

# Picturesque setting for a realistic price

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PORTUGUESE-speaking Cape Verde offers the same climate as the Caribbean but minus the hurricanes or the long-haul flight. And with direct flights opening up between Dublin and Cape Verde's main population centre, Santiago, the island south of the Canaries offers the Irish property investor and/or second-home sun worshipper an ideal investment.

Ponta Bicuda is a prime spot to enjoy the near all-year round mean temperatures of between 22°C and 27°C. The new five-star resort is located on a 170-acre peninsula with just over two miles of picturesque coastline. With six different villages comprising hotels, townhouses and apartments, it also offers a guaranteed rental income of 5%.

The resort contains shops, restaurants, cafés, a central plaza with auditorium, luxury spa and health club. Sports fans, culture vultures and gourmets are all catered for - there are art schools; a cooking class; tennis courts and scenic walks.

Ponta Bicuda comes with a private beach, boathouse, club and boardwalk where water-sport enthusiasts can enjoy windsurfing, kitesurfing, sailing and scuba diving.

The luxurious settings including the opulent villas resemble film locations for a *Bond* film. Ponta Bicuda Resort will also incorporate a cricket pitch and tennis courts, while the resort's private beach will include moorings.

Prices range from €75,000 for an apartment up to €1.6m for a top-of-the-range villa.

Award-winning company Wimberly Allison Tong and Goo has also ensured that the resort is secure and car-free, in line with a tropical environment and properties that almost all have direct ocean views.

Ponta Bicuda at Cape Verde will be launching 17 and 18 November in the Westbury Hotel, Dublin and 24 and 25 November at Clarion, Steamboat Quay, Limerick.

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Luxury is a definite guarantee in Cape Verde's Ponta Bicuda Resort