

**DURGAN TRAVEL**  
**SARDINIA ITINERARY**  
**MAY 16 – MAY 24, 2019**

**Day 1: Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> ~** Depart late evening from Logan International Airport for your overnight flight to Cagliari, Sardinia (via Rome) to arrive late afternoon on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Day 2: Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> ~** Cagliari, Sardinia

Welcome to Sardinia! Upon arriving at Cagliari Airport, we will meet our tour escort who will assist with our transfer. After check-in at our hotel, we will have time to freshen up prior to orientation and dinner at the hotel. (Dinner)

**Your accommodations from 5/17 to 5/20:**

**Hotel Sardegna**

**Via Lunigiana, 50**

**01922 Cagliari, Sardinia**

**+39 070 286 245**

**[www.sardegnahotelcagliari.it](http://www.sardegnahotelcagliari.it)**

**Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, safe**

**Tourist/City Tax of approximately 2 Euros per person per day payable directly to hotel**

**Day 3: Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> ~** Nora - Pula

After breakfast at our hotel, we'll depart for Nora via the coastal road to Pula, which is surrounded by the Ponds of Cagliari where pink flamingos live. Nora is a beautiful ancient town on the sea, founded by Phoenicians, and is considered the oldest town on the island. It's known for their mosaics, thermal springs, and ancient theater. A stele from Nora is considered the oldest surviving written document in Western Europe. We will enjoy lunch in a traditional restaurant in Pula, and have some free time for shopping and a proper gelato in the beautiful, central Piazza Yenne! Return to our hotel. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day 4: Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> ~** The Argiolas Winery - The Nuraghe of Barumini

After breakfast at our hotel, we will visit the Argiolas winery. The most famous winery on Sardinia, it was designed by Architect, Jacques Couelle, creator of the villas and the hotels on Costa Smeralda. Naturally, a tasting follows the visit! We will have lunch at a local "agriturismo" restaurant, where we will taste the products of local farms 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 on Sardinia. It's 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. Then we'll return to our hotel. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Day 5 : Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ~** Santu Lussugiu - Bosa - Alghero

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll drive to Oristano in central Sardinia and on the way visit the Basilica of Santa Giusta, a church dating from the Middle Ages. After the visit, we will travel to Santu Lussugiu, where we will sample the famous "casizzolu," the most prestigious

Sardinian slow food -- cheese. Next, we'll enjoy a light lunch in a beautiful local restaurant in the historical center of Santa Lussugiu. 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 to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 5/20 to 5/21:**

**Hotel Catalunya**

**Via Catalogna, 24**

**07041 Alghero Sardinia, Italy**

**+39 079 953 172**

**[www.hotelcatalunya.it/en](http://www.hotelcatalunya.it/en)**

**Free Wi-Fi (in lobby), hairdryer, a/c, safe**

**Tourist/City Tax of approximately 2 Euros per person per day payable directly to hotel**

**Day 6: Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Alghero - Castelsardo - Olbia**

Following 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, we'll visit a beautiful olive oil grove and vineyard. In Alghero, there is a great tradition of olive and grape-growing! We'll enjoy a tasting of olive oil and wine along with other local products. The family who produces the olive oil also operates a restaurant on site where we'll enjoy lunch after our 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 our final hotel, the uniquely-designed Hotel Mercure Olbia. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 5/21 to 5/24**

**Hotel Mercure Olbia**

**Via Puglie**

**07026 Olbia, Sardinia, Italy**

**+39 0789 189 0067**

**[www.mercureolbia.it](http://www.mercureolbia.it)**

**Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, a/c, safe**

**Tourist / City Tax per person per day approx. 2 Euros payable directly to hotel**

**Day 7: Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Oliena**

After breakfast, we'll depart for the Bargaglia region. We arrive in Oliena, a beautiful village at the foot of the Corrasse 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 and further exploration. Return to Olbia for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 8: Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ La Maddalena - Caprera - The Emerald Coast**

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for Palau and board the ferry to La Maddalena. We'll enjoy a tour of the island, with its wonderful and unspoiled beaches and panoramas on the sea

facing French Corsica. The U.S. 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 Italian Independence. Now it's time to return to the Sardinian mainland. We'll 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 before returning to our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Day 9: Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Arzachena - Olbia - Rome - 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'll transfer to the airport in Olbia to board our return flight to Boston (via Rome). (Breakfast)

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