

Sardinia

7th – 27th September 2019



Be captivated by Sardinia

Located halfway between Africa and Europe, Sardinia is the second largest island in the Mediterranean and fiercely proud of its unique identity, although Italian the island is very different to the rest of Italy.

The island was once a natural pit stop for Empires on their journey through the Mediterranean Sea. The Phoenicians, Vandals and Byzantines have all left their mark, with the town of Alghero being colonised by the Spanish Catalans for hundreds of years.

Another thing that really sets Sardinia apart is its white sands and turquoise waters, the Caribbean-like beaches are some of the best-looking in Europe

We travel around the whole island at a leisurely pace so that you have time to visit the historic landmarks that abound the island, included is a well-planned excursion programme which along with an above average number of group meals ensures your tour is relaxed, well informed and you eat well throughout.

Campsites in Sardinia tend to be rustic, matching the local feel, with basic clean amenities. Pitches are generally not defined and at times whilst hook-ups are available amperage can be limited.

20 Nights

Day One – Saturday 7th September

We meet at a campsite near Pisa. This evening we will have an informal Drinks Reception, an opportunity for everyone to get together for the first time.

Day Two – Sunday 8th September

After our early morning drive to the ferry port **20 miles**, we board to cross to the island of Sardinia (6.5-hour crossing). Following a short drive, we arrive at our first campsite on the island, where we will stay for four nights. This evening we enjoy a group dinner in the campsite restaurant. **20 miles**

Day Three – Monday 9th September

Our excursion today takes us to Costa Smeralda. Spectacular scenery, pure white sand, and VIPs luxury yachts. Lunch is included in a local restaurant.

Day Four – Tuesday 10th September

Today we visit the village of Orgòsolo. Walking through the town you will see many of the famous murals – huge, colourful, funny and sometimes political. Lunch is rustic, in the woods with the Bandits (Shepherds).



Day Five – Wednesday 11th September

Relaxing day or take a walk down to the beach.

Day Six – Thursday 12th September

Onward travel to our next campsite in Arbatax, where we stay for two nights. This evening there is a group dinner in the campsite restaurant. **105 miles**



Day Seven – Friday 13th September

Free day, but it is worth a stroll to the coast to see the "Red Rock" rocky outcrops of reddish granite.

Day Eight – Saturday 14th September

We travel today to the south of the island, to our campsite on the Golfo di Cagliari. Here we stay for four nights. **125 miles**

Day Nine – Sunday 15th September

Excursion along the Southern Coast offering spectacular views of bays, dunes and pine forests. Following a visit to the "Grotte is Zuddas" we enjoy a traditional lunch before making our way back to the campsite.

Day Ten – Monday 16th September

Free day to relax, there is a beach near the campsite

Day Eleven – Tuesday 17th September

Cagliari is our destination today, there will be a guided visit followed by free time to explore. In the afternoon we visit Nora, founded under Phoenician rule in the 9th-8th centuries BC and built on a spit of land jutting out to sea.

Day Twelve – Wednesday 18th September

Start to travel north today to our next campsite at Narbolia. En-route take a detour to Barumini **65 miles** to visit “Su Nuraxi” the largest nuraghic fortress in Sardinia. The original settlement dates back from 1500 BC during the Middle Bronze Age. We will be staying at the campsite for five nights. **65 miles**



Day Thirteen – Thursday 19th September

Our excursion today takes us to the Sinis Peninsula, visiting San Salvatore where their white houses are only occupied for nine days each year. Then on to the city of Tharros, founded by the Phoenicians around the end of the 8th century BC. Lunch is included.

Day Fourteen – Friday 20th September

Excursion via the “Green Train” to Bosa, which is dominated by the Castello dei Malaspina. A light lunch is arranged.

Day Fifteen – Saturday 21st September

Free day to relax, or take a walk along the beach which stretches for miles. This evening we will have a group dinner in the campsite restaurant.

Day Sixteen – Sunday 22nd September

Guided excursion to Costa Verde, visiting the old dismantling mine area dating back to the early 1800's in a wild and fascinating environment. Later we end at Piscinas to see the sand desert with dunes over 50 meters high. Lunch is included.

Day Seventeen – Monday 23rd September

We move on today to the north coast near Valledoria where we stay for four nights. **100 miles**

Day Eighteen – Tuesday 24th September

Free day to relax, with a beach on the campsite and the village within easy walking distance.

Day Nineteen – Wednesday 25th September

A coach will take us to Alghero, the most Spanish city on the island. The old centre lies within the ancient fortified quarter. You will have free time, plus travel on the local tourist bus to see the sights before returning to the campsite later in the day.

Day Twenty – Thursday 26th September

Relax on site, getting ready for your trip back to the mainland. This evening we have our ‘Farewell Dinner’ in the campsite restaurant.

Day Twenty-One – Friday 27th September

We make our way to the Port and board our ferry back to Italy where the tour ends. **70 miles**

PRICE

Motorhome with 2 people = £1969 per person

TOUR DEPOSIT £400

Motorhome with 1 person = £2499

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 20 Campsite nights with hook-ups
- All transfers required for Excursions/Events as per the itinerary
- Return Ferry arrangements to Sardinia
- Entrance fees as described in the itinerary
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome
- Michelin National Map of Sardinia
- DK Guidebook

Excursions, Events & Meals

- Drinks reception
- Welcome to Sardinia Dinner in the Campsite Restaurant, including wine
- Excursion to Costa Smeralda, including Lunch
- Excursion to Orgòsolo, including a Rustic Lunch
- Dinner in Arbatax Campsite Restaurant, including wine
- Excursion along the Southern Coast
- Visit the “Grottei is Zuddas”, including a Traditional Lunch
- Excursion to Cagliari
- Entry to Nora
- Excursion to the Sinis Peninsula, including Lunch
- Entry to the city of Tharros
- Excursion to Bosa, including a Light Lunch
- Dinner in the Campsite Restaurant, including wine
- Excursion to Costa Verde, including Lunch
- Coach to Alghero
- Alghero Sightseeing Bus
- Farewell Dinner, including wine

This tour starts in Pisa, Italy, but if you would like to travel on the outward journey at the same time as the Tour Directors, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf

OPTIONAL EXTRA PACKAGE

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- Six additional campsite nights starting in Kent on Sunday 1st September followed by France, Germany, Switzerland & Italy x 2
- 1 x group Dinner at a campsite restaurant
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE

Motorhome with 2 people @ £279 per person

Motorhome with 1 person @ £499