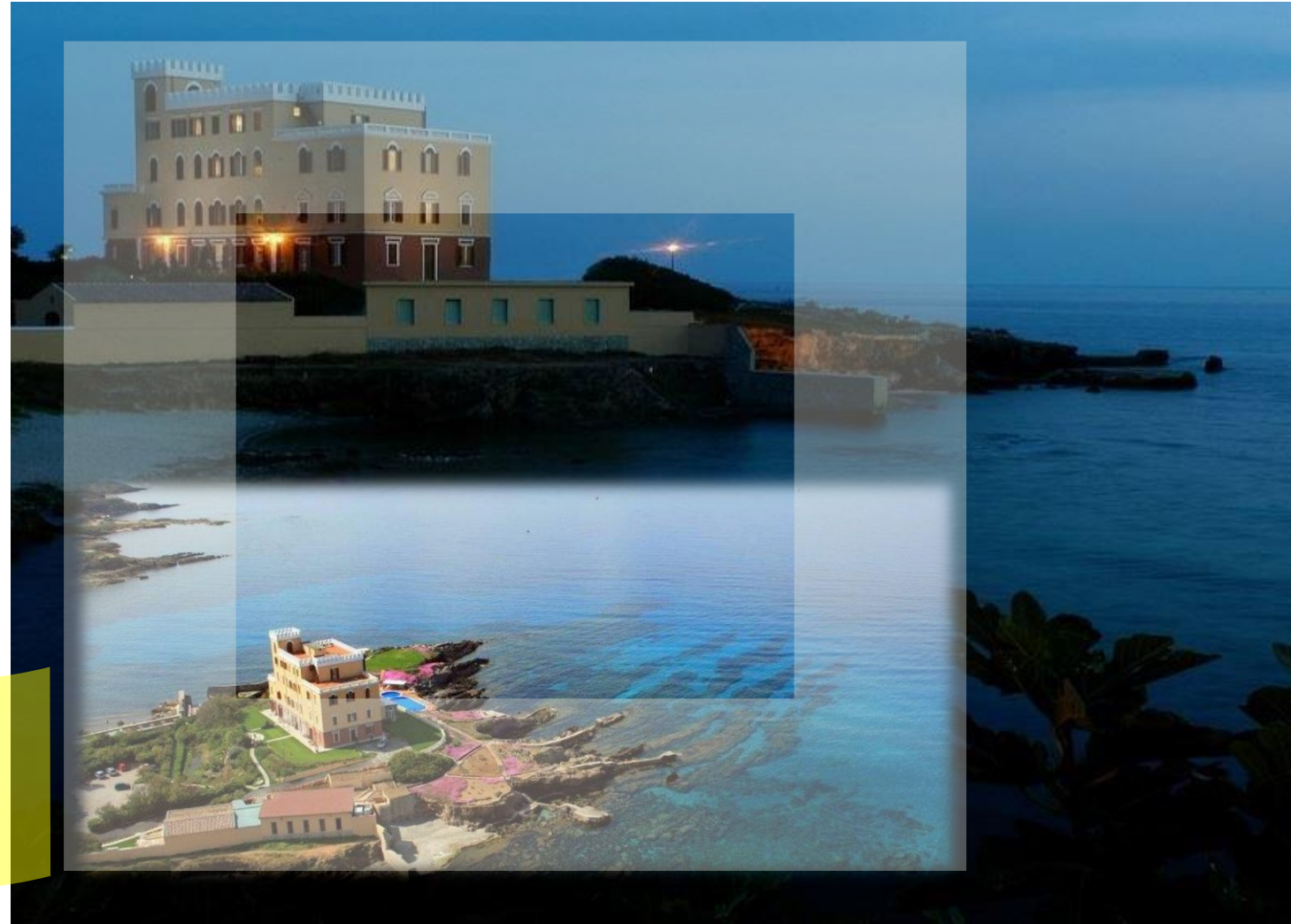




**Edge of sea**  
Exceptional property foot in the water  
SARDINIA





## Seaside Sardinia...

**If you're looking for a villa in Sardinia, don't be content with what anybody can have.**

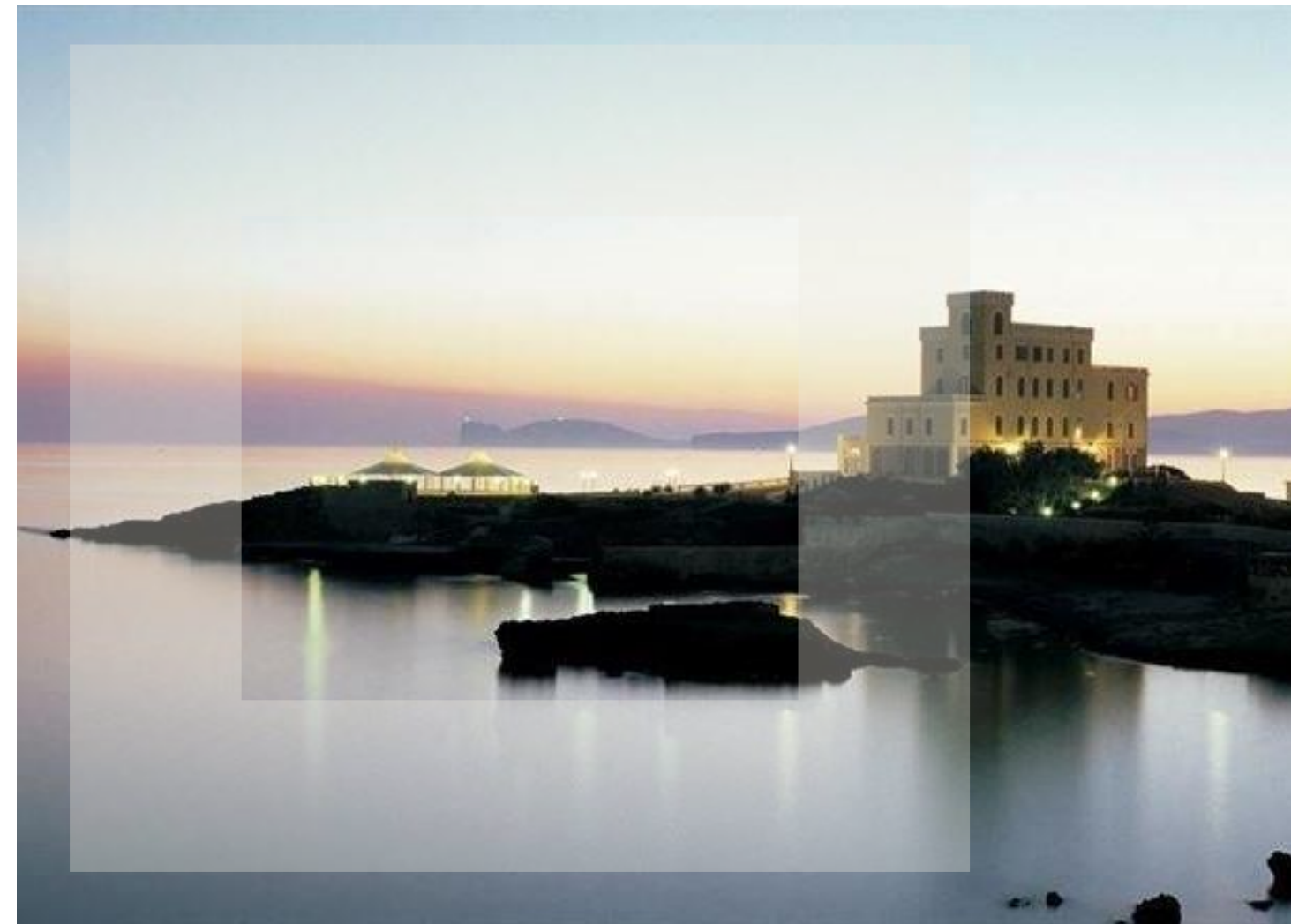
**This house has hosted nobles and the King of Italy. Each of its stones is permeated with history and glory. Of course, it costs a lot. But all beautiful things cost.**

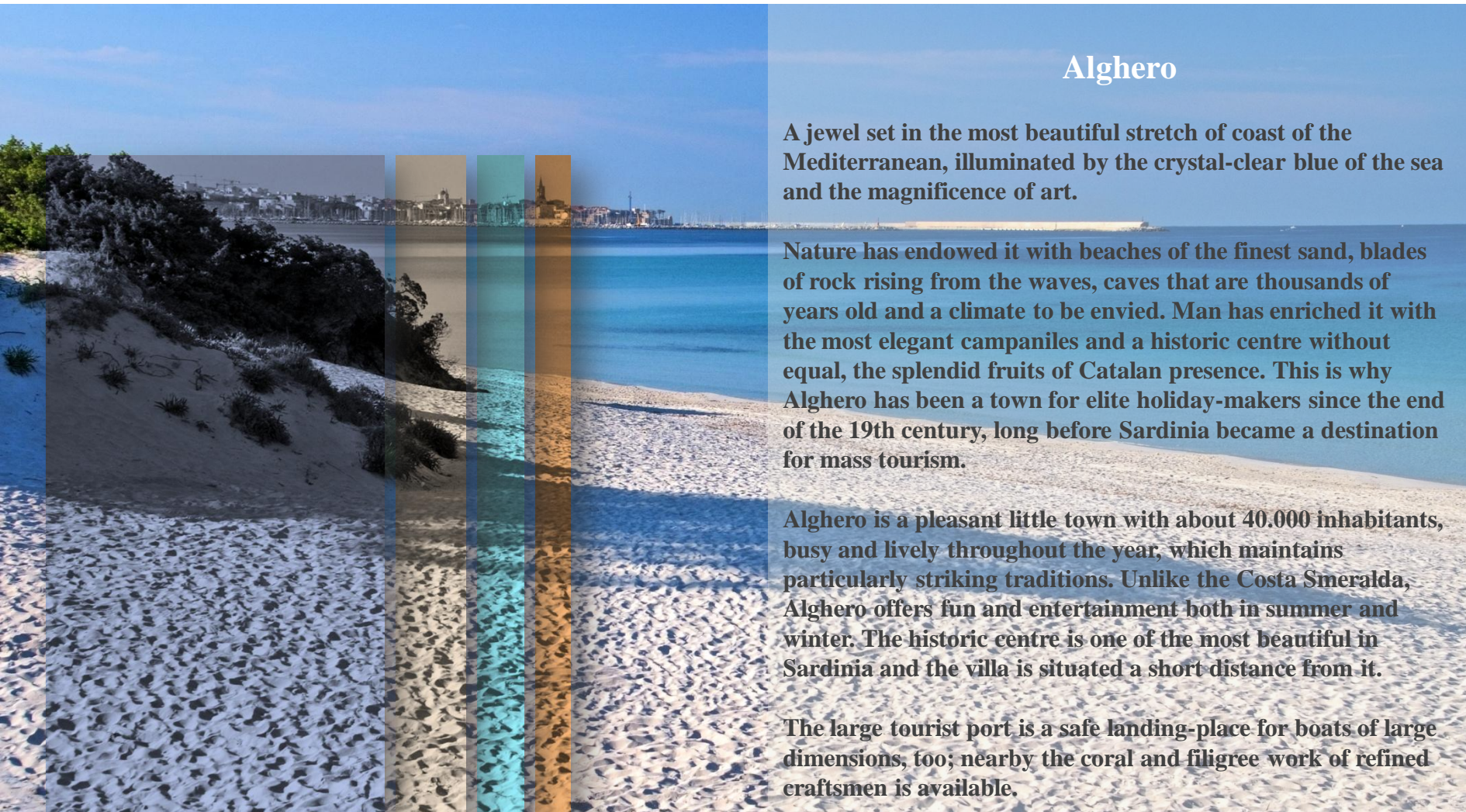
## Seaside in Alghero, Sardinia...

**Sardinia is one of the oldest territories of Europe, with little if none seismic risk at all.**

**Alghero is situated in North-West Sardinia, on the bay of the same name.**

**The villa stands on a private promontory, on the sea-shore, a few steps away from the city centre.**





## Alghero

**A jewel set in the most beautiful stretch of coast of the Mediterranean, illuminated by the crystal-clear blue of the sea and the magnificence of art.**

**Nature has endowed it with beaches of the finest sand, blades of rock rising from the waves, caves that are thousands of years old and a climate to be envied. Man has enriched it with the most elegant campaniles and a historic centre without equal, the splendid fruits of Catalan presence. This is why Alghero has been a town for elite holiday-makers since the end of the 19th century, long before Sardinia became a destination for mass tourism.**

**Alghero is a pleasant little town with about 40.000 inhabitants, busy and lively throughout the year, which maintains particularly striking traditions. Unlike the Costa Smeralda, Alghero offers fun and entertainment both in summer and winter. The historic centre is one of the most beautiful in Sardinia and the villa is situated a short distance from it.**

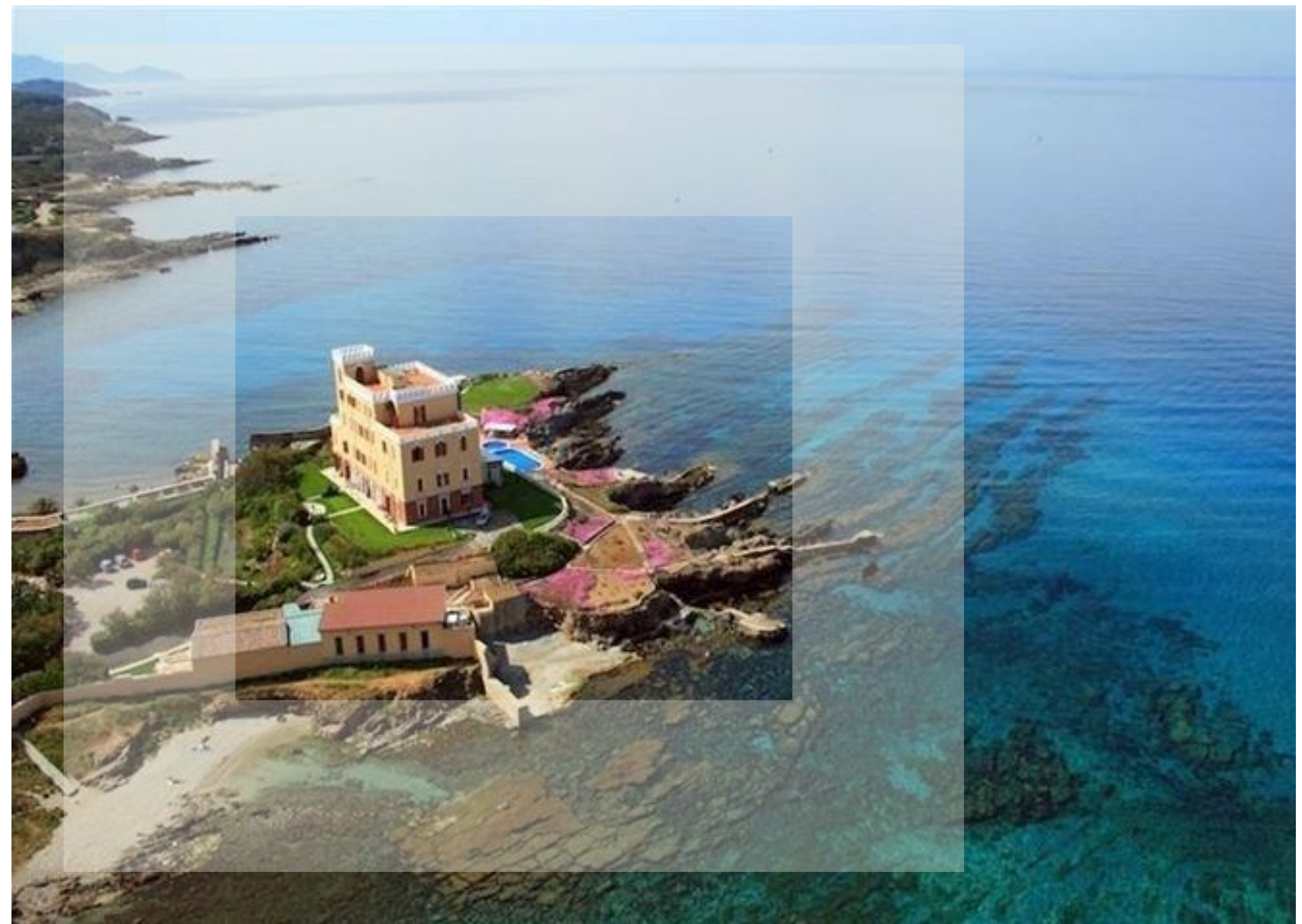
**The large tourist port is a safe landing-place for boats of large dimensions, too; nearby the coral and filigree work of refined craftsmen is available.**





Alghero is an ideal place for practising water sports, such as swimming, windsurf and sailing, as well as recreational activities like bird-watching, underwater photography and archaeology, and fishing. But also those who love tennis, cycling, horse-riding and many other sports have the chance to devote themselves to their favourite sport.

Alghero is situated on the gulf of the same name to the south of Capo Caccia. The countryside is famous for its olive groves and vineyards. The coast, known as the Coral Riviera, is rich in little bays, creeks, reefs, unpolluted beaches and pinewoods.





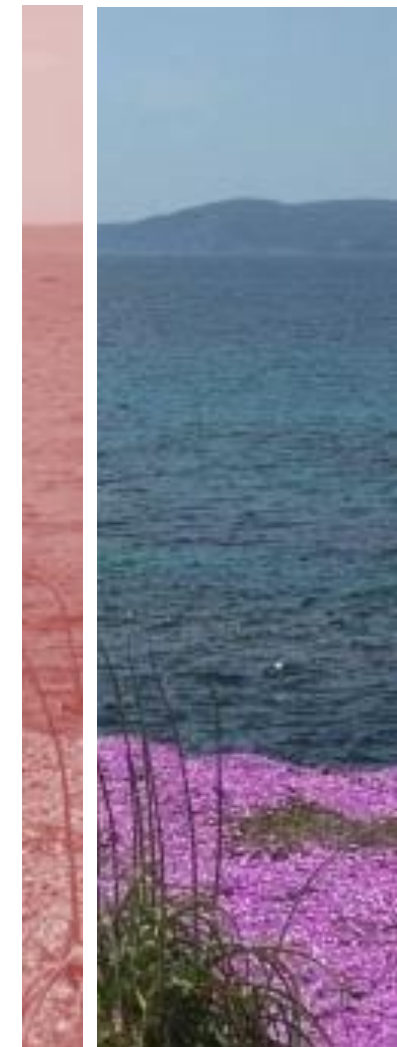
## History

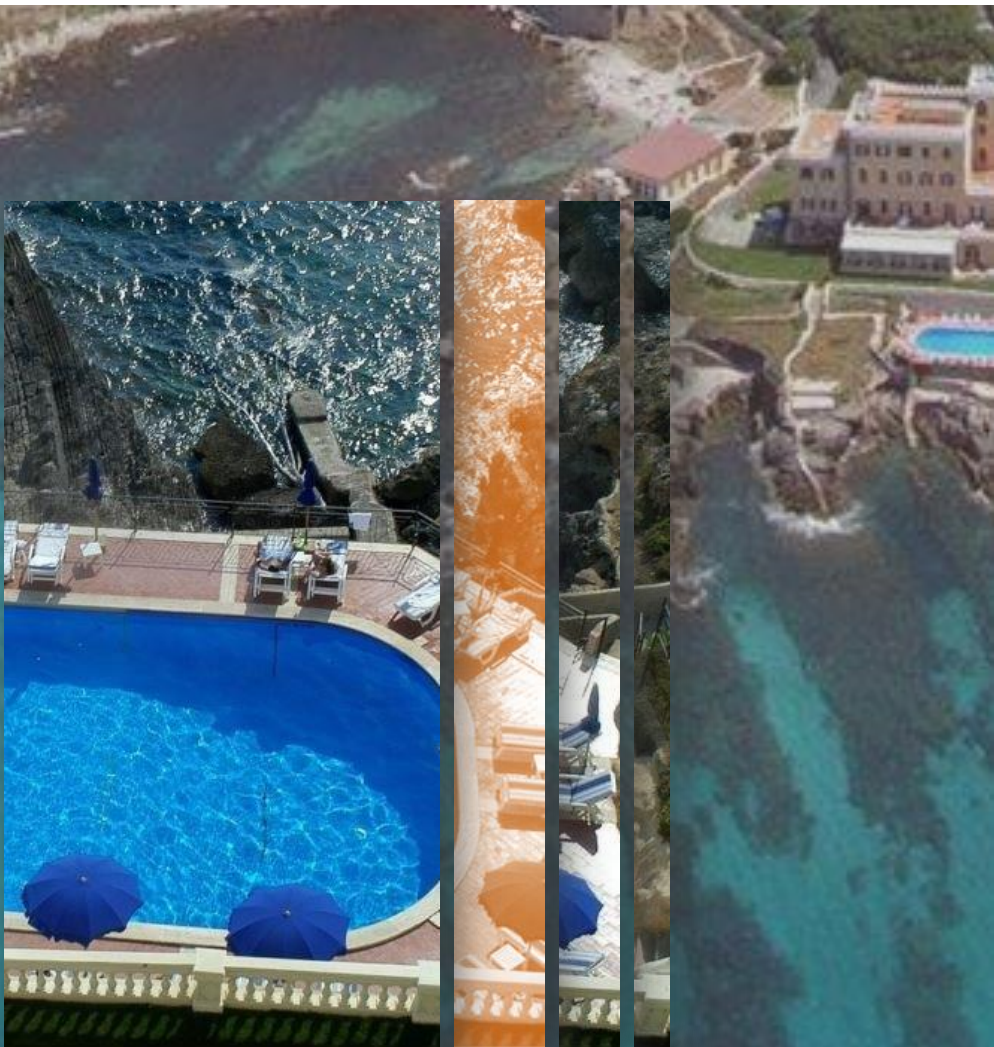
The villa has an unusual history and soul. It rises at the edge of the sea, on a rocky promontory, with a well-established park separating it from the Alghero seafront. Built in around 1880 on the ruins of an ancient watch-tower at the will of Alessandro, third Count of St. Elijah, it was initially destined to be a hunter's cabin.

In 1910 the piers and surrounding walls were built, aimed at ensuring privacy and safety for guests.

Between 1918 and 1920 Don Luigi Arborio Mella, the fourth Count of St. Elijah, did important renovation work, urged on by his English wife Lady Rosamond Marke Wood: the building took on its shape vaguely inspired by the medieval castle, following the fashion of the time and the rank of the family. His brother Alberto had in the meantime become Chamberlain for Pope Pius XI, and kept this rank with Pius XII, too.

The villa thus became a meeting-place for the best society of the epoch; the Romanov princesses and Italian Royalty were habitual guests, in summer to swim in the sea, in winter for hunting.





## Prestigious holiday

Alghero had already become a prestigious holiday place for numerous travellers of noble lineage by the end of the 19th Century, well before Sardinia was discovered by mass tourism.

During the Second World War the villa was the centre of the allied air command. One of the frequent visitors at that time was Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

In 1959 Francesco Arborio Mella, fifth Count of St. Elijah, sold the villa to the current owners. The dwelling was renovated and another floor built, so that it took on its current shape. Still today habitual visitors include renowned statesmen, aristocrats and well-known personalities of the business and entertainment worlds. The view from its windows is, to say the least.





## Location

**Privacy, elegance, charm.**

**A spectacular position on the sea-shore, a short walk from Alghero historic town centre and harbour. A safe, exclusive oasis, on its own private promontory. An enchanting gulf that has been defined as the most beautiful in the Mediterranean.**

**Beautiful things are sometimes priceless, but they sometimes have a very high price.**

**Beauty is destined to those who do not fear to conquer it.**

**This is the Mediterranean at its most aristocratic.**

**park with an area of over 18,000 square meters (193,756 SqFt - about 4,44 Acres) bordering on the sea to the north, west and south and to the public road in the east; open-air swimming pool, changing rooms and toilets;**

**State concession of 2,791 square meters (about 30,043 SqFt) of coast surrounding the property, wet-dock, quays and part of the town walls.**





## The sea

All the sea you could wish for. Of course, you can have the tender come and get you for a swim farther out.

That's what the quai is there for. But why give up the pleasure of swimming in the sea outside your door?

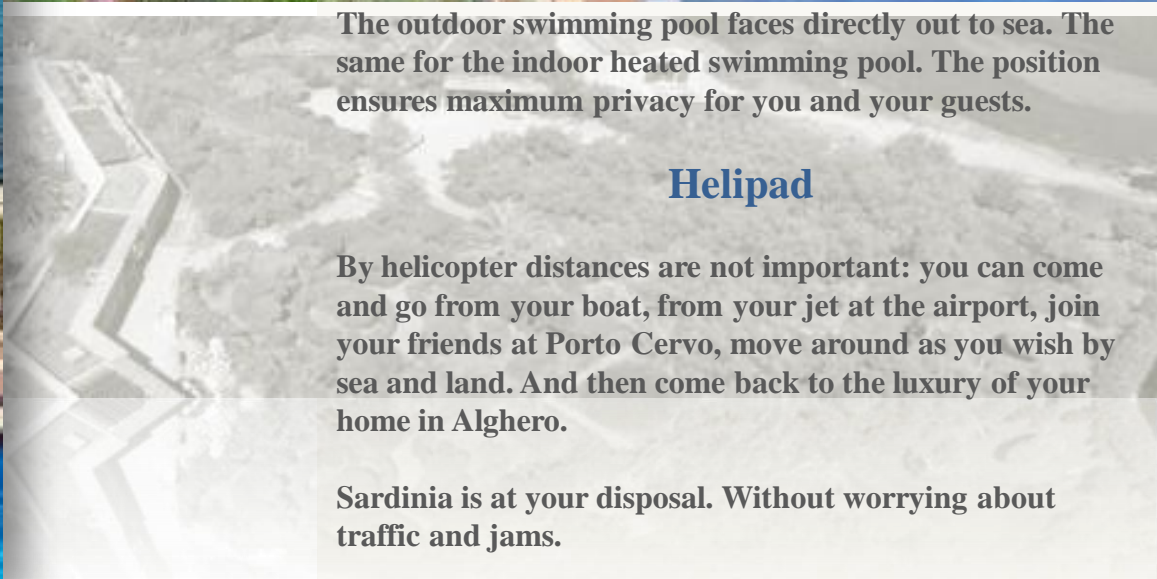
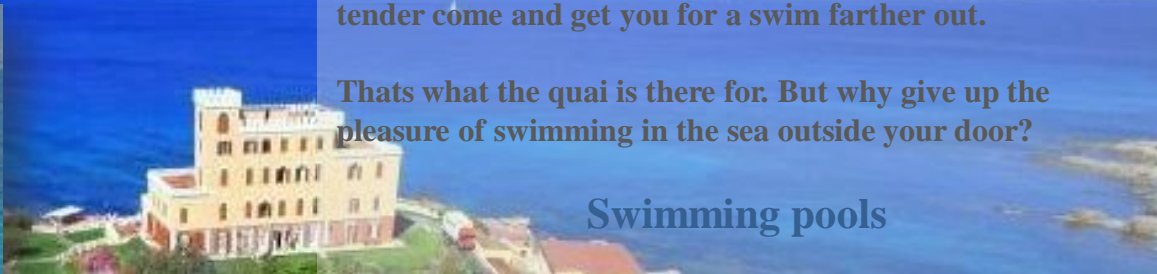
## Swimming pools

The outdoor swimming pool faces directly out to sea. The same for the indoor heated swimming pool. The position ensures maximum privacy for you and your guests.

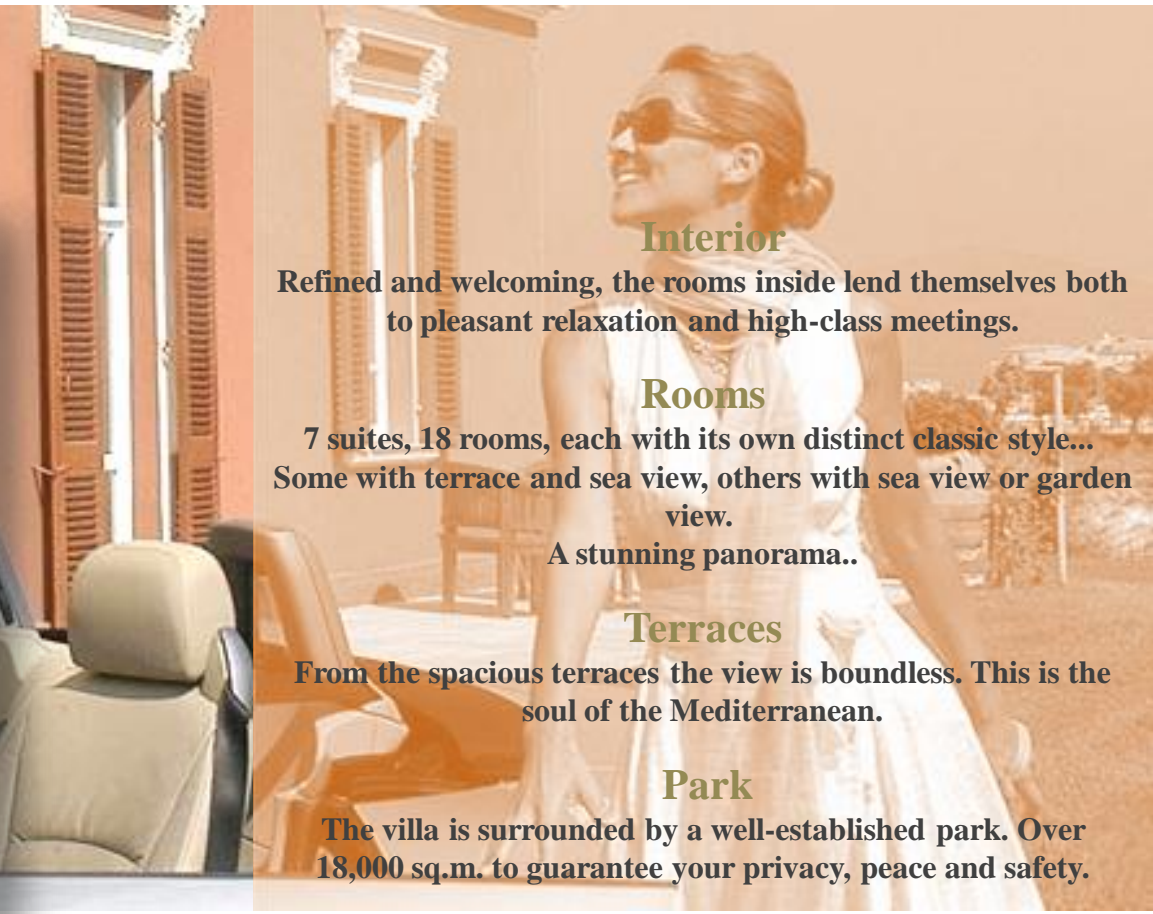
## Helipad

By helicopter distances are not important: you can come and go from your boat, from your jet at the airport, join your friends at Porto Cervo, move around as you wish by sea and land. And then come back to the luxury of your home in Alghero.

Sardinia is at your disposal. Without worrying about traffic and jams.







### **Interior**

**Refined and welcoming, the rooms inside lend themselves both to pleasant relaxation and high-class meetings.**

### **Rooms**

**7 suites, 18 rooms, each with its own distinct classic style... Some with terrace and sea view, others with sea view or garden view.**

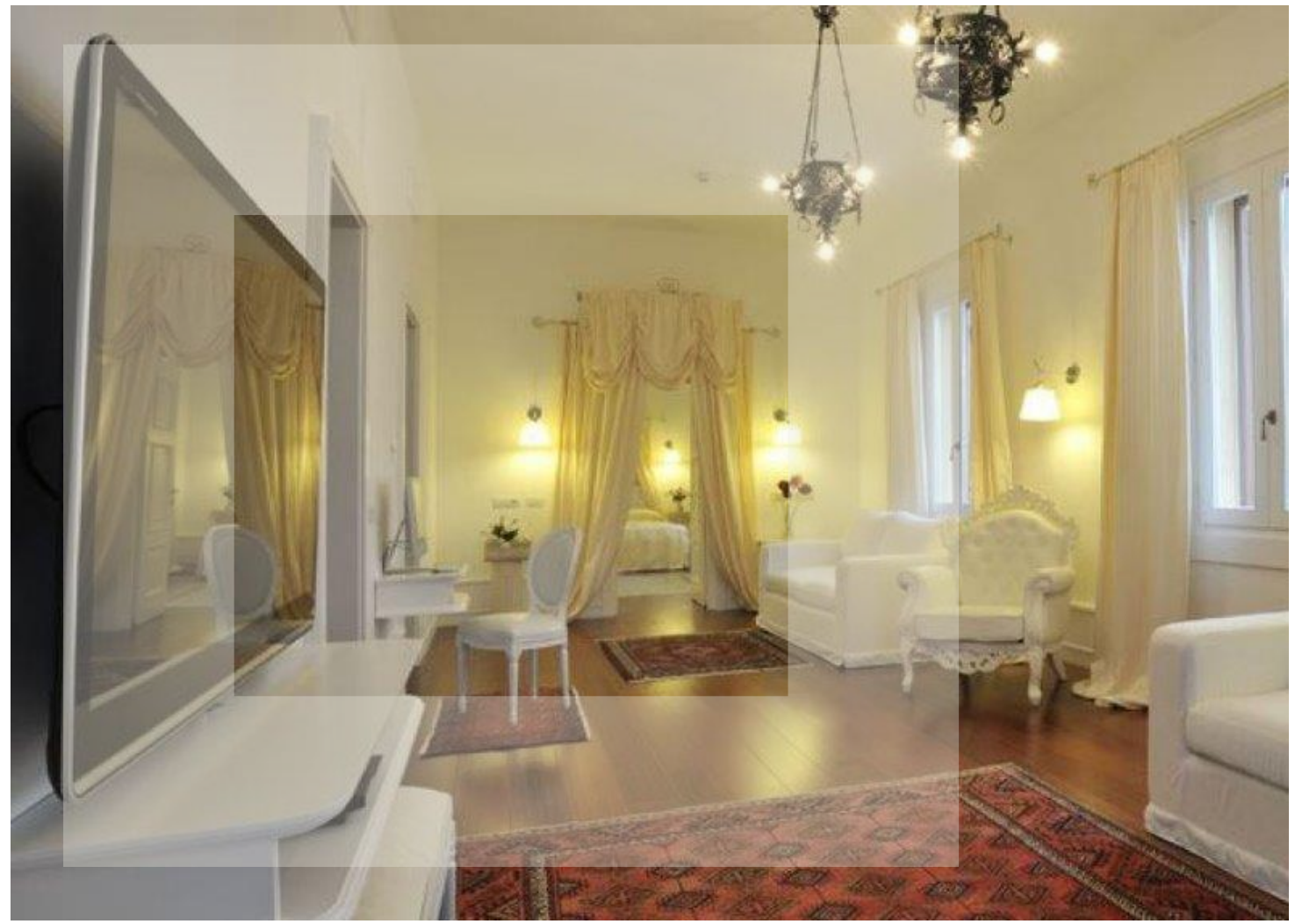
**A stunning panorama..**

### **Terraces**

**From the spacious terraces the view is boundless. This is the soul of the Mediterranean.**

### **Park**

**The villa is surrounded by a well-established park. Over 18,000 sq.m. to guarantee your privacy, peace and safety.**





## Details

This is one of the best villas in the Mediterranean: location, atmosphere and views are simply breathtaking.

**The property consists of:**

main building (Liberty-style villa originally belonging to the Counts of St. Elijah); situated in a panoramic position on its own promontory, with an area of approximately 1,923 square meters (about 20,699 SqFt).

25 rooms with bathroom (including 4 suites with sea view and terrace, 1 suite with park view and terrace and 2 suites with sea view), billiard, drawing rooms, dining hall, kitchens. Centralized air conditioning;

building with an area of approximately 492 square meters (about 5,296 SqFt) used as a Spa with fitness and beauty area (with massage cubicles, sun-shower and Jacuzzi), covered heated swimming-pool, sauna, Turkish bath, fun shower, Kneipp Walk, changing-rooms;

warehouses, store-rooms, staff changing-rooms, laundry, ironing-room, electricity generator; centralized air conditioning;

large parking area;

helipad;





## Spa & wellness

- The Villa is equipped with a Spa.
- Beauty Center
  - Indoor sea-water swimming-pool, heated and equipped for swimming against the current
  - Sauna
  - Turkish bath
  - Kneipp walkway
  - Gym (Technogym cardiofitness equipment)





## Distances

### Tourist harbour

Alghero: 2 km (1,24 Mi)

### Commercial ports

Porto Torres: 30 km (18,64 Mi) - Olbia: 150 km (93,21 Mi)

- Golfo Aranci: 170 km (105,64 Mi) - Cagliari: 240 km (149,13 Mi)

### Airports

Alghero international airport: 12 km (7,46 Mi) - Olbia

airport: 140 km (86,99 Mi) - Cagliari airport: 230 km (142,92 Mi)

### Tourist centres

Costa Smeralda: 150 km (93,21 Mi) - Cagliari / Forte

Village: 230 km (142,92 Mi) - Alghero: 1 km (0,62 Mi)

### Hospitals

Alghero: General Hospital, 4 km (2,48 Mi) - Sassari:

General Hospital and University of Sassari, School of Medicine, 40 km (24,84 Mi)

But distances are not important: by helicopter you can avoid the traffic and crowds when you like.

The helipad increases your freedom of movement.





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