GALLURA'S SENSUAL LIFESTYLE

In Gallura hospitality is almost a vocation, it is the spirit of the region. Perhaps because the Costa Smeralda sea is too beautiful not to share; perhaps it is the countryside, infused with nature's fragrance and wild beauty; perhaps it is simply the soul of the people, always ready to welcome company. A hundred years ago Gallurans invited guests to their rustic *stazzo*, country house, or on board a lateen sailboat; today we offer our family-owned hotel, Villa del Golfo, and take guests to sea on a sleek yacht, always with that warm Galluran hospitality.

THE RESORT

Villa del Golfo Lifestyle Resort is an Italian retreat, nurtured by one family. Immersed in nature, the air is fragrant with myrtle and Mediterranean evergreens. Shaded porticos and sun-drenched terraces offer panoramic views across Cannigione Bay and the Maddalena Archipelago. Architecture follows the soft contours of the hillside, interiors are rustic chic, showcasing local craftsmanship.

THE SETTING

Whitewashed walls, brick arches and terracotta roofs are set amidst peaceful courtyards and gardens, while tiled interiors are light and welcoming. Aperitivi and Mediterranean dining are served with spectacular views across the Sardinian sea of Gallura. An infinity seawater pool in the gardens, merges with the blue horizon. For cooler evenings there is a library with an open fire.

THE ACCOMODATION

All 56 rooms and suites have fabulous views over the gulf. Our finest accommodations are 38 Charming SeaView Suites, 6 Sea View Suites, 6 Superior Sea View Suites with private pool and 6 Luxury Sea View Suites with private pool at the top of the hill. Hotel buggies are available to whisk guests up and down the hillside.Guestrooms are simple and stylish, featuring antiques, contemporary ceramics and Sardinian artisanal pieces.

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THE RESTAURANTS

Cuisine reflects the owners' Sardinian heritage and Italian lifestyle. Three restaurants are each dedicated to a different repertoire of local specialties. Chefs are deeply knowledgeable about the culinary traditions of Gallura and Sardinia, and offer the most famous typical dishes of the region, occasionally adding their own modern twist with adept creativity.

THE MIRALUNA RESTAURANT

A panoramic veranda overlooks the bay of Cannigione, romantic in the evenings and an especially refreshing view in the mornings. Menus are inspired by the Mediterranean with the best fresh local ingredients, often gathered on the day, and accompanied by the island's excellent wines. Sunset aperitifs are served in Miraluna's lounge bar, with live music.

LA COLTI FARM

La Colti is an ancient Gallurese farmhouse a few minutes away on the family estate. It is an atmospheric stone building with two large dining rooms, open fire and a courtyard garden. An authentic rustic setting where guests can be immersed in Sardinian gastronomic traditions, and taste local dishes prepared with fresh organic ingredients from the estate.

THE CUTTER LOUNGE & RESTAURANT

This veranda on Cannigione beach, a few minutes from the hotel, is an informal chic setting, by the calming lap of the sea. Open all day for delicious salads, light specialties from land and sea, aromatic pizzas and homemade patisseries. At sunset enjoy an aperitif, spending a pleasant evening in the cool sea breeze.

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VILLA DEL GOLFO LIFESTYLE RESORT

PRIVATE DINING

ACQUA DI MARE

Our private deck set on the edge of the sea, with waves lapping beneath you, is a sensual setting to celebrate a special occasion. Sip an aperitif at sunset followed by a personalised dinner prepared by the Miraluna chefs.

CHIARO DI LUNA

Sail through the Maddalena Archipelago on board the resort's Bonaria yacht with a sunset aperitif. Anchor in the harbour for a candlelit dinner in the care of our crew. A romantic atmosphere for dinner between sea and a starlit sky.

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THINGS TO SEE

The Costa Smeralda, and the prestigious ports of Porto Cervo and Porto Rotondo; the whitest beaches; the Maddalena Archipelago National Park; the wild Gallurese landscapes and their extraordinary archaeological sites; precious local craftsmanship, lively local markets, ancient festivals and authentic island traditions.

CANNIGIONE

The white sandy beach of Barca Bruciata and the sheltered waters of Cala Ulticheddu can both be reached in just a few minutes using the hotel shuttles. Stroll or cycle along the marvellous seafront to the nearby village of Cannigione. Browse the small markets, handicraft shops and join in the lively evening scene.

THE EMERALD COAST

Conceived by Prince Karim Aga Khan in the sixties, the Costa Smeralda is undoubtedly the most famous and exclusive holiday resort in the world. International jet setters have been arriving here each summer for over fifty years, on princely yachts or private jets, to experience architecture that has made history, to attend parties and important events, and to make their own mark in its history. Above all, visitors come to enjoy the incomparable beauty of the nature and the sea. Liscia Ruja, Grande Pevero, Capriccioli, La Celvia, Il Principe: these are just some of the most famous beaches around the world, renowned for the unique clarity of their emerald waters, the dazzling whiteness of their sand and the marvellous constellation of islets that crown the area.

THE MADDALENA ARCHIPELAGO

La Maddalena, Caprera, Spargi, Santo Stefano, Budelli, Razzoli, Santa Maria are the largest of the numerous islands that make up the Maddalena Archipelago National Park. One of the most astounding natural reserves in the Mediterranean renowned for its crystal clear waters, emerald coves, uniquely shaped rocks, and rich marine life. The area also has a fascinating history, with the lingering spirits of pirates who colonised the islands over the centuries, bandits who found refuge in them, and the hero Garibaldi who chose to retire in its serenity, away from the world.

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VILLA DEL GOLFO LIFESTYLE RESORT

IN THE HEART OF GALLURA

Beyond the famously clear emerald seas, Gallura offers a great many interesting landscapes, from naturalistic, historical and archaeological points of view. Rugged mountains alternate with soft valleys, Mediterranean countryside is crossed with neat rows of vines and olive trees. Nuraghi stand atop the hills, next to ancient megalithic ruins; small villages with stone houses are dotted across the landscape, home to communities who take great pride in their culture and ancient traditions.

ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES

At Villa del Golfo Lifestyle Resort we offer quests engaging adventures in Gallura that leave lasting impressions.

BONARIA SAILING YACHT

BonAria is the Hotel's prestigious Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 53. Sail with a group or privately, through the Maddalena Archipelago National Park. A superb lunch is served on board, and parties can dive into the crystal clear waters along this coveted Mediterranean coast.

ARIABONA YACHT

Our AriaBona launch can whisk guests to several destinations: spend half a day on the wild island of Caprera; or in the Marine Protected Area of Tavolara-Punta Coda Cavallo. Guests can cross the Strait of Bonifacio and dock in neighbouring Corsica to stroll among cobblestone streets in the beautiful clifftop town of Bonifacio.

BEACH DECK

Just a stone's throw from the Hotel, and reserved exclusively for our guests, is a small deck over the sea. There are stylish recliners, and refreshments are served from the Miraluna Lounge Bar.

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ARMONIA SPA

The spa team offer relaxing massages and treatments with organic cosmetics infused with fragrant Sardinian and Mediterranean herbs. There is a well-equipped gym and heated swimming pool with counter-current swimming jets.

THE BOUTIQUE

A showcase of Sardinian artistic handicrafts, with ceramics by Caterina Cossu and a collection of fashion and jewellery. There is a selection of the island's delicacies for guests to remember the flavours of Sardinia, these include cured meats, cheese, oil, jams, pasta, desserts and wines.

COOKING LESSONS AT LA COLTI FARM

Traditional Sardinian cooking classes at La Colti farmhouse in the old family estate. A fascinating step back in time to learn the secrets of handmade pasta and bread, fruit jams, olive oil and typical Gallurese desserts. A souvenir of traditions for guests to recreate on their return home.

WINE TASTING

Sardinia is an ancient land of wines, with archaeological evidence in Nuragic villages. Over time the region has refined the winemaking processes to collect many prestigious international awards. The Hotel organises tours to the best local wineries: an opportunity to taste, and learn about the fascinating journey of winemaking, from pressing the grapes to ageing.

YOGA LESSONS

An exceptional teacher leads yoga sessions, in the evenings on the beach, soothed by sounds of the sea, by daytime in the shade of an oak forest, infused with the scents of the countryside. Through relaxing postures and harmonised breathing, guests learn the art of total relaxation to the flow of nature.

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LIFESTYLE RESORT

WATER SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF GALLURA

The Hotel offers windsurfing, kitesurfing, paddle surfing, whale watching and kayaking in Costa Smeralda's crystal clear waters, guided by reliable and knowledgeable local instructors. There are also treks and climbs through the island's rugged countryside. Nearby is tennis and horse riding. For a bird's eye tour of Costa Smeralda we can organise a helicopter tour. The Concierge is available to make entirely bespoke arrangements.

SEAVIEW WEDDINGS

Celebrations framed by a spectacular panorama, surrounded by Costa Smeralda's glittering sea. Our team will arrange one of the most beautiful days of the couple's life, infusing nuptials with the scents and surroundings of the Galluran countryside. The event can be staged on our poolside terrace or in our gardens, overlooking the spectacularly photogenic bay. At the end of celebrations couples can be whisked away on our sailing yacht to begin their honeymoon. With pre-wedding dinners in our rustic farmhouse, or dancing under the stars, we promise to create a party to remember.

SUNLIT EVENTS

Villa del Golfo Lifestyle Resort has proven an enormously successful destination for a variety of social and business events: be that anniversary party, new product launch, executive retreat or incentive programme. Our Event Space is a bright and spacious environment, hosting up to 150 people, with a further choice of private rooms such as the a firelit library, the pool terrace or a grand suite overlooking the bay. We offer unforgettable settings, superb cuisine, multimedia technology and abundant creative ideas.

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OUR LOCATION

The Villa del Golfo Lifestyle Resort is a luxurious hotel overlooking the sea, with a breathtaking view of the Gulf of Arzachena, the Maddalena Archipelago and Costa Smeralda. 10 minute walk from the lively village of Cannigione and the most picturesque beaches in the area, Barca Bruciata and Le Piscine. Nearby is the Costa Smeralda and the wonderful beaches of Principe, Grande Pevero, Capriccioli and Liscia Ruja.

The Villa del Golfo Lifestyle Resort is 30 km from the "Olbia Costa Smeralda" airport, 18 km from Porto Cervo, 12 km from Baia Sardinia, 14 km from Palau and 43 km from Santa Teresa di Gallura.

HOW TO REACH US

To reach the Villa del Golfo Lifestyle Resort, we advise you to follow the scenic route along the Costa Smeralda, by taking state road 125 in the direction of Arzachena and Palau. Along the 30 km route to Cannigione, the road passes the famous coastal resorts of Portisco, Porto Cervo, Poltu Quatu and Baia Sardinia.

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