

# Sardinia

7 nights from £519

- ◆ 4-star hotel including half board
- ◆ Includes an excursion to the exclusive Costa Smeralda

**R**ugged landscapes and lush woodlands... magnificent bays and turquoise-coloured waters... prestigious resorts and pretty villages - these are the hallmarks of northern Sardinia, a captivating place enveloped by the wonderful aromatic fragrances of myrtle, rosemary, juniper and olander.

## Day 1 London/ Baia Sardinia

We fly from London to Olbia and transfer to our accommodation a few kilometres from the beautiful coastal resort of Baia Sardinia on the northern shore of the island. Located in a wide, sweeping bay and facing the lovely archipelago of La Maddalena, Baia Sardinia is close to the luxurious resort of Porto Cervo and boasts a silky, sandy beach and stunning clear waters.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Pulcinna (4-star), 7 nights half board. Owned and managed by the Talli family, this very comfortable hotel is built in traditional Sardinian style - part clad in mellow sandstone and pastel-painted in pink and ochre. Tastefully decorated throughout, the hotel offers an attractive lounge area, a small bar, a

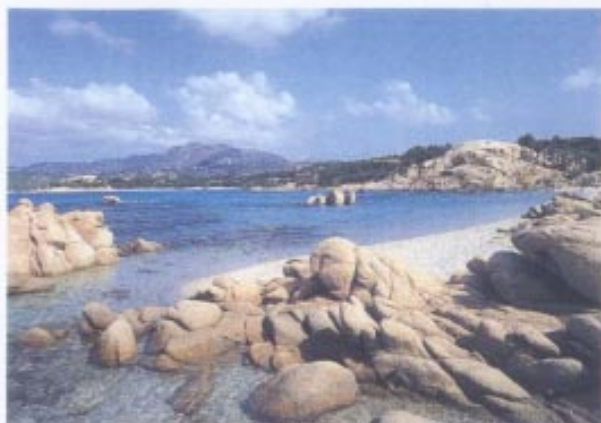


porticoed terrace-garden, and an outdoor swimming pool. Home-cooked meals, including traditional Sardinian cuisine, are served in the restaurant.

On some departures, accommodation is also available, at a supplement, at the centrally situated 4-star Club Hotel. This hotel offers excellent facilities and is positioned right on the beach at Baia Sardinia itself.

## Days 2 to 7 Baia Sardinia

This unspoilt area of Sardinia awaits our discovery - there's plenty of time to explore its



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beautiful landscapes punctuated by fantastically shaped granite rock formations which were the inspiration for the sculptor Henry Moore; shop for traditional Sardinian ceramics, gold jewellery and silverware, and relax on golden beaches lapped by sparkling translucent waters. And why not try the local Gallura cuisine? Pasta dishes abound, including Li Puliigioni - ravioli filled with ricotta cheese - and the area is famous for its delicious pastries and excellent Moscato wine.

During your stay we have included a half day excursion along the **Costa Smeralda**, a beautiful part of Sardinia bought by Prince Karim Aga Khan and developed into an exclusive coastal resort. We see the sophisticated village of Porto Cervo, a haven for the rich and famous and lined with opulent designer shops and luxury hotels. Renowned for its extensive sporting facilities, Porto Cervo is the focus for national and international sailing regattas and tennis tournaments attracting top players.

We are also offering two optional excursions:

**La Maddalena** Our full day excursion takes us to the islands and archipelago of La Maddalena, situated off the north-east coast of Sardinia. This unspoilt area of natural beauty has ancient origins, still evident in the language, traditions, culture and cuisine of its inhabitants and in the architecture of its towns and villages. The area is also steeped in maritime history - enterprising Phoenicians once sailed the surrounding seas and established trade routes between east and west whilst the Romans navigated the waters in magnificent trireme vessels. Napoleon even came here in an attempt to defeat the fleet of Admiral Lord Nelson, but his military might was not enough and his campaign was thwarted.

**Inland tour** We enjoy a full day exploration of the Sardinian heartland, a scenic miscellany of lush landscapes swathed in vividly coloured flowers, exotic bird and wildlife, and remote, pretty villages clinging to hillsides or dotted about the countryside. We may also catch a glimpse of the rural lifestyle of the local inhabitants - peasant shepherds at work in the fields, villagers celebrating their festivals and Saints' Days in spectacular, flamboyant style, and country women wearing traditional costume colourfully decorated with brocade and embroidered motifs.

## Day 8 Baia Sardinia/London

We leave for Olbia airport and our homeward flight.

### ITEMS INCLUDED

- ◆ Scheduled flights from Gatwick
- ◆ Transfers between airport & hotel
- ◆ 7 nights half board accommodation
- ◆ Excursion to the Costa Smeralda
- ◆ Holiday Delay Insurance
- ◆ Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- ◆ Services of an experienced tour leader

### HOLIDAY DETAILS

HOLIDAY NUMBER	1679
Departs Saturdays	Prices Per Person
15, 22, 29 May	£549
5, 12, 19, 26 June	
28 August	£559
4, 11, 18, 25 September	
2 October	£519

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private shower and wc.

#### Supplements Per Person

Single rooms: £12 per night  
Room with balcony/terrace: £2 per night  
Accommodation at the Club Hotel: £17 per night  
Holiday Insurance - please see page 178

#### Your Journey

Scheduled flights (non smoking) by Meridiana Airlines, MD80, between London Gatwick and Olbia, departing at 1445h and arriving back at 1350h.

Please see pages 179 - 181 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. ITA



Join us on the northern shores of Sardinia

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