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Sublime Comporta

Comporta, Alentejo, Portugal

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" South of Lisbon, in amongst the unspoilt sand dunes and rice fields of Comporta, lies Sublime. A sleek boutique hotel filled with design-savvy details, and a breezy, welcoming atmosphere. Fourteen rooms in cool white-on-white, offer simple luxury. "

The Beach Retreat: Comporta, Troia Peninsula

Portugal has many gorgeous beaches, but those in Comporta are incomparable. Diaphanous turquoise waters gently lap the white sands, which stretch for empty mile after mile. Umbrella pines reach into a high, cloudless sky and vivid-green rice paddies dot the landscape. This is where the understated wealthy come for downtime: to stop at Sal Restaurante for freshly grilled fish drizzled with olive oil, to ride with José Ribeiro from the local riding school through the rice fields, across the dunes and down on to the beach as the sun is setting. The best spots in which to stay? Couples should

Avillez's menus are imaginative reinterpretations of his country's rich culinary heritage and its regional flavours, and feature such dishes as Wave Breaking: a selection of bivalves, coastal prawns, seawater and seaweed "sand"

head to [Sublime hotel](#), which is just that: long and low, surrounded by pine trees, and with a string of white-on-white rooms, a long swimming pool, and a fire-pit around which to sample delicious local dishes and sip fine wines in the evening. Families or groups of friends should rent Casas Na Areia, a dazzling project by the acclaimed architect Manuel Aires Mateus. It has four thatched suites (two wooden, two whitewashed) set around an open-plan living space, whose heated floor is covered in icing-sugar-fine sand. Beyond lies the

pool – and Nature writ large.

[Sal Restaurante](#) (00 351 265 490 129; main dishes from £22). [Cavalos Na Areia](#) riding school (00 351 919 002 545; lessons from £22 for 30 minutes). [Sublime](#) (00 351 269 449 376; doubles from £145). [Casas Na Areia](#) (00 351