

# UGHI E NUNZIANTE

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Dear Boalt Hall Alumni:

I am writing to update you on our next IABA reunion, which will be held during the weekend of June 5-7, 2009 in Sardinia, Italy. As you might imagine, the venue of the meeting mandates a quite different agenda than our usual city-meetings held so far. Due to this venue, I am afraid (or, depending on the point of view) pleased to report that museums and cultural events will take the back seat this time. Weather permitting, swimming and boating will be our core activities.

Sardinia is a big island: approximately 24,000 square kilometres (15,000 square miles). Furthermore, its geography varies dramatically from one area to the next which makes one well-know Italian writer describe Sardinia much like a small "continent". As a result, it is impossible to comprehensively explore Sardinia in such a short two-day weekend. If your schedule permits, you might want to consider prolonging your visit for a few days. Because of Sardinia's many beautiful and diverse areas, I had a very difficult time in selecting the location of our reunion. After much deliberation, and having considered its proximity to an international airport and its convenient location, I selected the beach/golf resort of "*Puntaldia*". I am confident that both you and your invited guests will find this location very much to your liking.

## Program

On Friday evening we will have cocktails at the resort, and then proceed for dinner in a nearby quaint, typical Sardinian restaurant. On Saturday morning we will have our usual business meeting. Once this is finished, the plan is to jump into several small boats and explore the surrounding beautiful coast, in particular the islands of Tavolara and Molara. For those who do not want to adventure by boat there are plenty things to do right at the resort including visiting its beaches, tennis courts or even a playing a game of golf at its breathtakingly beautiful nine hole course which overlooks the ocean. Saturday night we will have dinner at local fish restaurant which offers some of the most stunning views in the area. Later that evening we will have almost a full moon, which might invite a late night swim or, alternatively, a relaxed drink at the hotel piano bar by the beach.

Sunday morning is free for us to explore either the rich-and-famous glitzy resort of Costa Smeralda on the north, or, alternatively, the more off-the-beaten path of the town of Orosei and its surrounding areas. Costa Smeralda is the most well-know development in

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the northeast part of Sardinia. It was founded in 1962 by a consortium of financiers, including the Aga Khan. Villas and residential hotels have sprung up almost everywhere, and small harbours have been equipped as elite marinas. The surroundings are undeniably beautiful, with spectacular beaches and rugged coastal scenery. The heart of the Costa Smeralda is Porto Cervo which is surrounded by two large yacht harbours that house some of the most spectacular private yachts in the world. The local shopping is famous offering both high end Italian and other European luxury stores. On the other hand and further down south on the coast is the Gulf of Orosei and its surrounding areas. Orosei is less well known and less developed, but it boasts beautiful stretches of white beaches (one of which was picked for the movie "Swept Away" featuring Madonna.) There are also dramatic mountain views and quaint, authentic old Sardinian villages with local artisan shopping.

### **Accommodation**

I have reserved a limited number of rooms at competitive rates at the only hotel on site ([www.duelune.com](http://www.duelune.com)). The number of rooms are limited, so I *really* urge you to make your reservation with as much advance notice as possible. Once the rooms at the hotel are filled your alternative accommodation will likely be outside the resort, which will be less convenient.

### **Air and Ground Transportation**

Puntaldia is conveniently located approximately 22 kilometres (approximately 15 miles) south of the international airport of Olbia. Most flight services from European cities will start on June 1, although certain low cost airlines (*e.g.*, Tuofly, Easyjet, Ryanair, Meridiana) fly to Sardinia all-year-round. To find out which airlines and which routes fly to Olbia, you might want to check first the Olbia airport web site: [www.geasar.it](http://www.geasar.it). Another international airport is Alghero ([www.aeroportoalghero.it](http://www.aeroportoalghero.it)). However, Alghero is approximately 100 kilometres from our venue. Therefore, unless you decide to rent a car upon your arrival, I would not recommend flying there.

The taxi fare from the Olbia airport is approximately €50 one way. If you let me know your flight schedule, and if several of you will be arriving at approximately the same time, I might be able to arrange for a shuttle service. In addition, at the airport there are several car rental companies. A car rental company with competitive rates is [www.rent.it](http://www.rent.it).

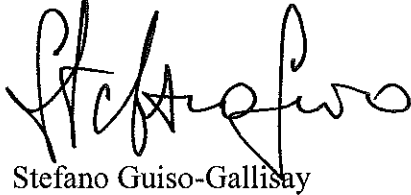
Sardinia may also be reached by ferryboat from Genoa, Livorno and Rome.

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I want to take this opportunity to encourage again all of you to come and enjoy Sardinia. This weekend promises to be filled with many wonderful occasions to meet with old friends and make new acquaintances in one of the most beautiful and exclusive islands in the Mediterranean.

If I can be of any further help in planning your trip please let me know. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you and your guests in June.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefano Guiso-Gallisay'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Stefano' being more prominent and the last name 'Guiso-Gallisay' following in a similar style.

Stefano Guiso-Gallisay