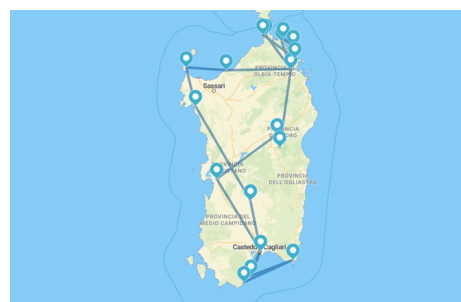




Italy (Sardinia), 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route from Alghero

Do you know Sardinia? We propose an eight-day trip to one of the most beautiful islands in the Mediterranean. Your rental car will allow you to enjoy every kilometre of the way. From the fascinating city of Alghero, also known as the "Little Barcelona of Sardinia" due to its Catalan influences, you will begin a complete Tour to discover the main points of interest of this Italian gem. From the elegant destinations of Porto Cervo, Porto Rontondo and Baia Sardinia, to archaeological sites such as Nora or Su Nuraxi (in Barumini), and famous beaches dotted along the Costa Smeralda, the town of Stintino or the south of the island. From north to south, Sardinia will fulfil all your expectations. Let yourself go and experience the freedom of leading your own tour, of deciding to stop whenever you want at a viewpoint, of enjoying a sunset or an unexpected landscape. Wait no more and explore the famous Neptune's Grotto in Capo Caccia; soak up the charm of inland Sardinian in Nuoro, take a photograph of yourself in Orgosolo next to its famous urban murals, travel by boat to the wonderful archipelago of La Maddalena, discover the magical atmosphere of Castelsardo, wander around the beautiful Old Town of Cagliari, sunbathe and enjoy the sun and good weather on the incredible fine white sand beaches and crystal-clear waters that you will find every step of the way. Sardinia will amaze you with its wealth of heritage and history, its beautiful Mediterranean landscapes and distinctive delicious gastronomy that will allow all five senses to enjoy the holiday.



Departure date: Departures from May 2026 till May 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - ALGHERO

Flight departure from the city of origin to Alghero, one of the main gateways to the island. Arrival and rental car pick-up. The lively and historical maritime city of Alghero captivates travellers with its authentic atmosphere. The Sardinians, Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Pisans, Genoese, Catalan-Aragonese and Saracens all left their own mark on this city surrounded by the sea. Strolling along its streets you can soak up an unforgettable seafaring atmosphere. The city, protected by a fifteenth-century wall with seven towers, has many attractions such as the Cathedral, the Palau Reial and the Church of St. Francis. Its old town, which is found around piazza Civica, is one of the best preserved on the island. And if you want to find out about the history of the city, head to the Tower of San Giovanni. The Port and the beautiful sands of "Bombarde", "Lazarretto" and "Lido" will allow you to relax and enjoy the sea, the sun and the good atmosphere. If you have time, you can head to the famous Neptune's Grotto in Capo Caccia. (Note: We suggest checking visiting hours). Overnight stay in Alghero.

DAY 2 · ALGHERO - SITE OF "SU NURAXI" (BARUMINI) - CAGLIARI

Set off in the direction of Cagliari. On the way we recommend stopping in Barùmini to visit "Su Nuraxi", an excellent opportunity to discover all the secrets of Sardinian prehistory. "Su Nuraxi" is the most important Nuraghe site on the island and has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. You will be amazed by the megalithic "royal palace" whose ruins conceal centuries of history. (Note: The original site dates to 1500 BC. It is recommended to visit the museum first, in order to fully understand the visit to the archaeological complex). We end the day in Cagliari, the island's capital and Sardinia's largest city. Protected by the Gulf of Angels, the island's capital dates back to Phoenician and Roman times and is a prosperous port and important trading centre of the Mediterranean. Cagliari is an excellent place to find out about prehistoric Nuragic civilisations. Its Castello, of medieval origin and that gives the name to the walled district, introduces travellers to an interesting past and an outstanding artistic and cultural legacy. The city has many points of interest, most of them close to the old town, including the bastion of Saint Remy, the Towers of the Elephant and San Pancrazio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria, the Regio Palace, the Archaeological Museum, the National Art Gallery, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Villa of Tigellio, the botanical gardens and the sanctuary of Bonaria... Its Italian influenced architecture, its churches of different styles and the narrow streets of the Spanish neighbourhood bestow the city with a unique identity. There is also an underground city that you can discover on a guided tour. We bid farewell to this unforgettable trip by savouring delicious local dishes in one of its trendy restaurants. Overnight stay in Cagliari.

DAY 3 · CAGLIARI - NORA AND SOUTHERN BEACHES (POETTO - VILLASIMIUS - CAPO CARBONARA - COSTA REI // SANTA MARGHERITA DI PULA - BAIA CHIA) - CAGLIARI

Cagliari is also the perfect destination to enjoy the sea, sun and good weather. The outskirts of the city are home to numerous glorious sandy beaches such as Poetto beach, Capo Carbonara marine reserve in Villasimius, and the beautiful Costa Rei. (Note: Capo Carbonara is an ideal spot for diving or boat trips to see the beautiful coast or to visit the islands of Cavoli and Serpentara). Another option is to head for the Phoenician, Punic and Roman city of Nora, about 35 kilometres from Cagliari, to enjoy the magnificent beaches of Santa Maria di Pula and Chia Bay. Overnight stay in Cagliari.

DAY 4 · CAGLIARI - ORISTANO - NUORO - ORGOSOLO - OLBIA (COSTA SMERALDA / EMERALD COAST)

Set off to the northeastern part of the island, specifically to the beautiful and exclusive Costa Smeralda. On the way to Olbia we will pass through Sardinia's captivating interior dotted with mountain villages and centuries-old traditions. (Note: We recommend taking the motorway from Cagliari to Olbia as it is one of the best roads on the island). You can make a stop at Oristano, the most important Sardinian city in medieval times. Its old town takes travellers back to its golden age. We continue to Nuoro, the capital of the inland region of Sardinia. The city, which has a rich cultural heritage, is a fascinating starting point to learn about Sardinian culture and traditions. Once there, you can visit the Museum of Modern Art Sardinia, one of the most comprehensive on the island, and temples such as the Cathedral of Santa Maria della Neve. Next to Nuoro is the village of Orgosolo, famous for its murals. Today's journey finishes in Olbia, where we start to soak up the real atmosphere of the Costa Smeralda. Olbia offers travellers a nineteenth-century city centre dotted with charming sights and points of interest such as the ruins of the Roman aqueduct, the church of San Simplicio, the lively Corso Umberto I, and the church of San Paolo, known for its multicoloured Arabesque dome... Bursting with shops, wine bars, trattorias (typical restaurants) and lively piazzas, Olbia is a modern town with excellent infrastructure and one of the most affordable options to explore this exclusive part of the coast. Made fashionable in the sixties by Prince Karim Aga Khan, the privileged Costa Smeralda has become THE place for the "jet set" to rest and spend their summers. (Note: If you are interested in culture, we recommend visiting the National Archaeological Museum of Olbia, which is home to artefacts from the nearby Nuragic sites, as well as booty from local shipwrecks). Overnight stay in Olbia.

DAY 5 · OLBIA - CAPO D'ORSO - PALAU - MADDALENA ARCHIPELAGO - PORTO CERVO - OLBIA (EMERALD COAST)

We continue exploring the beautiful and exclusive Costa Smeralda. Our first stop will be Palau. On the way, you can stop in Arzachena, to visit the Tomb of the Giants of Lu Coddhu Ecchju and the Necropolis of Li Muri; you can also see Capo d'Orso, famous for its Bear Rock (122 metres high), a gigantic cavity that has been moulded by the wind and rain over the centuries. Capo d'Orso provides magnificent views of the islands of La Maddalena and northern Sardinia. From here we head to Palau, only 5 kilometres away. In this popular summer destination you can hop on the "Tren Verde" that travels through an attractive Mediterranean reserve surrounding Palau. Another option is to take the car ferry to the island of La Maddalena. Once a fishing village, today it lives off local crafts and the sale of typical products such as corals or Sardinian filigree. (Note: Tour not included). The main square is home to the column commemorating the victory of Garibaldi against the French in 1793. You can visit his house-museum on the neighbouring island of Caprera. (Note: Car and passenger ferries depart every hour from Palau to La Maddalena island in the centre of the archipelago bearing the same name. The journey takes about 15 minutes. A 20 km panoramic road lets you drive around the island and reach its beautiful beaches and bays. The island of La Maddalena is connected by bridge to the island of Caprera. Another symbol of the archipelago is the famous "Rosa beach", on Budelli island). After getting back to Palau, we return to Olbia. On the way, you can stop off at stylish Porto Cervo, heart of the Costa Smeralda, and one of the most exclusive destinations in Europe. Its elegant hotels, renowned restaurants, exclusive boutiques and cocktail lounges are famous throughout Europe. Overnight stay in Olbia.

DAY 6 · OLBIA - SANTA TERESA DI GALLURA - CAPO TESTA - EMERALD COAST - OLBIA

Today promises exciting plans. Off we go! We continue the Tour towards the charming seaside town of Santa Teresa di Gallura, passing through the beautiful Costa Smeralda and typical Mediterranean landscapes. Situated on the northernmost point of Sardinia, the town offers travellers beautiful beaches, historic sites such as Torre di Longonsardo and lively spots such as Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. You can take a swim in the nearby coves of Capo Testa and enjoy a view of the French island of Corsica.

You have the rest of the day free to enjoy the sun, the good weather and the atmosphere of Costa Smeralda's incredible beaches. You have a wide selection of beautiful coastlines to choose from! And in the evening, enjoy a glamorous night life and famous restaurants in exclusive locations such as Porto Rotondo and Baja Sardinia. (Note: Both locations are within a half hour of Olbia, approximately).

Overnight stay in Olbia.

● DAY 7 · OLBIA - CASTELSARDO - STINTINO - PELOSA BEACH - ALGHERO

Set off for the northwest of the island. Our first stop will be Castelsardo, one of Sardinia's most magical villages. Of medieval origin and dominated by an imposing castle, the village is perched atop a promontory made of volcanic rock that stretches into the sea. Built as a fortress in the 12th century by the aristocratic Doria family from Genoa, the village is formed by narrow, steep and picturesque alleys. The town is surrounded by beautiful beaches. After this pleasant stop, we continue the Tour. We skirt the steep, northern coastline and, after an hour's journey, we reach Stintino. There we recommend that you enjoy the spectacular beach of La Pelosa, one of Sardinia's most famous. The day ends with a visit to beautiful and lively Alghero, a city loved by all. The Sardinians, Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans, Pisans, Genoese, Catalan-Aragonese and Saracens all left their own mark on this city surrounded by the sea. Strolling along its streets you can soak up an unforgettable seafaring atmosphere. The city, protected by a fifteenth-century wall with seven towers, has many attractions such as the Cathedral, the Palau Reial and the Church of St. Francis. Its old town, which is found around piazza Civica, is one of the best preserved on the island. And if you want to find out about the history of the city, head to the Tower of San Giovanni. The Port and the beautiful sands of "Bombarde", "Lazarretto" and "Lido" will allow you to relax and enjoy the sea, the sun and the good atmosphere. Overnight stay in Alghero.

● DAY 8 · ALGHERO - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Alghero.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Alghero.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Cagliari.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Cagliari.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Olbia.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Olbia.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Sardinia direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

Alghero



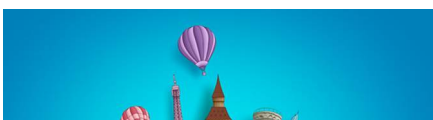
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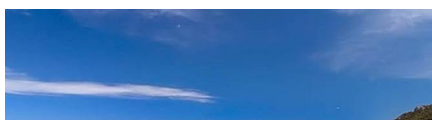
Cagliari



Nora Cagliari



Villasimius



Santa Margherita di Pula





Oristano



Nuoro



Orgosolo



Olbia



Palau



Parco Nazionale Arcipelago La Maddalena



Porto Cervo



Santa Teresa di Gallura



Capo Testa OlbiaTempio



Porto Rotondo



Castelsardo



Stintino



Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- Suggested round-trip ferry rides are optional and not included in the final price. If you intend to take the car on a ferry, please let the rental company know at the time of pick-up to receive authorisation. Depending on the conditions agreed to in the rental contract and the company you choose, you might be charged a fee payable at the destination.