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15 Fascinating Days **Cagliari to Bastia**

Sardinia & Corsica, the Lands of Myths and Legends

Two islands, so different, so intriguing!

Discover so many startling contrasts and a visual feast of rugged mountains and sweeping coastal drives

One Italian, one French, both fiercely independent. Visit over 3,500 year old huge stone 'Nuraghe' Tower villages, cruise to the beautiful Neptune's Caves, enjoy stunning cliff top coastal drives, take 4WDs deep into rugged ravines for a shepherd's picnic lunch. Visit colourful Bosa, 'bandit' Orgosolo, Catalan Alghero, the staggering cliff top town of Bonifacio, Napoleon's Ajaccio and...best of all...3 nights in remarkable Su Gologone.

Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach

A complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners
24 meals including breakfast daily (B), 3 lunches including a light lunch in a local vineyard, a shepherd's picnic lunch in the Supramonte Mountains and a light lunch in the secluded coastal village of Girolata (L) and 7 evening meals (D)
Welcome drink on Day 1

Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
14 nights specially selected hotel accommodation
Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager
Local guides as described in the itinerary
Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)

Hand Selected Albatross Inclusions : Explore the Su Nuraxi Nuraghe, Welcome drink on the 'Champagnoteque Terrace' in Su Gologone, 4 Wheel Drive excursion deep into the Supramonte Mountains for a shepherds picnic lunch, train ride to Corte, Neptune's Cave cruise and Scandola Nature Reserve cruise
ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described


Italy
L'île-Rousse
Bastia
Calvi
3
Scandola Nature Reserve
Girolata
Mount Rotondo
Corte
Ajaccio
2
Corsica
Propriano
Sartène
Strait of Bonifacio
2
Bonifacio
Gulf of Asinara
Castelsardo
Sardinia
Grotta di Nettuno
2
Alghero
Bosa
Nuoro
3
Su Gologone
Orgosolo
Gulf of Orosi
Gennargentu Mountains
Tyrrhenian Sea
Gergei
Barumini
Mediterranean Sea
2
Cagliari
Tour commences
3
Nights
Included excursions

Cagliari welcome

Day 1 | **Hotel Regina Margherita, Cagliari** | **D**

Your tour commences this evening in Cagliari. Join us tonight for a welcome drink before dinner in a local restaurant. This is an ideal chance to meet, and get to know, your Tour Manager and fellow travellers.

National Archaeological Museum, Bastione views and 'My Time'

Day 2 | **Hotel Regina Margherita, Cagliari** | **B**

Well off the tourist map, Cagliari has a unique identity and feeling. To the south east lies Sicily, to the east is Naples. Whilst definitely Italian, it also stamps its own Sardinian personality. Joined by a local guide we explore this historic city. Cagliari's old city sits astride a plateau. We enjoy a walking tour that begins with a visit to the National Archaeological Museum. Continuing on, our tour takes us down through the streets of the old town to the Cathedral, and on to the Bastione di Saint Remy, with its views back over the bay. Later, 'My Time' to further explore this engaging town.

UNESCO listed Su Nuraxi and wine tasting in a local vineyard

Day 3 | **Hotel Su Gologone Experience Hotel** | **B,L,D**

Heading north we soon reach Barumini where we visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Su Nuraxi – an impressive Nuraghe rock town. Dating back 3,700 years these Sardinian ruined giant stone villages are still somewhat of a mystery – and there are an incredible 7,000 Nuraghe scattered around the island. A local guide will take us right inside the heart of the central tower complex. Fascinating! Afterwards, in nearby Gergei, at the Olianas Winery, we enjoy a vineyard tour, wine tasting and light lunch of locally grown produce. Crossing into the Gennargentu Massif we reach an extraordinary hotel where we stay the next three nights. The setting is amazing, the food fantastic, the region wild and untamed. The comfort is excellent, décor is divine, unique and colourful. You will forever remember staying in this unique 'Experience Hotel'. Before dinner we enjoy a pre-dinner drink on the champagne terrace – The Champagnoteque. Dinner tonight is a Sardinian specialty – Suckling Pig! (Vegetarians are well catered for).

4WD into the Supramonte Mountains for a Shepherds picnic & 'My Time'

Day 4 | **Hotel Su Gologone Experience Hotel** | **B,L**

There is nothing like a day in the mountains! Climbing aboard 4WDs we venture deep into the Supramonte mountains to enjoy an indulgent Shepherds Picnic. First stop is to enjoy a short walk to a recently discovered Nuraghe site in the forest, to learn how this ancient site was once used and the theories of what happened to the inhabitants. Re-boarding our 4WDs we drive to a shepherd's hut to enjoy our picnic. The authentic hut has been used for hundreds of years, and is still used by shepherds. The fabulous food is all local. You will enjoy 'pane carasau', traditional Sardinian flatbread, paper thin, antipasti, roast meats – lamb, veal and sausage, vegetables, cheeses, mountain honey, fruits and deserts... all washed down with delicious Cannonau (Sardinian red wine). Bellissimo! The rest of the day is free in our 'Experience Hotel'. Maybe enjoy a siesta, a dip in the pool? How about an aperitif on the 'Terrace of Dreams', relaxing on the 'Terrace of Desires' or putting a message in a bottle on the 'Terrace of Wishes', all with exceptional views of the sunbathed Mount Corrasi?

Orgosolo - the 'City of Murderers'

Day 5 | **Hotel Su Gologone Experience Hotel** | **B,D**

After a leisurely start, we enjoy a walk through a peaceful glade near our hotel to see the mystical natural springs of Sorgente Su Gologone flowing from a rock wall. So picturesque! Lunch time is spent in the nearby bandit town of Orgosolo – known also as the 'City of Murderers'. Until only a few decades ago this was the home and refuge for the regions notorious kidnappers (rich tourists only!) and bandits. Now peaceful, the locals have transformed the whole town. We are joined by a local guide who will explain the significance of the large colourful 'murales' (murals) that adorn the walls of houses and shops. Revolutionary art, portraits of saints and sinners, dictators and world events, oppression and humour, it has the lot. This evening we gather on one of the terraces to enjoy a tasting of local wines and produce. Before dinner relax around a bread oven in the Nido del Pane (Bread Basket) area, an expert artisan baker will create and cook tasty local breads. The aroma of the freshly baked bread will 'whet your appetite'.

Bosa, a cliff top drive and Alghero

Day 6 | **Hotel Catalunya, Alghero, Sassari** | **B,D**

After a morning stop in Nuoro we cross to the west coast, passing farmlands filled with remnants of dozens of ancient Nuraghe ruins and towers. Lunchtime will be in the medieval streets of Bosa. Set beside the River Temo, with the hilltop Malaspina castle above, the tall houses all painted in pastel colours make Bosa such a pretty and interesting town. Later we take the scenic road up to Alghero, where we stay the next two nights. Hugging the coastal cliffs on sweeping curves around rocky promontories this memorable drive offers outstanding views. Alghero was once part of the Catalan empire and their allegiance westwards towards Spain still stands strong. You will see the Catalonian flag everywhere and the locals still speak Catalan. Therefore Alghero is a unique blend of Spanish, Italian and independent Sardinian! In our hotel's 9th floor 'Sky Bar' we enjoy a welcome drink. The views over the old town port and across the sea are magnificent. Later we wander to a local restaurant in the old town to enjoy a traditional Alghero style Sardinian dinner.

Neptune's Caves, Alghero sunsets and 'My Time'

Day 7 | **Hotel Catalunya, Alghero, Sassari** | **B**

Today, crossing the beautiful bay on a cruise boat, we reach the massive Capo Caccia cliffs to visit the spectacular Neptune's Caves ('Grotte di Nettuno'). A specialist cave guide will walk us several hundred metres deep into the beautifully lit caverns past underground lakes, stalactites and stalagmites. The rest of the day and evening is at leisure in Alghero. Maybe enjoy dinner in a trattoria in the old town. The rich red sunsets across the sea and the cape are justifiably famous.

Castelsardo and Bonifacio

Day 8 | **Hotel Santa Teresa, Bonifacio** | **B,D**

A leisurely start before we follow the northern coastline to picturesque Castelsardo, with its ancient castle and famed for its basket weaving industry. Lunchtime is at leisure to explore the narrow streets of the characterful medieval citadel brimming with colourful houses, shops selling local woven handicrafts and restaurants, many with stunning panoramic views. In the afternoon we cross the water to Corsica, France. As we approach Bonifacio the citadel and fortifications loom high, perched magnificently, overhanging the deep blue sea. Entering the harbour we are surrounded by enormous mega yachts and cruisers moored there. The entire harbour is one giant marina and lining the quays are dozens and dozens of bars, shops, restaurants and cafés. Dinner tonight is included in a local restaurant, a short stroll from our cliff top hotel.

‘My Time’ in Bonifacio

Day 9 | **Hotel Santa Teresa, Bonifacio** | **B**

After a short walking tour of the medieval clifftop citadel, your day is free in Bonifacio. ‘My Time’ to relax and amble around the yacht filled harbour, go shopping, explore the historic citadel at your own pace, or maybe hire a boat for a joyride around the bay. A wonderful relaxing day!

Medieval Sartène, Propriano and a scenic drive

Day 10 | **Best Western Plus Hotel Ajaccio Amiraute, Ajaccio** | **B,D**

Skirting the south west corner, we arrive in charming Sartène. By the leafy main square is the gateway to the 16th century streets of the old town. Take time to stroll and shop amongst the little winding alleys, or to settle in a café and enjoy the medieval surroundings. Lunchtime is at leisure in the coastal town of Propriano. Later we cross over the hills to Ajaccio for our next two night stay. Dinner tonight is included.

Napoleon’s home and ‘My Time’

Day 11 | **Best Western Plus Hotel Ajaccio Amiraute, Ajaccio** | **B**

This morning we are joined by a local guide for a walking tour of the old town of Ajaccio. Most famous as being the birthplace of that ‘little Corsican’ Napoleon Bonaparte, we also visit the house where he was born and spent his youth. The rest of your day is free. ‘My Time’ to explore and shop in the lengthy pedestrian shopping street or relax and enjoy the facilities at our hotel.

Scenic train ride, Corte and local produce tasting in Calvi

Day 12 | **Hotel L'Abbaye, Calvi, Haute-Corse** | **B**

Boarding a train we cut straight through the scenic mountains of Corsica’s rugged interior to arrive in the ancient capital of Corte. We have included entrance to Corte’s historical museum and ramparts. From there you will have access to the picturesque old fortification standing high on a rocky outcrop. It was here that the Pasquale Paoli, head of the Corsican resistance, declared their new republic in 1794, making Corte the capital. His statue is in the main square amongst the cafes and restaurants, and the buildings are still pockmarked with hundreds bullet holes! In town there are lovely laneways and alleys, cafes and shops. A delightful place to spend lunchtime. Continuing by coach we arrive in Calvi. Set on a crescent shaped bay, the pedestrian streets full of shops, boutiques and cafes run parallel to the marina and Quai Landry esplanade which is lined with restaurants. At the end on the rocky promontory above is the medieval fortified citadel. Late afternoon, after a short walking tour with a local guide through the pedestrianised old town, we enjoy a tasting of local produce and wine in a delicatessen specialising in charcuterie. Your evening is at leisure.

Scandola Reserve cruise & 'My Time’ in Calvi

Day 13 | **Hotel L'Abbaye, Calvi, Haute-Corse** | **B,L**

This morning we drive to Galeria where we board a boat and take a terrific ride along the coast to see the fabulous cliffs and calanques (narrow, steep walled inlets) of the UNESCO World Heritage listed Scandola Nature Reserve, in the Gulf of Girolata. The gigantic rocky outcrops, which emerge from the deep blue water, catch the sun and create an amazing contrast of colour between the sea and sky. Accessible only by boat, the tiny hamlet of Girolata is the perfect place to enjoy a light lunch and perhaps take a swim!

Returning to Calvi, the rest of your day and evening are at leisure. Calvi is a delightful place to stroll around, filled to the brim with shops, cafés and ‘al fresco’ dining.

‘My Time’ in Calvi and L’ile Rousse

Day 14 | **Hotel L'Abbaye, Calvi, Haute-Corse** | **B,D**

This morning, My Time’ to relax and explore Calvi at your own pace. Lunchtime is spent in the nearby, ‘oh so French’ port of L’ile Rousse. Stroll around the old town, through the paved streets named after historical characters such as Pascal Paoli, Napoleon and Louis Philippe. Visit the delightful main square, Place Paoli, shaded by old plane trees and admire the magnificent Florentine -inspired houses. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant.

Calvi to Bastia

Day 15 | **Hotel L'Abbaye, Calvi, Haute-Corse** | **B**

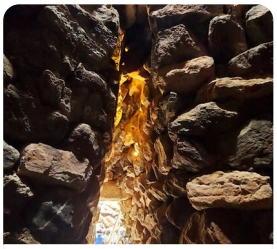
Your tour ends today after breakfast. Calvi has a small airport which is a short taxi ride away. For those wishing to catch a flight or ferry out of Bastia we have included a morning Group transfer. We recommend you book ferries and flights that depart Bastia after 1pm.

Hand Selected Inclusions

These are just a few of the very special hand selected inclusions that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don’t forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Olianas Winery
Vineyard Tour, Tasting & Light Lunch



Su Nuraxi
UNESCO World Heritage Listed Nuraghe rock town.



Supramonte Mountains
4WD Excursion & Shepherd's Picnic Lunch



Orgosolo
The Village of Murals



Alghero
Visit Neptune's Caves



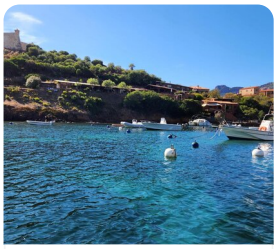
Ajaccio
Napoleon's Birthplace



Corte
Scenic Train Ride



Calvi
Local Wine & Produce Tasting



Scandola Nature Reserve
Coastal Boat Cruise & Lunch in Girolata

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 00:12 on 07th November 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
02 May 2027	16 May 2027	AUD$11,987	AUD$14,487	✓	Space Limited

23 May 2027	06 Jun 2027	AUD$12,287	AUD$14,787	✓	Space Available
29 Aug 2027	12 Sep 2027	AUD$12,687	AUD$15,187	✓	Space Available
30 Apr 2028	14 May 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
21 May 2028	04 Jun 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
27 Aug 2028	10 Sep 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
10 Sep 2028	24 Sep 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
17 Sep 2028	01 Oct 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register

* The itinerary, inclusions and hotels featured are based on 2027 tour departures and may be subject to change. Any questions, please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- In mid-summer, the heat may be energy sapping
- At Barumini the Stone Nuraghe Towers are over 3,500 years old. Two thirds of your guided visit are enjoyed outside of the main central tower in the stone ruins outside. This part is easily negotiable. If you have mobility issues of any sort, then this is as far as you go, and you can now enjoy your own time to further explore the ruins by yourself or enjoy a cold gelato in the nearby café. The last part of the guided tour is about 10 metres up a metal staircase (like a broad fire escape) and then down through narrow stone passageways into the heart of the complex. This is a defensive tower, after all, so the inside access is a little awkward. But, by all means, ascend the metal staircase and take a look down inside.
- Whilst staying in the incredible Su Gologone resort we have included a wonderful 4WD trip into the wild Gennargentu Mountains to enjoy a Shepherd's picnic lunch. 4WD vehicles will not be strange to you and they are designed to take you on rough uneven road surfaces. Whilst the drivers will always take full care and attention, the bumpy terrain could be challenging to any with back problems (or similar). If in doubt, ask your Tour Manager for clarification. As a reminder your Su Gologone hotel is a remarkable place to stay and enjoy anyway, so whether you join the excursion or not, you will have a fabulous day. Again, the choice is yours.

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

Terms & Conditions

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