

Sardinia

27th May – 17th June 2023



Be captivated by Sardinia

Located halfway between Africa and Europe, Sardinia is the second largest island in the Mediterranean Sea 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 it has nearly 2000Km of coastline, white sands and turquoise waters, the Caribbean-like beaches are some of the best-looking in Europe. Its rugged landscape is dotted with thousands of nuraghi – mysterious Bronze Age stone ruins shaped like beehives. One of the largest and oldest nuraghi is Su Nuraxi in Barumini, dating to 1500 B.C.

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.

21 Nights

Day One – Saturday 27th May

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 28th May

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 three nights. This evening we enjoy a group dinner in the campsite restaurant. **20 miles**

Day Three – Monday 29th May

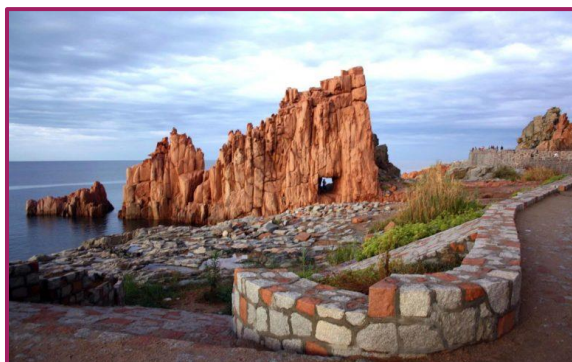
Our excursion today takes us to Costa Smeralda, a stretch of 10km situated between the bay of Arzachena and the Gulf of Cugnana and is perhaps the best-known corner of Sardinia, famous for its beaches and glitzy resorts. Spectacular scenery, pure white sand, and VIPs luxury yachts. Lunch is included in a local restaurant.

Day Four – Tuesday 30th May

Relaxing day or take a walk down to the beach.

Day Five – Wednesday 31st May

Onward travel to our next campsite in the area of Arbatax, where we stay for three nights. It is worth stopping to visit the “Red Rock” rocky outcrops of reddish granite on the way to the campsite. This evening there is a group dinner in the campsite restaurant. **125 miles**



Day Six – Thursday 1st June

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 Seven – Friday 2nd June

Free day, a chance to relax by the campsites excellent pool facilities

Day Eight – Saturday 3rd June

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 4th June

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

Day Ten – Monday 5th June

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

Day Eleven – Tuesday 6th June

Cagliari is our destination today, there will be a guided visit followed by free time to explore. In the afternoon we visit the archaeological site of 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 7th June

Start to travel north today to our next campsite, situated in a pine forest 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 8th June

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 at a beach restaurant

Day Fourteen – Friday 9th June

Excursion via the “Green Train” through the countryside to Bosa, which is dominated by the Castello dei Malaspina, including making a drinks stop on the way. A light lunch is arranged.

Day Fifteen – Saturday 10th June

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 11th June

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. Light picnic lunch is included.

Day Seventeen – Monday 12th June

We move on today further north to Alghero where we stay for four nights. **100 miles**



Day Eighteen – Tuesday 13th June

Free day to relax, using the campsite village facilities

Day Nineteen – Wednesday 14th June

The local bus stops at the campsite to Alghero centre, the most Spanish city on the island. The old centre lies within the ancient, fortified quarter. There is also a Hop on/off local tourist bus to see the sights before returning to the campsite later in the day.

Day Twenty – Thursday 15th June

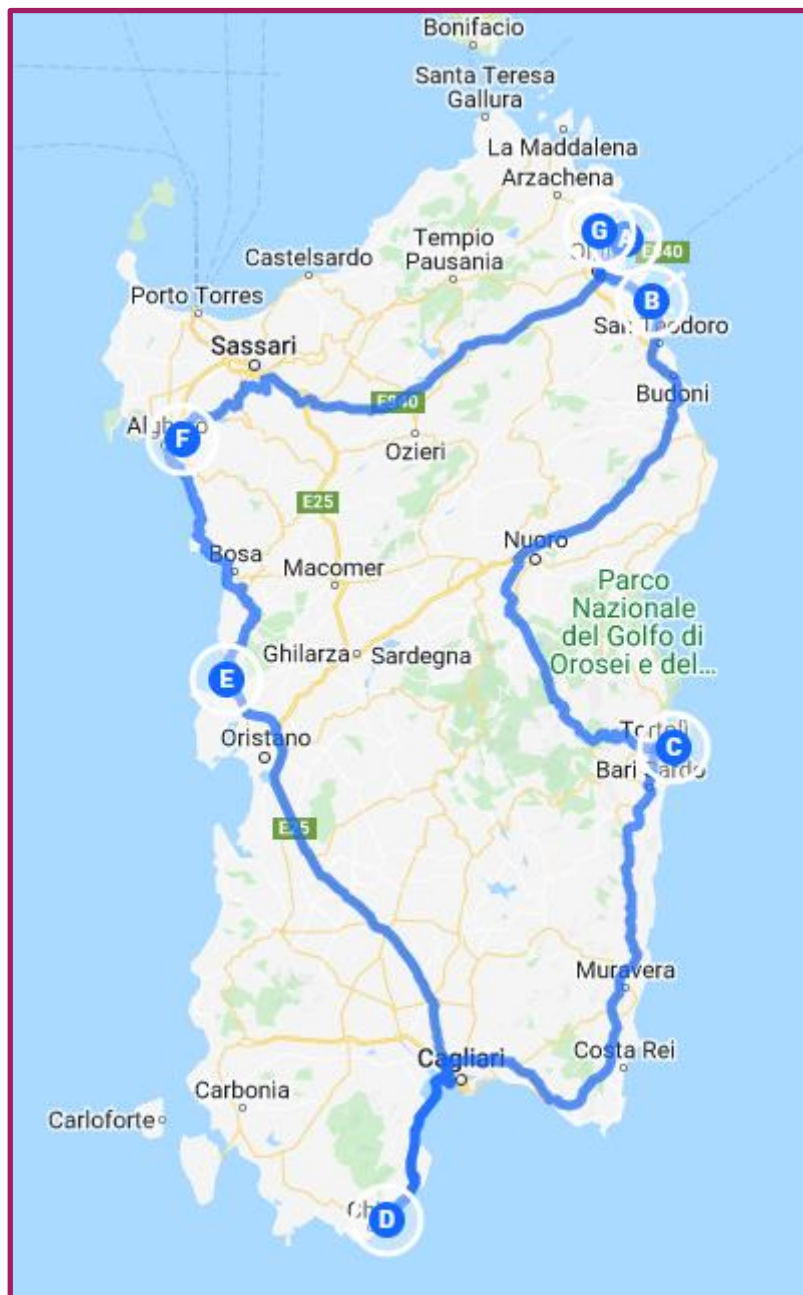
Relax on site, getting ready for your trip back to the mainland. This evening we have our 'Farewell Dinner' in the campsite restaurant.

Day Twenty-One – Friday 16th June

We make our way back to our first campsite Tavolara to be closer to the ferry port. **110 miles**

Day Twenty-Two – Saturday 17th June

Our final day and we make our way to the Port and board our ferry back to Italy where the tour ends. **20 miles**



PRICE

TOUR DEPOSIT £600

Motorhome up to 6m with 2 people = £2149 per person

Motorhome up to 6m with 1 person = £3199

Ferry supplement = £200 per metre or part metre

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 21 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
- Dinner in Alghero Campsite
- 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 Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- Six additional campsite nights starting in Kent on Sunday 21st May followed by Belgium, 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 @ £429 per person

Motorhome with 1 person @ £699