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riteniamo sia molto importante che Porto Rafael comunichi i suoi valori e si faccia apprezzare sempre più, a livello internazionale, per le sue bellezze, il suo modo di vivere e la sua eleganza. Più che mai, tutti noi insieme dobbiamo difendere questo sogno.

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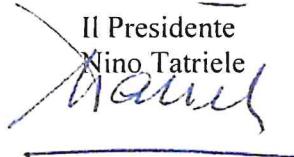
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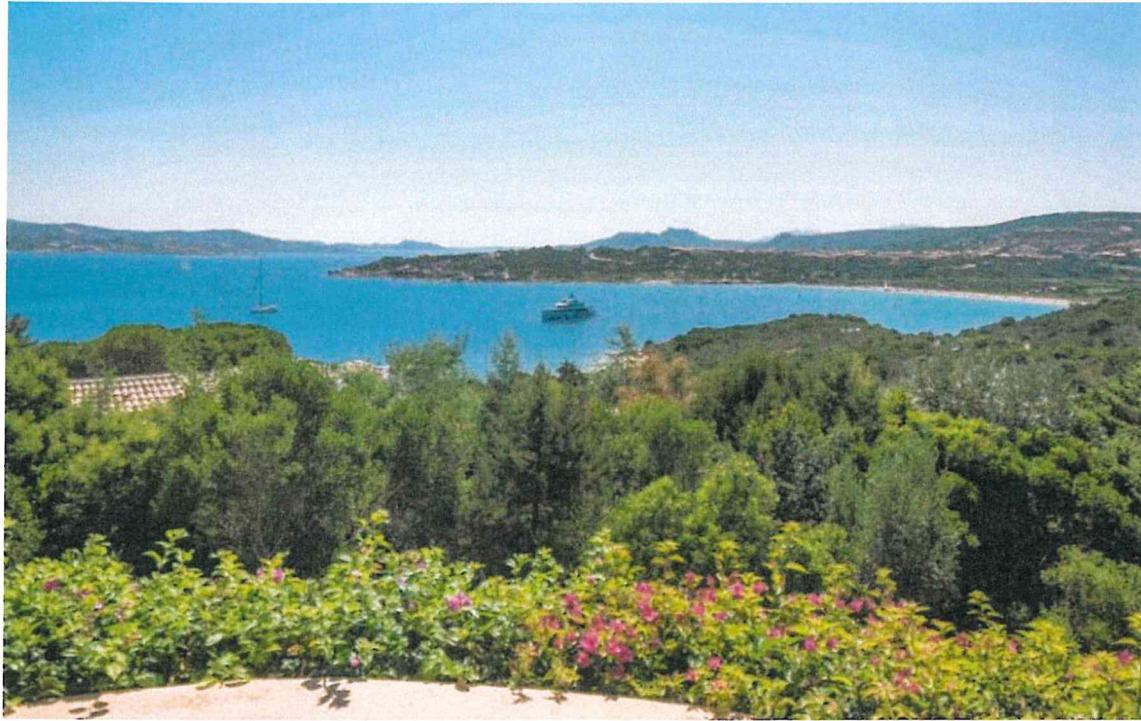
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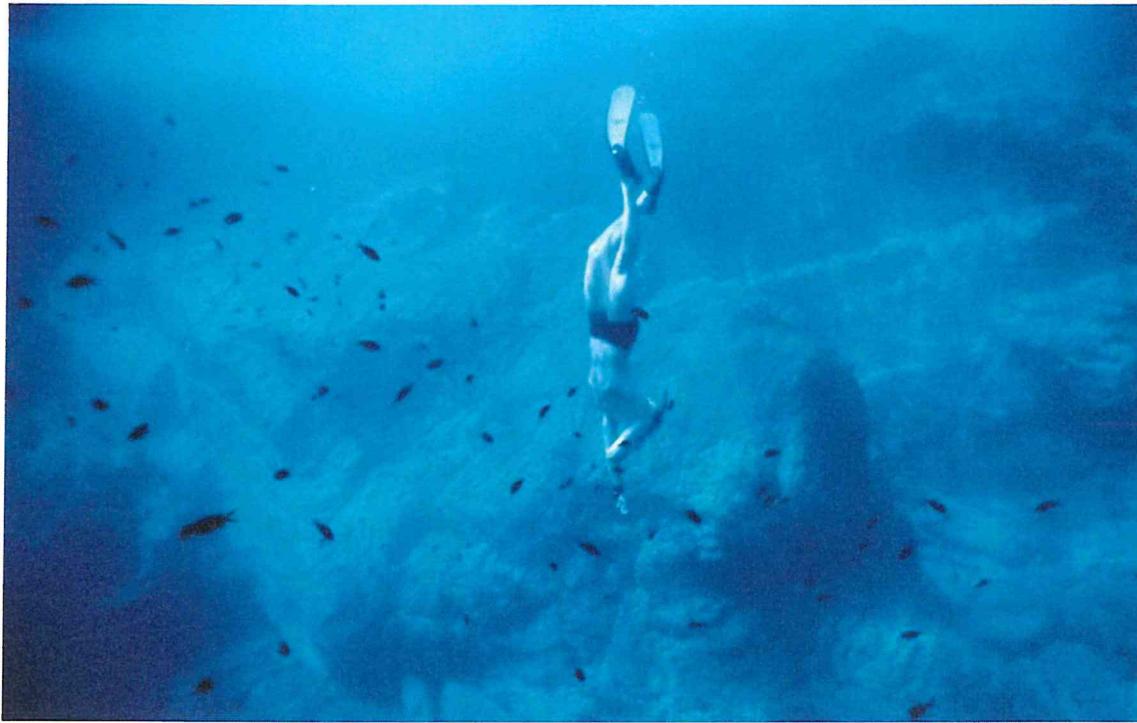
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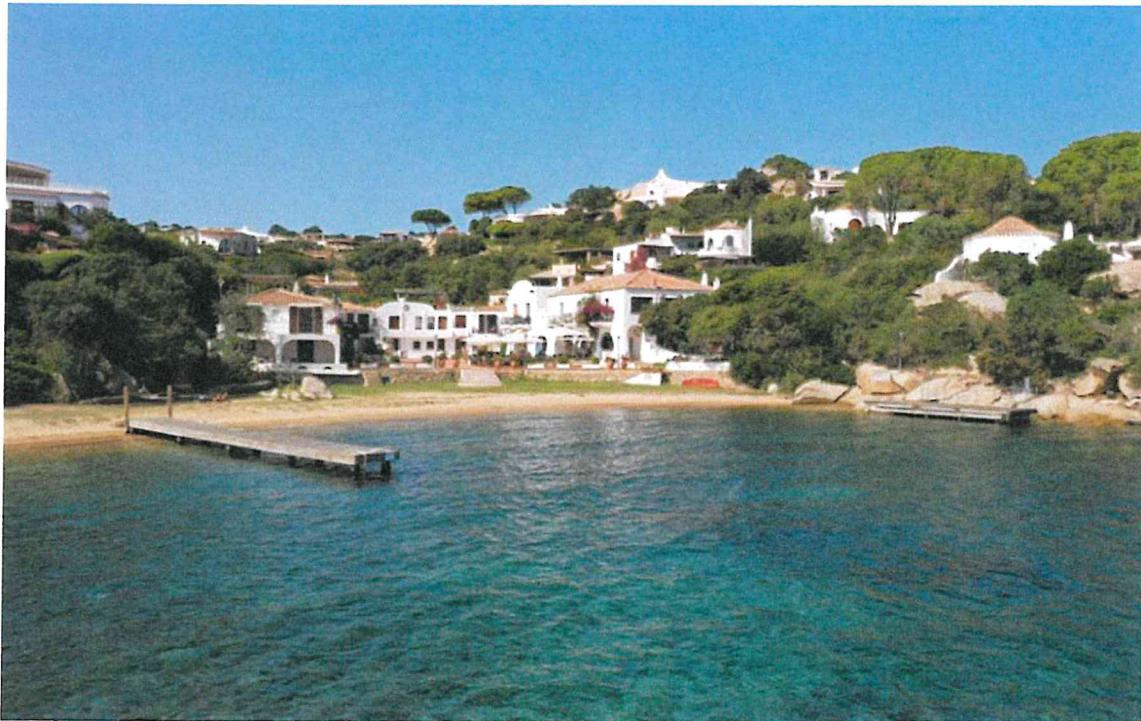
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## PORO RAFAEL: LA DESTINAZIONE DEL VIVERE BENE, DA VISITARE ORA

Ricco di splendidi paesaggi naturali ed erbe uniche, Porto Rafael è il luogo ideale per gli abitanti delle città che desiderano riavvicinarsi alla natura. Probabilmente non tutti avranno sentito parlare di Porto Rafael. Nascosta lungo la costa nord della Sardegna, questa piccola località portuale non è nel mirino del turismo di massa. Ma questo posto affascinante è stato a lungo una destinazione scelta da celebrità che volevano scappare dai paparazzi e da vacanzieri in cerca di un po' di sollievo in mezzo alla natura. Con magnifiche ville, ampi panorami che si spalancano sull'Arcipelago del Parco Naturale della Maddalena e con le sue acque limpide, è un palcoscenico perfetto per chi cerca natura, pace e privacy.

### STORIA DI PORTO RAFAEL

La storia di Porto Rafael risale agli anni '60, quando fu fondata da Rafael Neville de Berlanga y del Duero, un Conte spagnolo legato all'industria cinematografica. Neville era infatti il figlio del regista hollywoodiano Edgar Neville e un grande amico degli attori Charlie Chaplin e Mary Pickford.

La leggenda narra che Porto Rafael venne in sogno a Neville. Nel sogno, vide una piccola spiaggia circondata da vegetazione, case dipinte di bianco e il mare. Neville cercò subito di trasformare il suo sogno in realtà e intraprese un viaggio in Italia. Qui conobbe Paolo Cudoni, la cui famiglia possedeva la costa che si estende da Punta Sardegna a Palau. E durante le loro esplorazioni, si imbatterono nella località che alla fine sarebbe diventata Porto Rafael.

### BLUE ZONE

Con il nome Blue Zone ci si riferisce a quelle aree del mondo in cui le persone vivono molto più a lungo della media. E, con venti centenari tra il 1996 e il 2006, la Sardegna è ufficialmente considerata una Blue Zone, dove gli abitanti hanno dimostrato di vivere una vita più lunga e più felice. "C'è una buona ragione che spiega tutto ciò" precisa Nino Tatriele, Presidente del Consorzio di Porto Rafael. "La salute e il benessere sono una realtà territoriale", afferma Tatriele. "Abbiamo una eccezionale longevità e benessere mentale".

Quindi quali sono le caratteristiche di un residente della Blue Zone? Per la maggior parte, si tratta di un approccio di buon senso per vivere bene. Seguono una buona dieta alimentare e moderato consumo di alcol; e trovano il tempo per rimanere attivi. In più, mantengono forti legami familiari e una buona rete di relazioni, perché nessun uomo è un'isola.

## LA NATURA COME MEDICINA

La natura sta diventando un vera tendenza nel Wellness, come dimostrato nel recente rapporto sulle tendenze benessere del Global Wellness Institute. La ricerca ha dimostrato che vivere circondati dalla natura e rimanere attivi contribuisce alla longevità. E con sempre più persone che vivono in ambienti urbani, è diventato sempre più frequente cercare la natura e la vita attiva, durante le vacanze. Trend come il Forest Bathing stanno diventando sempre più popolari e molti hotel aggiungono attività all'aperto nei loro programmi benessere.

Ricca di una natura rigogliosa e piena di opportunità per rimanere attivi, Porto Rafael è il luogo ideale dove sperimentare la crescente tendenza del benessere. “Qui, viviamo i ritmi di una vita tranquilla e godiamo di un’atmosfera unica,” dice Tatriele.

Si inizia esplorando le acque incontaminate del Parco Naturale dell’Arcipelago della Maddalena. L’area è composta da sette isole principali e numerose insenature, ed è famosa per le spiagge deserte, la vegetazione lussureggianti e l’abbondante fauna selvatica. Si prosegue poi noleggiando un tender dal porto turistico locale, o in alternativa, un catamarano per un’intera giornata in acqua, con lunch e qualche drink.

Tra queste imponenti rocce antiche, sono molti i sentieri da trekking da scoprire. È bello perdersi nei meravigliosi dintorni naturali della regione e respirare gli incantevoli profumi dell’isola durante le escursioni di mezza giornata o di una giornata intera, in grado di soddisfare tutti, dai principianti assoluti ai professionisti. Dirigersi poi al Faro di Capo d’Orso e provare cosa vuole dire sentirsi ai confini del mondo, rappresenta un’esperienza straordinaria.

## COSA FARE

Con le sue vibrazioni da piccola cittadina, Porto Rafael è un rivivere il “Dolce Far Niente”, che è l’arte tutta italiana del rilassamento indulgente. E qui si trovano molte occasioni per metterlo in pratica. Passeggiare per le pittoresche strade, curiosare nei negozi, godersi l’aperitivo in Piazzetta, che è il cuore del borgo; o gustarsi un pesce persico su una spiaggia poco affollata; o ancora imbarcarsi per una piccola esplorazione su e giù per la costa alla scoperta di gemme nascoste. E infine, si può visitare La Fortezza di Monte, che è stata costruita tra il 1887 e il 1889 e che è stata definita la più bella fortezza d’Europa, o ancora approfondire il passato della regione al Museo Etnografico di Palau.

## DOVE SOGGIORNARE

Nascosto tra il mare e la piazza principale della città, il Rafael Boutique Hotel era un tempo la dimora del fondatore della città, lo stesso Conte Rafael Neville. Questa affascinante struttura vanta camere semplici ed eleganti che richiamano il fascino rilassato di Porto Rafael, con colori vivaci, piastrelle in stile marocchino e mobili realizzati a mano in Sardegna. Da non perdere le colazioni a buffet e gli stuzzicanti piatti della cucina mediterranea presso il ristorante all’aperto.

Per chi vuole avventurarsi oltre, La Vecchia Fonte di Palau è un’altra ottima opzione da considerare. Le sue camere risplendono nell’accogliente arredamento sardo che vede mobili artigianali di provenienza locale. Il Cafè & Wine Bar, rivestito in legno, offre colazioni e vini DOC in un’ambientazione vecchio stile, mentre i trattamenti benessere sono disponibili su richiesta.

## IL FUTURO DI PORTO RAFAEL

Allora cosa ci si aspetta per questa cittadina della costa sarda? Il turismo del benessere potrebbe essere un’opzione. “Porto Rafael sarà preservata nel rispetto della sua natura, mescolando le tradizioni con il pensiero innovativo”, ritiene Tatriele. “La magia del luogo la rende un’ottima scelta come destinazione di benessere naturale per famiglie e per i fautori di cambiamenti di oggi e di domani.”

Una cosa è certa comunque. Porto Rafael rimarrà una parte idilliaca del mondo. Rafael de Neville una volta disse: “Sognare è Vivere”. E l’obiettivo di Tatriele è che Porto Rafael rimanga fedele a questa etica.



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Dear Consortium Members,

We believe in the importance of communicating the values that define Porto Rafael and to be ever more appreciated internationally for the beauty, the way of life and the elegance that characterize us. And now, more than ever, we must all defend this dream together.

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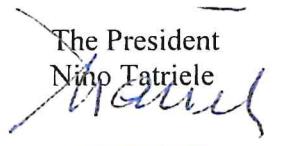
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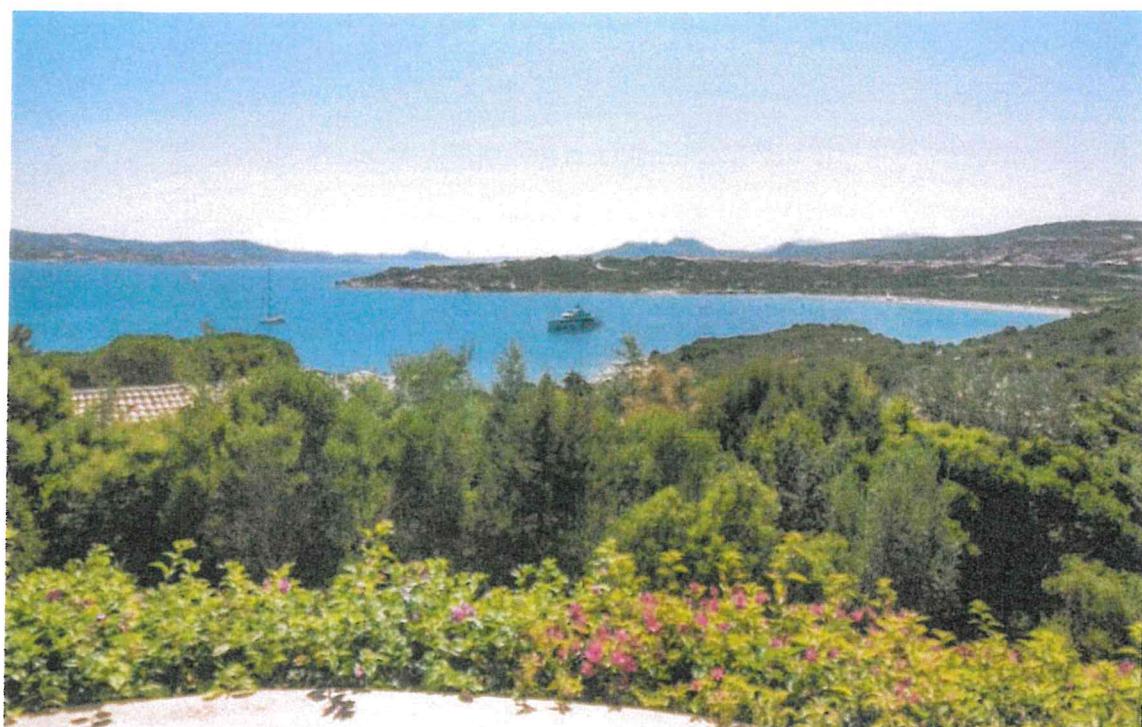
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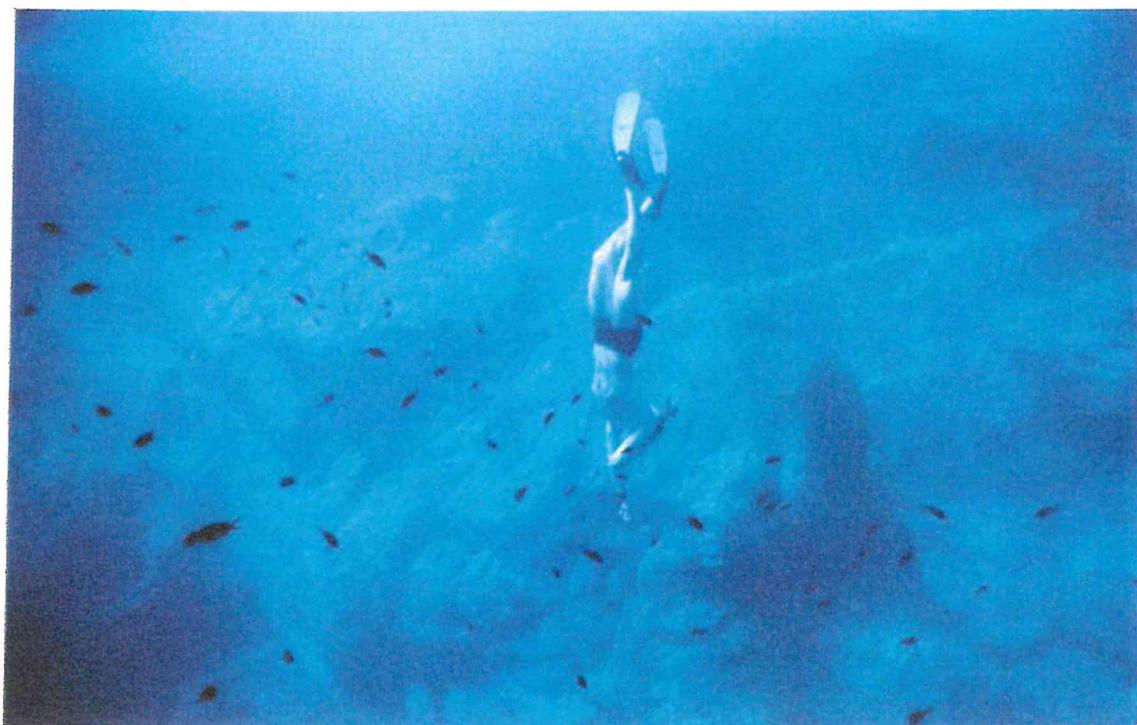
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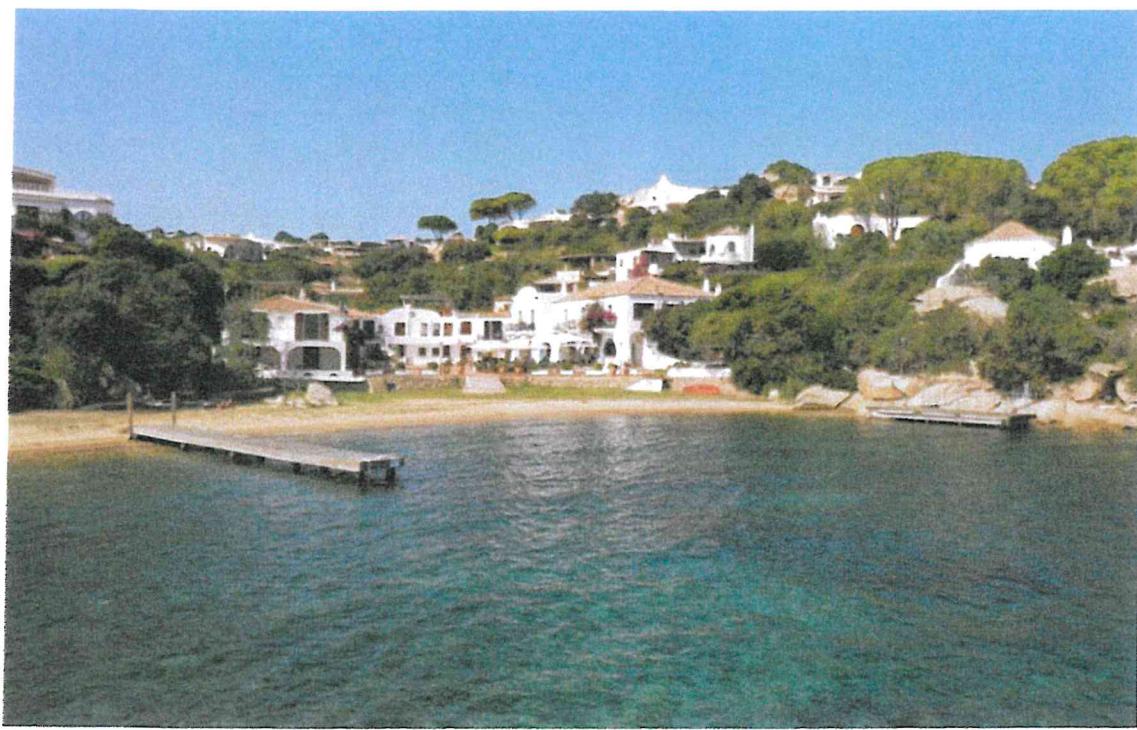
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