

# Forte Village Sardegna

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## WHERE THE EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENS

### EVERY DAY

Forte Village is the multi-award-winning destination on Sardinia's southern coast that has worked tirelessly ever since it was established in 1970 with the sole aim of offering its guests an unrivalled service. To achieve this goal, the resort has been redeveloped and restructured several times over the years. Yet none of those initiatives have been as ambitious as the project launched in 2014 that will come to an end for 2016. Lorenzo Giannuzzi, at the helm since 1994, describes it like this, "We want to prepare Forte Village for the challenge of the next decade:





to be trailblazers in the hospitality of the future.” So the resort is preparing to enter a new era, while jealously guarding and building on the foundations of its success year after year.

“Think of the Made in Italy brand: what springs immediately to mind? The most refined tailoring, the most celebrated variety of food and wine in the world, the most powerful, sophisticated and exclusive cars, a genuine and traditional welcome. And the Forte Village experience, too, with our take on hospitality, wellbeing, leisure, sport, fashion and food – nourishment for body and soul.”

Lorenzo Giannuzzi, CEO and Managing Director, Forte Village Resort

## A DESTINATION WITHIN A DESTINATION

Forte Village is a destination of unparalleled allure nestling in a truly wonderful natural setting. It is a masterpiece of myriad shades of blue, with the unmistakable waters of southern Sardinia, nuanced greens, in its luxuriant 47 hectare garden, and – to complete the marvellous Mediterranean backdrop – the pristine white of the beach right on its doorstep.

This corner of paradise, just 25 miles from Cagliari and its international airport, vaunts a special microclimate like no other in Europe, as numerous studies have confirmed. For the promontory towering up behind Santa Margherita di Pula shields the coast from the cold north winds and assures us over 300 sunny days out of 365. This gift of nature allows us to open from March to November every year.





**HOSPITALITY** With its eight hotels, eight magnificent villas, and over forty suites, Forte Village offers guests a choice of the most suitable accommodation for their needs.

**VILLAS & SUITES** or those looking for an all-round exclusive experience, Forte Village presents a selection of eight spacious, sophisticated villas and over forty types of suite. The eight villas are Forte Village's prized collection of private residences. Breathtakingly beautiful and superbly furnished, they have joined the exclusive club of Leading Hotels of the World; each has its own extensive private garden with pool. For your entire stay, you can call on all the discreet expertise of your own private butler: luxury has surely never been this easy. A touch of romance, a dash of uninhibited luxury, and all the comfortable personal space you could wish for: that's what you can expect from the sublime suites, each with a style of their own, within our resort.

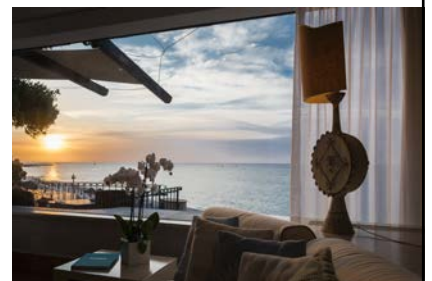
**5\*** - Small, elegant and surrounded by beautiful nature, tailor-made for those craving a relaxing stay in a corner of pure paradise, Hotel Villa del Parco, a member of the Leading Hotels of the World group, is all this and much more. Villa del Parco's rooms and bungalows bask in a verdant setting, where guests can enjoy direct access to Acquaforte Spa. Together, they form an oasis of luxury and elegance where tranquillity and refinement reign. Only at Forte Village you can find places that seem to have come straight out of your most delightful dreams.

Take Le Dune, for example. The resort's leafy ways lead to a group of elegant bungalows and exclusive suites with first-class personal service and an enviable position as close as you could wish to the resort's beautiful white sandy beach. Hotel Castello is another beachfront masterpiece. Renovated throughout with its fresh, subtle décor, it is perfect for those seeking to combine consummate luxury with fine design. The fourth- and fifth-floor suites bask in a fairytale sea view for an even more exclusive holiday experience.

Immersed in Forte Village's age-old pinewood is the Pineta, an idyllic location for leaving every day cares behind and wallowing in pure privacy. Quiet and fresh, each newly refurbished ground floor room has a private patio entrance and garden, surrounded by pine forest. The Hotel Pineta fits harmoniously into our gardens' evocative atmosphere and is ideal for families and couples alike – a beautiful, peaceful hide-away and pure Mediterranean gem.

**4\*** - The bungalows at the new Hotel Le Palme and Hotel Bouganville boast a private garden that makes each one a haven of tranquillity, the perfect home from home for relaxing and relishing all the experiences that will make your holiday unforgettable. The bungalows are in the resort's pulsating centre just a towel's toss from the newly refurbished Oasis pools, surrounded by flowers and typical Mediterranean maquis plants. Some are ideal for families: older kids can be independent in single bungalows of their own, while the little ones can play safely nearby.

And finally, Hotel Il Borgo, nestling in divine natural surroundings, is perfect for large families. Its bungalows offer stunning views with an enchanting mix of trees, sky and sea. And they are ideally placed for Children's Wonderland, the Oasis pool and all the fun of the slides at Baia delle Palme pool.





## CULINARY EXPLORATIONS

Everything you eat will be a masterpiece. Or, even better, an unforgettable experience to savour.

Choose between more than 30 restaurants and bars allowing over 80 chefs to proudly bring you sumptuous recipes from all around the world, without ever neglecting local traditions. Every menu features fresh ingredients from land and sea, 80% sourced from in-demand Sardinian producers.

As a fitting accompaniment to this spellbinding gourmet spread, our wine cellar vaunts a selection of 350 producers hand-picked from among the finest Italian and international wineries.

And it doesn't end there. After sating your palate, continue the night in style with shows and entertainment in the lounge bars, exclusive cafés and trendy nightclubs.

### *A real Michelin constellation*

At Forte Village, we catch stars and serve them on your plate. Our multi-starred chefs will turn your holiday into a fabulous culinary experience: the resort is proud to present talents such as Gordon Ramsay, Emanuele Scarello and Alfons Schuhbeck, all amazing exponents of the most ambitious international cuisine.

### *Gordon Ramsay*

Talent, verve, and a taste for drama. With his personal collection of 6 Michelin stars garnered during an incredible career littered with hit TV shows and best-selling books, Gordon Ramsay will surprise you with an extraordinary menu. In the setting of a sublimely elegant seafront restaurant, his creativity

and feel for tradition combine to bring a magical culinary world to life.

### *Alfons Schuhbeck*

Multi-award-winning German chef Alfons Schuhbeck arrived at Forte Village in 2014 in his new gourmet restaurant at the water's edge in the captivating Forte Bay. With his extraordinary talents as a chef and his deep knowledge of the herbs and spices that are so essential in his creations, he will be conjuring up a very special menu for guests inspired by his "Spice for Life" philosophy. This embodies the perfect equilibrium between the herbs and spices' health benefits and a quest for flavour to savour. To fully exploit the Spice for Life philosophy of wellbeing without compromising on taste and aroma, Chef Schuhbeck has created a special menu for the Acquaforte Spa complemented by detox, weight loss and energy treatments.

### *Emanuele Scarello*

Having arrived in 2015, the exclusive presence of Chef Emanuele Scarello, holder of two Michelin stars returns to Forte Village. His exquisite Italian cuisine will grace the "Trattoria Italiana", a restaurant with splendid sea views.

### *Guilty Pleasures*

True food hedonists have something new, sweet and irresistible in store. The culinary triumphs by award-winning pâtissier Vincenzo Bonfissuto, a master in the finest Italian patisserie tradition, are a tour de force of little temptations. Joining Bonfissuto in the Boutique del Dessert in Piazza Maria Luigia is Gianluca Fusto,



serving up the most irresistible desserts for those looking for a daytime indulgence or dessert at any of the Forte Village restaurants.

#### *Celebrity Chef Evenings*

In June, one of the summer's most prestigious gourmet events begins: the Celebrity Chef Evenings. Exclusively for Forte Village guests, an international constellation of world-famous Michelin-starred chefs will light up the resort sky. Each participant in this two-month event will take centre stage in exclusive evenings at the Forte Bay terrace. From Spain to Germany via France and then Italy's finest regions, the chefs will regale Forte Village guests with a unique interpretation of the best food on Earth.

It will be a gourmet experience where creative flair, imagination and the desire to experiment and amaze know no bounds: a veritable festival of flavours. 2016 have seen the opening of the new elegant Wine Bar & Wine Shop, where you can taste the highest quality wines of Italian international origins.

#### *The Cooking School and the Forte Village Fruit and Vegetable Garden*

The Cooking School and its exclusive courses

continue to flourish in the splendid setting of the Forte Gourmet restaurant. Our starred chefs will take turns to lead guests on a journey, revealing the secrets behind the great classic dishes of Italian cuisine. All the ingredients are fresh, genuine and top quality: "zero food miles" raw materials full of flavour, bursting with aroma and deliciousness. The resort is absolutely meticulous about this, too; we also offer products from our wonderful organic fruit and vegetable garden inside the Village.

In the summer of Forte Village you cannot miss the new Cooking Academy, a series of cooking classes running from June to August, for a total of 14 two-hour lessons. The Forte Village chefs will teach you their techniques in order to achieve the most famous dishes of Italian tradition. From pizza, homemade lasagna, fresh ravioli and risottos. Other lessons might include sushi preparation, cupcakery, or traditional Italian pastries. A special class will be dedicated to vegan cooking, for those who prefer alternative and strictly organic food, without giving up taste and style of contemporary cuisine. All ingredients will of course be from our fruit and vegetable gardens.



## A FAIRYTALE SUMMER AT CHILDREN'S WONDERLAND

Children's Wonderland is a little world of happiness and fantasy, where younger guests will discover the joy of a holiday tailor-made for them in one of the resort's loveliest corners, with a private pool and VIP access to the beach, all in complete safety.

The youngsters will not easily forget their adventures on the world's best-loved steam train. Thomas the Tank Engine™ himself will be there to welcome the children into this haven of happiness, calling at stops throughout the resort.

The kids will meet amazing playmates at Children's Wonderland. Starting with Barbie™ and all the themed things for little ladies to do at the Barbie™ Activity Centre, to colour their holidays pink. From this summer, Forte Village also has the driving school with a difference: the fantastic souped-up Hot Wheels™. There is over 3500 square meters of entertainment specially for children, and its vibrant heart is the new Mario's Village. This is a proper scale model village, with 9 houses – the fire station, the mini-market, the beauty centre, the cinema, and more – ready to welcome all the kids. It is an enchanting evocation for children of life in a real village, and its star, naturally, is Mario the parrot, modelled on one of the marvellous Ara parrots that live in the resort.

For our youngest guests, the Fisher-Price® Nursery will keep tots aged up to 2 occupied under the watchful eye of our highly qualified professional staff.

And still there's more. Lots of fascinating workshops – from origami to balloon art, Velcro work to ceramics (with top Sardinian craftspeople), and creating objects with recycled materials – will keep the kids entertained with a varied programme of educational



and play activities to stimulate their creativity.

The days will fly by, with a succession of shows, music, clowns and splashing around in the pool: Children's Wonderland, open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., is the dream destination specially for younger guests.

## ENDLESS FREEDOM: LEISURE LAND & MARVIN'S MAGIC ACADEMY

There are just two rules at Forte Village Leisure Land: "have fun" and "don't stop".

It's a blast! Enjoy a drive on the super-fast go-kart circuit, a game on the eight bowling lanes, and a match on the full-size grass football pitch.

Then, to round off each day in style, let your hair down in the seductive Forte Fortissimo nightclub to the non-stop sounds of DJs and bands.

Leisure Land is great fun, and it's all there to discover for teenagers and the young at heart

Marvin's Magic Academy is the first "school of wizards" in the world to come to a resort, which as in magic, is unrivalled. For you we have invited the great British magician, Marvin Berglas, one of the most famous magicians in the world, to reveal his closely guarded secrets for our guests over 10 years of age to learn.





### ACQUAFORTE SPA

The Acquaforce Spa is the place to be if you're looking for the quintessence in sophisticated beauty and wellbeing.

The sea brings energy and wellness, and Forte Village's thalassotherapy turns all the benefits of water into an art form.

Indeed, Sardinia has been a spa centre for thousands of years. The Nuragic civilisation, dating all the way back to 1800 BC, practised the cult of water around the lunar and astronomical cycles, as the numerous surviving "Sacred Pits" confirm. This special link with water is also reflected in the island's various thermal settlements. These include the "Sea spa" near Nora, founded by the Nuragic peoples just a few miles from Forte Village Resort. The archaeological area on the peninsula that culminates in Capo di Pula, a mile or two away, testifies to their quest for wellbeing through

same marine elements that we also consider an inexhaustible source of strength and beauty: climate, water, mud and algae.

For over 25 years, the Forte Village medical team, working with the Thalassotherapy experimental research centre at the University of Milan, has been perfecting a unique, world-leading method based on a series of six baths with different temperature and salinity gradations.

Mother Nature comes to our aid once again to help us keep in shape and live life to the full. That is what you can expect from "Spice for Life", the revolutionary philosophy championed by Forte Village in partnership with multi-award-winning chef Alfons Schuhbeck, which uses spices to achieve physical and mental wellbeing.

Schuhbeck – Germany's Ambassador at Expo 2015 – aims to show how herbs and spices can help enhance our all-round wellbeing. "Spice for Life" extends and enriches the offering from the Tisaneria and the Spa Menus, which complement and enhance our Detox, Health & Beauty and Weight Loss programmes.

In tune with the resort's sporty side, an innovative Medical Centre has also been set up with two clinics and all the electronic equipment needed to offer a complete physical check-up service.

Heading it up will be Prof. Pier Francesco Parra, the doyen of sports medicine, whose patients include the likes of Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams. He is a laser surgery specialist and inventor of the new

treatment that has earned him the nickname “Doctor Laser”. The new Doctor Laser method provides significant results especially in the various forms of muscular, tendon, joint, ligament, cartilage and bone injuries and many other conditions.

Doctor Laser puts an exceptional wealth of experience at your disposal, as Forte Village continues its pursuit of excellent offerings for guests to enhance their wellbeing. Our qualified staff are always on hand to assist with personalised treatments to suit your individual health needs.

The Acquaforte Spa also offers a whole spectrum of other services and treatments. These include aesthetic medicine, massage therapy and fitness – with personalised programmes developed and run by a medical team and a highly qualified group of personal trainers. Plus treatments that combine high-quality products and remarkably effective cutting-edge aesthetic technologies, such as radio-frequency treatments, microdermabrasion and oxygen therapy, for any face and body skin-treatment need.

Acquaforte Spa combines curative and aesthetic treatments following the principle of judicious refinement to fashion a perfect alchemy of precious essences that unite to create the concept of wellbeing par excellence. In a light, elegant, environmentally friendly marquee hall in total harmony with the location’s natural beauty, Acquaforte Spa will offer benefits that go beyond the series of six baths to embrace a whole world of wellbeing, even in winter.

#### **FORTE VILLAGE SPORT ACADEMIES WITH THE CHAMPIONS**

Forte Village’s alter ego is a thoroughbred sports resort.

The Forte Village Sport Academies give kids aged 5 to 16 the joy of playing, training and honing their skills and talents alongside great coaches and players from sports such as tennis, rugby, cricket, netball and many more besides.

We start with the sport that unites the planet: football. Every summer, Forte Village hosts the remarkably popular Chelsea Football Club soccer school, run by the trainers from the famous London team.

It is a passion that crosses the generations, uniting young and old. What better chance will you get to play on pitches that have been graced by top teams from Inter and Roma to the England and Germany national sides?

New to the resort, the Forte Village Indoor Sports Academy Centre is located just a stone’s throw from the Oasis pool on the main avenue of the resort. The centre will host four of our nine academies including Boxing, Dance and Killerspin Table Tennis academies. As ever, Forte Village is a landmark on the international tennis scene, with its 12 clay courts and its roster of coaches packed with Grand Slam champions and professionals. The Tennis Academy offers different courses are available from Individual Junior and Adult Academies and Mental Match Play lessons. The former Wimbledon champion Annabel Croft also runs personalised courses, and last but not least, come and Train with the Stars with players including Ilie Năstase, Paul Haarhuis, Magnus Larsson Dominik Hrbatý and Karel Nováček.

Starting this year, the Forte Village Boxing Academy gives guests the chance to climb into the ring and work with experienced international trainers like Frank Buglioni. This sport is a dialogue between protagonists, a mute spectacle, shorn of language, that needs to be interpreted and narrated within a given situation between the boxers and the spectators.

Rugby, cricket and netball are among the Commonwealth’s most popular sports, and now they are here in splendid Sardinia!

Forte Village’s Rugby Academy continues as strong as ever, with side-stepping, try-scoring, tackling and all the tricks of the trade, explained by English rugby legends like Austin Healey and Will Greenwood.

The renowned Cricket Academy debuted with great





success in 2012 and is back again with top coaches and players in charge.

There is also the Netball Academy. Netball is a team sport like basketball, but with just the basket and no backboard; it was developed for women but has also become popular among men. It is an easy and exciting game to play, and guests can enjoy it with champions of the calibre of Karen Atkinson, Tamsin Greenway, Pam Cookey and Ebony Beckford-Chambers.

For cycle fans, the Forte Village Bike Academy offers the fantastic chance once again to pedal away along south Sardinia's most spectacular roads, in the company of some cycling greats. Forte Village Tinkoff Bike Academy offers cycling enthusiasts, the possibility to experience a unique training camp with one of the world's top pro cycling teams, at an exceptional setting.

Additionally, in its relaxing, luxuriant setting, Forte Village Resort offers guests a superb choice of safe, quiet and magnificent cycle routes. With no cars to worry about, younger guests can wheel away to their hearts' content and even make up new routes every day, without ever needing to leave the resort. For older, stronger riders, Forte Village offers a range of extended cycle excursions along the most delightful roads and paths in southern Sardinia and its marvellous coastline.

Forte Village brings you the amazing opportunity to discover one of the world's fastest and most exciting sports: basketball.

Under the tutelage of some of the best coaches of the sport, the Basketball Academy trainers will guide guests around this fantastic world with lessons for beginners and improvers aged 6 to 16 on the new full-size court in Leisure Land.

Forte Village has all this and more. The sporting facilities also include activities from zumba and total body workout to aquagym and, last but not least, diving to explore the wondrous seabeds easily accessible from the resort. For those interested, diving courses are run at the resort pools for beginners or experts to work towards PADI certification.

### AWARDS AND PRIZES

Forte Village has won the World's Leading Resort crown at the World Travel Awards for the last 18 years in a row.

To add to that, it is also the World's Leading Sports Academy Resort – a very important prize for the endless facilities – and the 2015 holder of the World's Leading Villa award, in recognition of the exclusive Villas. A Forte Village hotel has also been admitted to one of the world's most exclusive hotel collections: Villa del Parco and the magnificent seafront suites have been listed among the prestigious Leading Hotels of the World for many years now.

Forte Village's international success, the results achieved in over thirty years of experience, and its unrivalled offering have been studied in a high-level research project published in America by the Harvard Business School.

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