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SARDINIA, ITALY La Gritta

LOW-KEY DINING WITH KILLER VIEWS

GREAT VALUE In the 1960s, billionaire Prince Karim Aga Khan cherry-picked Sardinia's north coast as an unadorned hideaway for the fashionable society of his day. Nowadays, the north side of the island is fairly developed, and standing in the middle of Palau's built-up seafont, one might find it hard to see why the Emerald Coast is so notable. The real magic to this region comes on a plate, and the best plates on the north coast—along with its best views—can be had at a simple limestone building overlooking the Maddalena archipelago. La Gritta's cuisine makes the most of the island's sea bounty (all the fish is hook-and-line caught) and of produce from island farms—plus there's homemade bread, pasta, and gelato. The owners, brothers Beniamino and Paolo D'Amore, opened the restaurant more than two decades ago with Paolo cooking and Beniamino selecting the wines. In 2007 Beniamino's daughter Simona and her partner Roberto took over, adding flashes of the avant-garde to uncomplicated old-world flavors. www.ristorantelagritta.it **SMART SPLURGE** At Sorrento's Bellevue Syrene hotel, restaurant Il Pino is set on a terrace that's practically sliding into Italy's Bay of Naples. Diners bask in the candlelight while an ethereal Mount Vesuvius looms in the distance. bellevue.it

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