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FISHING IN FERRAGUDO

The pretty Portuguese fishing village of Ferragudo can trace its history back to Roman times. These days, the Western Algarve community is an increasingly popular destination for tourists and the quay has several outstanding seafood restaurants where you can watch your supper being off-loaded from a fishing boat and placed straight onto a traditional open-air charcoal grill.

Ferragudo has a superb beach offering safe swimming conditions

for children. A new development of half-moon-shaped semi-detached houses is currently being offered for sale through Atlantic Estates. The houses have basement garages and a private swimming pool.

The development is five minutes drive from the beach and the local golf course and 45 minutes from Faro airport. Prices start at £189,830 (280,000 euros). For details, contact Atlantic Estates on 0800 917 6106, or go to www.atlantic-estates.com



CRETE EXPECTATIONS

This renovated house in the village of Milatos on the east coast of Crete features a large roof terrace with views over the sea. The main house has a sitting room, kitchen, mezzanine sleeping area, a studio room with its own separate entrance and an external courtyard. The kitchen, electricity and plumbing have recently been renewed. The asking price is £106,000 and details are available from Crete Property Consultants (tel 020 7328 8209; www.creteproperty.co.uk).

WHERE'S HOT IN 2006?

The Ukraine is being tipped as the next overseas hotspot by estate agent Property

Frontiers. Odessa and the Black Sea coast are the big draws in a country that saw its economy grow by 12 per cent in 2004. Morocco is also being vaunted as a place to invest, thanks to its strong economy, stable currency and great weather. Other potential investor hotspots, according to Property Frontiers, include the port of Gdansk, Poland, which has a scenic old town, a beach and a Ryan Air service from Stansted.



AFRICA ON SEA

Morocco is being dubbed 'the new Spain' by developers keen to lure British holiday home buyers to North Africa.

Sunshine is pretty much guaranteed and prices are less than half those charged for similar properties on the Costa del Sol.

These detached three-bedroom villas at Anagadir are just 30 metres from the beach and have sea views and an 'infinity' pool. The asking price is £220,000. Call Saffron Villas on 01635 253121, or visit www.saffronvillas.com



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Squamish calls itself the outdoor recreation capital of Canada. Situated an hour from both Whistler and Vancouver in the province of British Columbia, it offers visitors and residents spectacular climbing, sailing, canoeing and mountain biking facilities. This pretty, three-bedroom, three-bathroom house, built in 1996, is in Paradise Valley on the edge of town and stands in 1.3 acres of land. The house features a large wrap-around deck, complete with hot tub. The asking price is £335,000 (\$719,000). For more information, visit Assignments Canada at www.AssignmentsCanada.ca