workbook's ten factors. The highest total is not automatically the right answer; it is a way of seeing where they differ.

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THE VISIT / IN MY OWN WORDS

"On the Wednesday it rained all day, I worked until two and then walked to the village in the wet, and it still felt like my life."

AN ORDINARY WEEK

"How quiet the valley is after eight in the evening, and how far away everyone I know would be."

WHAT I WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE SEEN

WHAT CHANGED

The house: the cold old places I had been looking at are not workable, so I am looking at newer rentals.
The language: fewer people spoke English than I expected, so I start lessons now.
The distance: Lotte would be a flight away, not a drive.

THE NEXT CHECKS

# More real than the guess

Step 1 · what I guessed a month would cost **€2,245**

Step 2 · what I found **€2,360**

What I found is €115 more than I guessed. About €2,360 a month, checked against real bills in February rather than brochure figures.

**–€710**

**a month, on the income I can count on**

€1,650 confirmed from the three clients. Everything above that is hoped for, not counted.

OPEN BEFORE THE NEXT DECISION

- Whether the fibre holds in a storm.
- What the house really costs to heat in January.
- Whether I will still want this in my third winter.

MY NEXT SMALL STEP / REVIEW ON 1 MAY 2027

## Book a second visit, alone, for ten days: 12 to 21 April 2027

My legal route, as I recorded it: Residency as a self-employed person. I must prove steady income, health cover and an address.