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The Quinta, Comporta and its story



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We invited the Portuguese writer Margarida Rebelo Pinto, author of best-sellers such as "Sei Lá" and "Não há coincidências", to, through her writing and for being a friend of the house, let us know a little of the magic of Comporta, of its history and of the people who every day make this place unique.

Travelling to the past and living in the present, Margarida tells us more about the fulfillment of a dream and the inspiration that gave birth to Quinta da Comporta.

How much is a dream worth?

Quinta da Comporta is like a never ending story, a dream come true, an enchanted world envisioned by a visionary. Where there was an orange grove, one of the most magical hotels in Portugal was born, unique, original and completely different. How was this possible? We will travel back in time until the beginning of the millennium, when the architect Miguel CÂncio Martins, owner and mentor of the project, sat on the Pêgo beach with a sketchbook, drawing Quinta da Comporta, using his imagination. He called it "Quinta" not only because it is the place where we usually receive our friends, he likes to emphasize, but also because Comporta is much more than a well-kept secret of dream golden sand beaches. Comporta is the land of rice and thatch, where hundreds of families live for generations, hardworking people with a life dedicated to the craft of weeding. Only the threshing floor, the place where the peasant women used to dry the rice and the warehouses where they used to sleep after their working day, still remain from those times. Despite having opened in 2019, Quinta da Comporta is already a national and international reference. Every detail was as carefully thought as the project as a whole, because, as Oscar Wilde used to say, there aren't *minor* or *major* things, everything is important. Here the time may even stop, while watching the birds that decorate the rice fields on the immense horizon beyond the infinity pool. Here we can breathe calm, silence and peace. Quinta da Comporta isn't simply a summer getaway, it's a secret to be revisited and tasted all over the year, to enjoy the restaurant and the Oryza Spa's therapies, walking and cycling through the rice fields and the whole mystique around one of the most exclusive European destinations. Quinta da Comporta has the magic of the great love stories, where everything is done with time, care, dream and devotion. The most beautiful and ancient trees were preserved, including the entrance pine tree with more than 50 years old and the weeping tree at the door of the Spa with more than 100 years old. The time, here, is counted in hours of dream, days of peace, weeks of privacy and freedom. It's a lifetime project, says Miguel, while hugging his children. This project is an example, I guess and, like many regular customers, it makes me feel at home in every corner of these four hectares. And whenever I return from the "Quinta" I always wonder when I will return. It's so good to belong to this place! And you, what are you waiting for to be happy? Dreams exist to come true.

