

## Sardinia – An Island Jewel

Cagliari, in the south, is Sardinia's capital. This compact port, with its jumble of streets, squeezed inside Pisan fortifications, make this citadel an exciting place to explore. Visit the picturesque former fishing village of Villasimius and take a boat trip from the new harbour to the offshore islands or go on scuba diving excursions to sunken ships off the coast. Explore the Stone Age tombs carved into the rock face at Spiaggia del Riso, nearby.

Travel east along the Costa Rei "King Coast" renowned for its crystal clear waters, golden sands and long beaches. Just inland are calm lagoons, where pink flamingos, cranes and cormorants can be spotted.

Centrally positioned on the east coast, the port of Arbatax makes an ideal base to explore the Ogliastra region and the surrounding unspoilt countryside. Arbatax is an artist's palette of colour; azure sea, red rocks and green Mediterranean scrub, backed by mountains. Drive through the mountains to discover the Nuraghi at Su Nuraxi, this palace complex of stone huts date from around 1500 BC.

Discover the genuine Sardinia with a visit to Nuoro, the capital city of the Eponymous Province, in the heart of Sardinia's stunning mountain range. In this remote region ancient customs and traditions infuse everyday life. In many villages colourful traditional clothing is still worn, and visitors can witness one of the many festivals, a heady mix of pagan myths and Christian beliefs.

A contrast is the beautiful Costa Smeralda in the north, made famous by the Aga Khan in the 1960s. Crystal clear emerald green water, countless gleaming white coves and stunning granite rock formations surround the chic resort town of Porto Cervo, home to the jet set. This magnificent coastline is perfect for water sports, with ideal conditions for windsurfing and diving and snorkelling in the reefs of La Maddalena National Park.

### Getting There

Fly direct from the UK to Cagliari, Olbia or Alghero with Ryanair, Easyjet, BA or Meridiana

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**Sardinia, an island jewel, strung between Italy and North Africa, is ideal for beach holidays in Italy and romantic honeymoons. Set in an aquamarine sea, this Island of contrasts ensures holidays in Sardinia, with chic resorts in the north and crystal clear waters and white sandy beaches in the south, have something for everyone. Sardinia offers spectacularly fresh seafood, to be enjoyed at long leisurely meals. Escape for a holiday in Sardinia and explore uncrowded beaches and discover the real Sardinia in tiny villages surrounded by ancient holm-oak trees.**

### Our Recommended Hotels on Sardinia

**The Sardinia Bay**  
**St. Peter's Beach Hotel**  
**Daffodil House**  
**The Sardinia Springs**  
**The Emerald Coast Hotel**  
**Hidden Stone Hotel & Spa**

