

# THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF SARDINIA

7 Days FROM \$2,299



Cagliari

## PRIVATE DELUXE ESCORTED PROGRAM

(2) Oristano • (2) Sassari • (2) Cagliari



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the mysteries and history of enchanting Sardinia on this 7-day/6-night Italian adventure where the dreamiest of white sand beaches and scalloped bays meet with Bronze Aged settlements and mind-bending structures
- Stroll along Piscinas' Dunes, one of the most magnificent beaches of the "Costa Verde" known for some of the highest sand dunes in Europe
- Explore Tharros Town, a Phoenician port dating back to the 8th century B.C. where many Egyptian scarabs were found
- Let history come to life as you discover Domus de Janas, one of the largest and most important necropolises, and the Bronze Aged Nuraghe of Santu Antine tower and fortified court that dates back to 1500 BC
- Visit the Neolithic archeological site Ziggurat of Monte d'Accoddi, featuring a megalithic altar shaped as a Mesopotamic Ziggurat
- Enjoy a Malvasia wine tasting, the local grape in Tresnuraghes, a commune in the Province of Oristano
- Venture along to the archaeological site of Nora, an extraordinary example of a city of Phoenician and Roman times overlooking a glorious beach

**DAY 1 | CAGLIARI | ORISTANO** Welcome to Sardinia! Upon arrival in Cagliari Airport, you will meet your tour escort and be transferred to Oristano for dinner and overnight. (D)

**DAY 2 | ORISTANO | MONTEVECCHIO MINES | PISCINAS' DUNES | THARROS | ORISTANO** The eastern zone of Sardinia is known for its impressive coal mines, and today you will visit one of the most ancient of these. Your guide will show you this incredible construction and its production workshops. After, head to Piscinas' Dunes, one of the most magnificent beaches of the "Costa Verde" where you can stroll among its sandy hills, known to be some of the highest in Europe. After free time for lunch, visit Tharros Town, a Phoenician port dating back to the 8th century B.C. where many Egyptian scarabs were found. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Oristano. (B,D)

**DAY 3 | ORISTANO | NECROPOLIS OF SANT'ANDREA PRIU | NURAGHE SANTU ANTINE | SASSARI** After breakfast head to Bonorva and visit the Domus de Janas, one of the largest and most important necropolises in Sardinia dating back to the Late Neolithic period. Stop in a farm nearby to have a delicious lunch featuring fresh farm to table ingredients. Next, travel on to the Nuraghe of Santu Antine, a magnificent ritual fortress with a central tower surrounded by a fortified court and three side towers set as a perfect triangle that dates back to the 2nd millennium BC. Head to Sassari for dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4 | SASSARI | CONDRONGIANOS | MONTE D'ACCODDI | ALGHERO | SASSARI** Today we venture along to Codrongianos and visit The Basilica della Santissima Trinità di Saccargia, the most important Romanesque site on the island. Next, visit the Neolithic archeological site Ziggurat of Monte d'Accoddi, featuring a megalithic altar shaped as a Mesopotamic Ziggurat, a rectangular stepped tower. Continue on to Alghero for lunch on your own in one of the many restaurants or pubs. Here you can stroll through this beautiful town with its fortified walls and ancient palaces from the Aragonese era. Head back to Sassari for dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 5 | SASSARI | BOSA | CAGLIARI** After breakfast, stop in Bosa for a guided tour of the town. From Piazzale Nasiriyah, visit the Cathedral where you can admire the paintings by Emilio Scherer and other important works of art; walk along the Corso Vittorio Emanuele between palaces of the nineteenth century; and see typical houses perched along the hill of Serravalle. Head on to Tresnuraghes for a wine tasting of Malvasia, the typical grapes of this area of Sardinia. Here you will visit a small cellar with high quality production. Enjoy free time for lunch before venturing along to Cagliari for dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 6 | CAGLIARI | NORA | CAGLIARI** The day's adventuring starts today in Nora, one of the first settlements to be founded in Sardinia by the Phoenicians, situated on a promontory just outside Pula and Southwest of Cagliari. Travel back in time as you stroll along the old-world Roman Roads and delve into the Roman Architecture. Head back to Cagliari and enjoy free time for lunch on your own. This afternoon you will join in a guided tour of Cagliari, exploring sights including the 17th-century cathedral, known for its ornate Baroque



Alghero



**Bosa** as well as two grand-looking towers and its magnificent bastions. Enjoy dinner and overnight in your hotel in Cagliari. (B,D)

**DAY 7 | CAGLIARI TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Savor breakfast at your hotel before closing out your enchanting vacation in Sardinia. Transfer to Cagliari airport for your flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 6 nights
- 13 included meals, consisting of:
  - 6 breakfasts
  - 1 lunch at a local farmhouse
  - 6 dinners at hotel
- Touring by private air-conditioned car/minivan
- Assistance of an English-speaking professional tour director for the entire length of the tour
- Complete program of sightseeing tours and excursions with entrance fees:
  - Excursion to the coal mines land and Costa Verde
  - Tour of Tharros
  - Visit of Sant'Andrea Priu Necropolis
  - Visit of Nuraghe Santu Antine
  - Visit of Basilica Santissima Trinita' di Saccargia and Ziggurat Pyramid
  - City tour of Alghero
  - Tour of Bosa
  - Visit of the Phoenicians town of Nora
  - City tour of Cagliari
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## PREFERRED HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Oristano	2	Mariano IV Palace	First Class
Sassari	2	Carlo Felice	First Class
Cagliari	2	Panorama	First Class

## 2020 TOUR DATES & PRICES

January- December\*\*

Daily Departures

Minimum of 6 people

Minimum of 4 people

Minimum of 2 people



Price

\$2,299

\$2,470

\$2,857

\*\*Supplement for July and August arrivals: On Request

Single supplement: On Request

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: On Request

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Rates for additional nights in first and last city are available

\*Book and pay in full 4-7 months or more before departure. See website for full details.