

Durgan Travel Service presents

GRAND TOUR

OF

SARDINIA

9 days/7 nights

DEPARTURES:

APR. & EARLY MAY at \$TBA
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OUR GRAND TOUR OF SARDINIA ITINERARY:

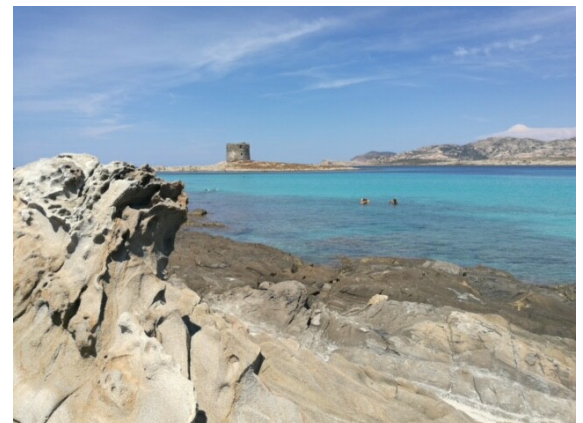
DAY 1 – BOSTON-ZURICH-OLBIA: Depart Logan Airport aboard our transatlantic Swiss flight to Sardinia (*via Zurich*) with food and beverage service while in flight.

DAY 2 – SARDINIA: Welcome to Sardinia! Upon arriving at Olbia Airport, we meet our Tour Escort and transfer south to Cagliari. After check in at our hotel (Hotel Sardegna or similar) we will have time to freshen up prior to dinner at the hotel and overnight. Hotel website: <http://www.sardegnahotelcagliari.it> (D)

DAY 3 – NORA-PULA: After breakfast at our hotel, we depart for Nora via the coastal road to Pula, which is surrounded by the Ponds of Cagliari where pink flamingoes live. Nora is a beautiful ancient town on the sea. Founded by Phoenicians, Nora is considered the most ancient town on the island, and it is very nice to admire the mosaics, the thermal springs, and ancient theater. A stele from Nora is considered the most ancient written document of Western Europe. In this region, there are many beautiful resorts. We will enjoy lunch in a traditional restaurant in Pula. We will enjoy some free time for shopping and a proper gelato in the beautiful, central Piazza Yenne! Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – THE ARGIOLAS WINERY~THE NURAGHE OF BARUMINI: After breakfast, we visit the Argiolas winery, near Cagliari. The most famous winery on Sardinia, it was designed by the Architect Couelle, creator of the Villas and the hotels of the Coast Smeralda. Argiolas is considered one of the most important wineries in Italy. Naturally a tasting follows the visit! We will have lunch at a local “agriturismo” restaurant, where we will taste the products of a farm and see the fields all around us. In the afternoon, we arrive in the little village of Barumini and visit the local Nuraghe. Protected by UNESCO, the Nuraghe of Barumini is the most important archaeological site of Sardinia. It is a nice adventure to walk among the ancient houses, then reach the heart of the fortress with its central tower surrounded by a fortified court and towers on four sides. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – SANTU LUSSUGIU/BOSA/ALGHERO: After breakfast and check-out at our hotel, we drive to central Sardinia and visit the Basilica of Santa Giusta, on the way to



Oristano. This is a nice church dating from the Middle Ages. After the visit, we travel to Santu Lussurgiu, where we will sample the famous "casizzolu," the most prestigious Sardinian slow food -- cheese. We'll enjoy a light lunch in a beautiful local restaurant in the historical center of Santa Lussurgiu. After lunch, we drive to Bosa, a tiny town on the mouth of the Temo Bridge with its historical center, where we'll taste the local Malvasia wine. This incredible dessert wine was the only one to be awarded the score of 20/20 in a guide of Italian wines. After the visit, we drive to Alghero, where we will check in at the first-class Hotel Catalunya (or similar). Dinner and overnight. Hotel website: <http://www.hotelcatalunya.it/en/> (B, L, D)

DAY 6 – ALGHERO~CASTELSARDO~OLBIA: After breakfast and check out at our hotel, we enjoy a visit of the historical center of Alghero, with its typical Catalan atmosphere, and see the medieval rampart leading straight to the sea. After this visit, we'll visit a beautiful extra virgin olive oil grove and vineyard. In Alghero there is a great tradition of olive and grape-growing. We'll enjoy a tasting of extra virgin olive oil and wine, with other local products. The family who produces the extra virgin olive oil also operates a restaurant on site, where we'll enjoy lunch after a tasting. Next we travel the road to Castelsardo. We visit the historical center of this town, located on the top of a magnificent promontory still beautifully preserved. It offers a stunning view of the sea. The town also has medieval churches, fortifications, and narrow roads in local stone. Then we drive through the Ballura Region up to Olbia for check into the uniquely-designed Hotel Mercure Olbia (or similar). Dinner and overnight. Hotel website: <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-7935-mercure-olbia/index.shtml> (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – OLIENA: After breakfast, we depart for the Bargaglia region. We arrive in Oliena, a beautiful village at the foot of the Corrasi Mountains, and enjoy a tasting of the local prosciutto and the local Nepente di Oliena wine. Lunch on own and afternoon at leisure for shopping. Return to Olbia for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 – LA MADDALENA~CAPRERA~THE EMERALD COAST: After breakfast, we depart for Palau and board the ferry to La Maddalena, the island heart of the National Park. We'll enjoy a tour of the island, with its wonderful and unspoiled beaches and panoramas on the sea facing French Corsica. The US Navy had an important base in La Maddalena for 50 years. After free time for lunch (on our own), we visit the island of Caprera, the last retreat of Guiseppe Garibaldi, father of the Italian Independence. Now it is time to return to the Sardinian mainland. We discover the Emerald Coast, with Porto Cervo, a summer capital of luxury and the international jet set. There will be time for us to walk in the Porto Cervo Marina, with its villas and hotels, masterpieces, and modern architecture. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 9 – ARZACHENA~OLBIA~ZURICH~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we transfer to the Surau winery in Arzachena. This luxurious winery produces excellent delicious wines like the unique Vermetino, a white wine. We will have a tasting of the best wines accompanied by a tasting of local products. Then we transfer to the airport in Olbia to board our return flight to Boston (via Zurich) with food and beverage service, and stereo headsets, while in flight. (B)

OUR GRAND TOUR OF SARDINIA INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Representative.
- Regularly scheduled flights Boston-int.stop-Olbia and return with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight.
- Portorage of luggage at the airports and hotels.
- All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- Accommodations at superior first-class hotels: 3 nights at *Hotel Sardegna* (or similar) in Cagliari, 1 night at *Hotel Catalunya* in Alghero, and 3 nights at *Hotel Mercure* (or similar) in Olbia. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- Breakfast (B) each morning, 4 lunches (L), and dinner (D) each evening.
- Round-trip ferry transportation to and from the island of La Maddalena.
- All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- Comprehensive sightseeing as illustrated in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- Full service of a Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- Professional English-speaking guides, as required.
- Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of travel documentation.

A \$400 DEPOSIT DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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