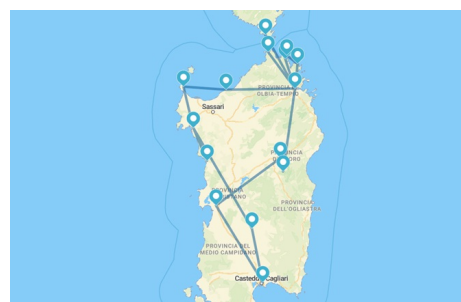




Italy (Sardinia) and France (Corsica), 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route from Cagliari

There are few places in Europe where travellers can enjoy on the same route enchanting mountain villages, heavenly beaches with turquoise waters dotted with pines and curious-shaped rocks, imposing harbours and marinas, incredible caves like Neptune's Grotto (Capo Caccia) and thousands of years of history found in interesting museums and archaeological sites such as "Su Nuraxi" (Barumini), declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Sardinia is one of them. The second largest island in the Mediterranean, it is the ideal destination to explore by car, at your own pace, enjoying every stretch of the way. Only in this way can you reach the beautiful coastal towns of the elegant Costa Smeralda, one of the most prestigious areas of the Mediterranean and benchmark for luxury tourism; discover traditional inland villages like Nuoro or Orgosolo or wander through the picturesque old town of magical Castelsardo overlooking the sea. Behind the wheel, stunning Mediterranean landscapes await you, as well as spectacular beaches in the archipelago of La Maddalena, Stintino or southern Cagliari and unspoilt beautiful cities like Cagliari, Alghero and Bosa. The Tour is topped off with a wonderful trip to the charming town of Bonifacio, an hour by ferry from Santa Teresa di Gallura, one of the most beautiful on the French island of Corsica.



Departure date: Departures from May 2026 till May 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - CAGLIARI

Flight departure from the city of origin to Cagliari, one of the main gateways to the island. Arrival and rental car pick-up. 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 a great place to discover prehistoric Nuragic civilisations and to reach the beautiful beaches of the south. 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. 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, Capo Carbonara marine reserve in Villasimius, Costa Rei, Chia Bay and Santa Maria di Pula... And for nature lovers, close to the city is the Regional Park Sette Fratelli-Monte Genis. And if archaeology is your thing, the Phoenician, Punic and Roman city of Nora is about 35 kilometres away. Overnight stay in Cagliari.

● DAY 2 · 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 3 · 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 4 · OLBIA - SANTA TERESA DI GALLURA - BONIFACIO (CORSICA, FRANCE) - SANTA TERESA DI GALLURA - OLBIA (EMERALD COAST)

We have exciting things in store for the halfway point. 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.

If the view entices you to visit it, why not take the ferry from Santa Teresa di Gallura to the charming town of Bonifacio (Corsica, France). Bonifacio is a rocky town lovingly sculpted by the sea. Its harbour sheltered by a majestic citadel is one of those images that will linger in your memory. A must-see is the Bastion de l'Etendard, which houses an interesting history museum. Discover this beautiful town whose stone walls speak of bygone episodes of war when this cliff-top town was home to Pisans, Genoese and the French. Legend says it was here that Odysseus himself took refuge from a raging storm and discovered a colony of giants... (Note: Tour not included. The journey takes about an hour. We recommend not taking the car, so as not to make the trip more expensive, and discover the town on foot). Another alternative is to spend the whole day in Sardinia, enjoying the sun, the good weather and the atmosphere of the incredible beaches of the Costa Smeralda. You have a wide selection of beautiful coastlines to choose from! And at night, there is nothing better than going for a leisurely stroll in Porto Cervo.

Overnight stay in Olbia.

DAY 5 · 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 6 · ALGHERO - CAPO CACCIA (NEPTUNE'S GROTTO) / BOSCA - ALGHERO

After wandering around the tourist and port city of Alghero, we suggest choosing one of two possible trips: Neptune's Grotto (Capo Caccia) or the beautiful city of Bosa. With the freedom granted by your rental car, you can choose which most appeals to you. The first option will take you to the promontory of Capo Caccia (declared a Marine Nature Reserve) to visit the Blue Grotto. Perched above the sea and with a picturesque lighthouse at one end, from Capo Caccia you can take in stunning views of Alghero, especially from the Foradada viewpoint. (Note: There are two ways to get to Neptune's Grotto, famous for its stalactites and stalagmites reflected in the crystal-clear waters. The first option is to take a boat from the port of Alghero. Another alternative is by land, driving to Capo Caccia and parking your car. (Note: The grotto is a popular attraction. If you don't want to have any problems parking, set off first thing in the morning). From there, you can reach the grotto by walking down the 656 steps of the "Escala de Cabirol" (Goat's Steps) or the "Escala de Corzo" (Deer's Steps), which are carved in the rock itself and run down the cliff face to the entrance of the grotto. Don't forget, you will have to go back up the 656 steps to get to your car. Neptune's Grotto is a carefully protected natural site, that is why only guided visits are possible. Check visiting times in advance to make sure you get a place. Tour not included). On the way back to Alghero, you can visit Nuraghe di Palmeta. The other trip we suggest is to Bosa, located about an hour's drive away. A journey in which the beaches and the beautiful landscapes play the starring role. Bosa is dominated by the impressive castle of Malaspina, an almost impregnable fortress that belonged to the influential Tuscan family of Malaspina. (Note: The views from the castle battlements over the town of Bosa are magnificent). This ancient Phoenician settlement on the estuary of the Temo River, the only navigable river in Sardinia, captures travellers with its picturesque alleyways, pastel houses, delicious wines and culinary offerings to tantalise all five senses. You will be able to purchase its famous fine jewellery and precious lace from its traditional shops. Overnight stay in Alghero.

● DAY 7 · ALGHERO - SITE OF "SU NURAXI" (BARUMINI) - CAGLIARI

Set off in the direction of Cagliari. On the way we recommend stopping in Barumini 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 8 · CAGLIARI - 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 Cagliari.

✓ Selected meal plan in Cagliari.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Olbia.

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✓ Stay in selected hotel in Alghero.

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✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

✗ Accommodation taxes in Sardinia direct payment in
facility.

✗ Possible toll
charges.

✗ Insolvency
protection.

Destinations Visited

Cagliari



Oristano



Nuoro



Orgosolo



Olbia



Palau



Parco Nazionale Arcipelago La Maddalena



Porto Cervo



Santa Teresa di Gallura



Bonifacio



Castelsardo



Stintino



Alghero



Bosa Oristano



Barumini



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.