

ITALY

## SELF-DRIVE SARDINIA (TOUR CODE: 11599)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Alghero

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

01 Apr 2022 - 19 Dec 2023

**EXPERIENCE**

Self-Drive

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Independent Holiday Packages

Sardinia amazes all visitors for its natural contrasts, lights and Colours, a country of ancient traditions, wild nature and pristine waters.

### Highlights

- Visiting **Barumini** and its world-wide famous **Su Nuraxi** (UNESCO World Heritage Nuragic site)
- Discover the historic centre and the pisan-style monuments of **Cagliari with private guide**
- Enjoy a boat ride and admire the magnificent cliffs with several natural cavities: the most famous is the **Cave of Neptune**.
- Explore the fabulous village of **Bosa** and the Roman archaeological site, **Tharros!**
- Discover to the wild beaches of **Orosei** and the worldwide famous **Emerald Coast with Porto Cervo**

Situated in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, Sardinia is a mainly mountainous region without high peaks, but rather with a vast and charming, yet bittersweet, natural environment.

Among its wonders, Sardinia offers visitors the chance to witness Nuragic complexes scattered all over the territory. These monuments are unique to the world, testifying to an ancient culture dating back to the 15th Century B.C. Of these many constructions, the Barumini complex, in the Province of Cagliari, is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



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## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Alghero at Hotel dei Pini - 4\*
- 1 night in Barumini at Hotel Omu Axiu - 3\*
- 2 nights in Cagliari at Hotel Flora - 4\*
- 1 night in Orosei at Hotel Anticos Palathos - 3\*
- 1 night in Palau at Hotel La Vecchia Fonte - 4\*
- Car Hire Credit of \$700
- Daily Breakfast
- 1 wine tasting with lunch in Cagliari area
- 1 wine tasting in Barumini area
- 1 full-day private guided tour in Alghero and Capo Caccia
- 1 full-day private guided tour in Barumini and Cagliari
- 1 half-day private guided tour in Cagliari

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Alghero

Arrival at the airport, collect your car and proceed onto the city centre. Day at leisure: we recommend strolling through the **city centre of Alghero**, one of the most loved cities of the island for the popular walkway along the port's bastions, the red roofs and the gorgeous natural bay that flows into the emerald sea.

Overnight stay in Alghero at **Hotel Dei Pini**.



PORT OF ALGHERO

Day **2** Alghero Capo Caccia Alghero

This morning, visit the most interesting natural site of Sardinia: the amazing **Capo Caccia**. You will get on a boat to admire the magnificent cliffs with several natural cavities: the most famous is the Cave of Neptune. The interior is striking with large stalactites and stalagmites that reflect on crystal-clear waters. Back to Alghero for lunch.

Afternoon dedicated to the visit of **Alghero**, sumptuous fortified city of Catalan origin, which preserved its old typical lanes and districts. Visit the tower of Porta Terra and its panoramic terrace, the cathedral of Santa Maria, the church Saint-François and its cloister. Alghero is best known for its production of coral objects and lobster fishing.

Overnight stay in Alghero at **Hotel Dei Pini**.

Breakfast



ALGHERO'S PORT BY NIGHT

Day **3** Alghero Bosa Tharros (Barumini area)



After breakfast, departure to Bosa via the panoramic coastline road. Arrival and **visit of Bosa**, the only Sardinian town on a navigable river. Bosa is a fabulous village where history and modernity come together generating curiosity and fascination. The Old Village, also known as Sa Costa, lies around the Serravalle Castle, built by the Malaspinas between the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Then continue to the Roman archaeological site of **Tharros** and enjoy its breathtaking view over the sea.

Overnight stay in Barumini area at **Hotel Omu Axiu**.

Breakfast



#### Day 4 Tharros (Barumini area) Cagliari

After breakfast, you'll meet your private guide to visit **Barumini**, one of the most captivating places on the Island. At the entrance to the residential area, there is a monumental complex that has made it so famous: **Su Nuraxi**, the only archaeological site in Sardinia declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site (1997). Not only is it the most impressive (and most well-preserved) of the thirty Nuragic sites, but it is, above all, the most precious inheritance left to us by the Nuragic civilization.

After the visit, stop in a **farm for a winery experience** to discover Sardinians wines, their origin and traditions. The trip continues towards **Cagliari** for the visit of the capital.

Overnight stay in Cagliari at **Hotel Flora**.

Breakfast

#### Day 5 Cagliari

Morning dedicated to the visit of the city of **Cagliari with private guide**. Discover the historic centre and its pisan-style monuments: the beautiful Santa Maria Cathedral, the Elephant tower and San Pancrazio tower. Then visit the Romanesque church of San Saturnino and the terrace Umberto I, the city's famous belvedere, the Cittadella dei Musei and the Porta Cristina. After the visit, departure for a **wine tasting with light lunch** at "Ferruccio Deiana". Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Cagliari at **Hotel Flora**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **6** Cagliari Nuoro Mamoiada Orgosolo Orosei

The day will be dedicated to visiting **Nuoro** and a few villages of the innermost part of Sardinia: **Mamoiada**, known for its traditional masks and **Orgosolo**, with its over one hundred *murales*. A cradle of archaic traditions, Orgosolo preserved a deep bond with its roots: it is the land of the Canto a Tenore (Polyphonic folk singing), proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight stay in Orosei at **Hotel Anticos Palathos**.

Breakfast



STREET ART IN THE TOWN OF ORGOSOLO

Day **7** Orosei Emerald Coast

After breakfast, **visit to the wild beaches of Orosei**. Transfer to the worldwide famous Emerald Coast, with **Porto Cervo** set as its gemstone and uniting the history and culture of ancient traditions with a joyful and colourful nightlife. Porto Cervo



was named after its enchanting cove that resembles the antlers of a deer; the Old Port is considered the best-equipped touristic port in the Mediterranean Sea. Porto Rotondo is also a famous location; it overlooks the wide Gulf of Cugnana and is full of villas and piazzas.

Overnight stay in Palau at **Hotel Vecchia Fonte**.

Breakfast



Day 8

## Emerald Coast

After breakfast and according to your departure flight, we suggest a visit of **Arzachena**, with its tombs of the giants of Coddu Vecchiu. Built in local granite, the ensemble dates from the Middle Bronze Age and displays one of the oldest tombs on the island (1800 BC). Alternatively, we suggest a **visit to the islands of La Maddalena**, composed by twenty small granitic and schistose islets.

End of the services.

Breakfast



## ACCOMMODATION

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### Hotel Dei Pini

#### Alghero

This beautiful 4 star hotel faces one of the most beautiful beaches in Alghero, Le Bombarde, and is immersed in the Porto Conte Natural Reserve, a marine protected area. The property is immersed in a magical atmosphere and provides a private beach, only a minute's walk away, as well as a swimming pool with sea-view hydromassage corner.



### Hotel Omu Axiu

#### Orroli

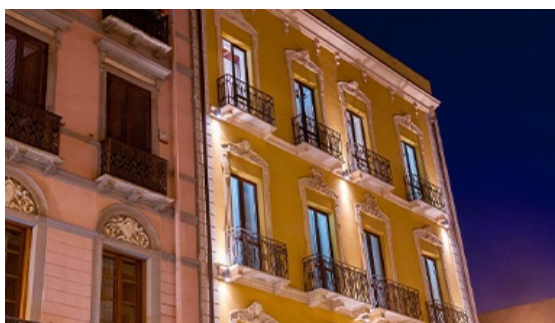
Omu Axiu is an incredible typical hotel located in the historical centre of Orroli, specialised in offering traditional Sardinian meals. All rooms are spacious and beautifully furnished with local Sardinian handicraft and fabrics. There is an on-site museum displaying traditional tools, bedrooms and clothing.



### Hotel Flora

#### Cagliari

This lovely boutique hotel is located in central Cagliari, just 800 m from the harbour and in one of the most beautiful parts of the historical centre. Offering a sweet and savoury buffet-style breakfast daily and open for lunch and dinner, the à la carte Flora restaurant specialises in typical Sardinian cuisine, including fish-based dishes.



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## Hotel Anticos Palathos

### Orosei

Located in the central square of Orosei, Hotel Anticos Palathos is a renovated ancient building. The original division of spaces has been respected so to transform reception halls, kitchens and noble rooms into modern suites that open onto terraces and large courtyards. Each suite is different, both in terms of architecture and colors and furnishings.



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## Hotel La Vecchia Fonte

### Palau

This charming hotel in Palau is located right in front of the new Tourist Port. At only 350 m from the best beaches of Palau, Hotel La Vecchia Fonte is the ideal place to stay to explore one of the pearls of the beautiful Emerald Coast, close to the Arcipelagus of La Maddalena.





# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- This package is excluded from the "**CHANGE OF MIND**" Portion of our Peace of Mind Booking Plan.
- **FLEXI CAR HIRE CREDIT:** This self-drive package includes a \$700 (\$100/day) Flexi Car Hire Credit. This provides the flexibility of selecting a vehicle based on your own preferences and requirements. As each location has vehicle limitations, please speak to our team for options.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package