ALGHERO

The capital of the Coral Riviera. One of the most beautiful and well known cities of Sardinia. A piece of Catalonia on the island in the middle of the Mediterranean. History, traditions, beaches, cliffs, sea ... Alghero is all this and much more. Easily reachable thanks to its Fertilia airport. Alghero it is a city to be experienced and admired, with its splendid territory. Let's go and discover *the 10 things to see absolutely in Alghero*.

1 – SPANISH TOWERS AND BASTIONS.

Alghero is a fortified town. Its bastions are testimony to the dominations that took place over the centuries. The walk along the Ramparts is not to be missed: you go from the bastions of Marco Polo, on the west side of the peninsula, up to the bastions of Magellano, to the east. Do not miss the defensive towers of San Giacomo, San Giovanni, di Vincenzo Sulis and Maddalena.

2 – CATHEDRAL OF SANTA MARIA

Dating back to the 16th century, the Cathedral of Santa Maria is located in the historic center of the city and is the seat of the diocese of Alghero-Bosa. It represents one of the symbols of the Catalan city, with its bell tower rising above the houses, just behind the small port. Built with techniques that recall Catalonia, however, represents a mix of different historical-artistic periods, inside appears austere and bare but the majestic altar is really worth seeing.

3 – NURAGIC COMPLEX OF PALMAVERA

In the territory of Alghero, about 12 km from the town, to see is the beautiful Palmavera nuragic complex. It has been classified as a "complex" nuraghe, that is composed of several towers joined together. In fact this nuragic complex is home to several buildings and has brought to light many finds housed in the main museums of Sardinia (Cagliari and Sassari). A true jewel of the Nuragic civilization, visiting it is a wonderful way to discover an ancient people.

4 – CAVES OF NETTUNO

In the beautiful promontory of Capo Caccia, about 24 km from Alghero, you will find these incredible and wonderful karst formations, within the protected marine area. Entering the caves is only possible if the weather and sea conditions are ideal, so especially in the summer. To access it there are two possibilities: a stairway of 656 steps along the wall of the massif of Capo Caccia, the so-called Escala del Cabirol (in Catalan, La scala del capriolo), or by sea, this is recommended if you also want to visit part of the wonderful Alghero coast. The interior is really wonderful, the sea floor is magnificent, the views are breathtaking and - if you're lucky - you can also cross the dolphins.

5 – BEACH LE BOMBARDE

Simply one of the most beautiful beaches in Sardinia. At about 3 km from Fertilia and a dozen from Alghero, this long white sandy beach is included in the Porto Conte regional nature park and also includes a pine forest that includes an amusement park for children and where you can see wild boar grazing wild. Always very crowded in the summer, the water is crystal clear and all to be enjoyed. The services are excellent. Not to be missed!

6 – CORALLO MUSEUM

The museum exhibiting the so-called "Red Gold" is housed in the beautiful and evocative Villa Constantino. The exhibition inside the museum follows a path that leads the visitor to discover the history, culture and identity of Alghero through the legend of the Coral, one of the main resources

of the Alghero sea (it is not by chance that stretch of coast is called Riviera del Corallo) used since ancient times for religious purposes and linked to many traditions. A fascinating and suggestive journey in the marine ecosystem of that piece of Sardinia, through the history of the Corallium Rubrum, this living organism that continues to be precious for the city and its people.

7 – THE NECROPOLIS OF ANGHELU RUJU

It is the largest necropolis of pre-Nuragic Sardinia. Located inland, about 9 km from Alghero, it was discovered by chance in 1903, during the excavations for the construction of a farmhouse, on that occasion they were found a human skull and a tripod vessel. The subsequent excavations on a dozen domus de janas brought to light another 38 and with them numerous other finds of tools and objects. Worth a visit.

8 – AQUARIUM OF ALGHERO

It is one of the two aquariums in Sardinia (the other is in Cala Gonone). It is located right in the city center, a few meters from the Sulis Tower, therefore accessible to all even on foot. It includes a large permanent display of both marine and freshwater fish, and it is also the only aquarium in Italy to host specimens of Pietra Fish, one of the most poisonous fish in the world. The highlight is the large sea turtle that weighs over 100 kilos.

9 – THE CATALAN LOBSTER

One of the things you should not miss if you are in Alghero is the Catalan lobster, one of the traditional dishes of Alghero cuisine. One of the strong dishes of Alghero, of Catalan, has only the name because it is originally from the city. If you love good food you should definitely try it, perhaps accompanied by a good Terre Bianche Torbato Alghero DOC. We do not add anything else, except that you will lick your mustache!

10 – THE SUNSET ON THE SEA

Whether you are romantic or not, the sunset on the Lungomare di Alghero will not leave you indifferent. The evening walk along the seafront is one of the most widespread customs among the locals and tourists too are always fascinated by it. The atmosphere is magical in the seafront dedicated to Marco Polo, with its bars and restaurants that add a touch of elegance. But there is also the waterfront Colombo, where the evening aperitif is a must. Stop for a moment, admire the sunset in Alghero, after we are sure that this beautiful town will remain in your heart.

Alghero or L'Alguer in Catalan, also known as Barceloneta for its Catalan history, is one of the main tourist destinations of northern Sardinia. Capital of the Riviera del Corallo, Alghero is an ancient village overlooking the sea known for its extreme elegance, a relaxing and never boring atmosphere. Alghero is a lively town, not particularly large; The climate is mild, the sea is crystal clear and the city offers any kind of service to tourists who come across it throughout the year.
If you are organizing a fun and relaxing weekend, here are some tips to spend 2 memorable days in Alghero.

The first day in Alghero includes the discovery of the **Alguer Vella**, the historic center of the town, and the best way to do it is to retrace the ancient city walls with a characteristic **"Tour of the Towers".** So let's start from Piazza Porta Terra, where we find the homonymous **Torre di Porta Terra**, the historic land entrance of the city. Inside, a multimedia path that illustrates the history, uses and customs of the city from its origins to the present day. From here, along Via Simon, we come across the **Tower of San Giovanni** and, 150 meters further, the **Torre dello Sperone** or Esperó Reial, **better known as Torre Sulis which**, with its 22 meters of height, is the most impressive tower of the city walls. We are now in Piazza Sulis, the symbol of Alghero's tourist boom, still today an important reference for the Algherese nightlife. Proceed along **the Ramparts Marco Polo**: a pedestrian area that extends from Torre di San Giacomo to the Torre della Polveriera, opposite the Garita Reial (or Torre della Lanterna).
The Ramparts are a meeting place much loved by tourists and residents: the street is animated by several cafes and restaurants and the view on the Rada is priceless. The advice is to stop for a moment to admire the view while sipping an aperitif because you'll never forget it! Finally we head towards the last tower: **the Tower of Sant'Elmo known as "La Madonnina"** for the statue above it. From here you can see all the harbor and the populated seafront. From Sant'Elmo, a flight of steps leads you through Porta Mare into Piazza Civica, the heart of the old historic center where once were the most representative institutional departments of l'Alguer: **Palazzo de Ferrera, Casa de la Ciutat, and Palace of the Customs (Duana Reial)**.
Now it is time to go into the charming old town and maybe look for a place where you can taste traditional dishes. You can not leave Alghero without having tasted the freshly caught local fish: Catalan lobster and bogamarì (sea urchins) are the most famous specialties but many chefs will be able to surprise you with Agliate and traditional fish soups. Che non manchi poi il dessert: crema Catalana e un bicchiere di vino Passito Alghero Doc!
After lunch, we resume the exploration of the cobblestone streets of the historic center. Here are some of the most interesting places you will encounter during your walk: the **Church of San Francesco, the Church of San Michele** with its famous polychrome dome, the **Church of Mercy** that houses the precious Santcristus (wooden simulacrum from Spain), the former church of the Madonna del Rosario, today the seat of the Diocesan Museum of Sacred Art, and **the palaces witnesses both of the Aragonese-Catalan history and of the subsequent one linked to the Kingdom of Savoy.**
Immersed in the charm of the Alguel Vella, shopping lovers will not be bored of course: the center is full of shops and shops of all kinds. For lovers of haute couture, a further step is a must: the exclusive boutique of the famous Algherese designer Antonio Marras.
The evening continues on **Lungomare Dante and Valencia**, among the majestic **Liberty Villas**. Wait for the sunset here, sipping an aperitif at the foot of Villa Mosca or in the Is Tronas Beach collection which overlooks the enchanting Villa del Conte Sant'Elia.
For dinner, a note to the lovers of good music: the Restaurant-Pizzeria Pocoloco is an excellent starting point for the evening of leisure in Alghero. Here, along with excellent pizza by the meter

and other simple and genuine specialties, you can enjoy quality shows planned throughout the year. The Algherese nightlife changes with the seasons, but it never disappoints! During the winter it focuses mainly on the premises in the center while during the summer the streets and beaches of Alghero come alive and is party until dawn. For those who like to dance, the historian is located on the beachfront of Valencia: El Tro' Disco Club, while the other Algherese discos can not be reached on foot, but it is possible to book a shuttle departing Piazza Sulis, for example for the Ruscello or the Siesta. Before going to sleep, there is a place where you often find yourself having a snack after an evening with locals: los Cornettos, a delicious little restaurant where hot, sweet or savory croissants are served, stuffed on the spot!

It may be difficult, but wake up in time for the excursion to the **Caves of Neptune, Capo Caccia.** There are two ways to reach this spectacle of nature: you can get to Capo Caccia by car, by bus or for the more trained even by bike, and go into the Caves through the Escala del Cabirol, or, during the summer season, arrive by sea. In fact, every day, from the port, many boats leave for mini-cruises in the Gulf of Alghero and in the Marine Protected Area of Capo Caccia-Isola Piana. The second solution is ideal for those who want to enjoy the day in maximum relaxation: the mini-cruises often offer lunch on board and give you the opportunity to explore wonderful beaches and why not take a dip! Choosing to get to the caves by land, you can instead go to the discovery of the Algherese coast in full autonomy.

The coast stretches for about 80 km from **Capo Marrargiu to Porto Ferro** and among the most notable beaches not to be missed: the **beach Le Bombarde, the beach Il Lazzaretto, the beach Mugoni, Cala Dragunara, Porto Pollina better known as the beach of Speranza, Punta Giglio beach and the Porticciolo beach**.

If you have opted for the mini-cruise around 6pm you should be back in port; otherwise you will be hungry! If you are around the port, you must taste the famous focaccia del Milese: delicious focaccia stuffed with fresh ingredients such as fresh tomatoes, tuna, hard-boiled eggs, anchovies, rocket, thinly sliced onions, bacon and the secret sauce of Mrs. Maria. After eating, treat yourself to a relaxing stroll through the stalls of the waterfront Barcelona up to the Lido di Alghero and enjoy the last evening of holiday retracing your favorite places in the city!

Although these two days in Alghero were quite intense, you would still have many things to do: for example **visit the archaeological sites** dating back to **the Nuraghic civilization**, such as the **Palmavera nuraghe, the Necropolis of Anghelu Ruju, or the Sant'Imbenia complex**, visit the cellars that produce Alghero DOC wines, **such as Sella & Mosca and Santa Maria la Palma**, visit the Museo del Corallo set up in the elegant Villa Costantino.

Alghero is a charming town, what better way to come back?

Take note, we are going to give you many suggestions on the many experiences that you can experience in the delicious Alghero.
Many things to do: from the guided tour through the historic center to the tour of the towers and ramparts, from the tour with the Catalan train to the archaotour to discover some of the most important archaeological sites in northern Sardinia, from the visit to the beautiful Caves of Neptune on a boat trip in search of the dolphins, passing through the diving in the depths of the Park of Porto Conte to trekking for the fragrant trails of Capo Caccia and Punta Giglio, without forgetting the tastings in the cellar of the typical wines of the territory.
Finally a last tip: end your days in one of the marvelous beaches with an aperitif at sunset on the Ramparts and a dinner based on typical dishes of Alghero. For the more party-goers there will also be an opportunity to visit one of the many nightclubs or discos.

Tour of the Towers and Bastions

A tour of the towers of Alghero could start from Via Vittorio Emanuele II, where stands the ancient **Tower of Porta Terra (Portal Reial)**. Presided day and night, its drawbridge remained in operation until 1848. From here you can reach the nearby **Tower of San Giovanni (Torre de San Juan)** also known as Torre di Mezzo because of the strategic position it covered, it was in fact united from barriers to the **Torre dell'Esperò Reial**, better known as **"Torre Sulis"** given the central position in the homonymous square.
Piazza Sulis is a lovely city lounge that marks the border between Lungomare Dante and the Cristoforo Colombo Bastion, to which we advise you to continue your visit.
Along the walls, the slow pace of fishing boats dictates the rhythm of everyday life and the vermilion of the nets that descend into the sea refers to that precious coral, thick and compact like the watchtowers that also dot the Marco Polo bastions.
The Tower of Sant Jaume, with its octagonal plan, lives in constant dialogue with the sea and looks proud towards the Pigafetta Bastion, above which stands the **Torre della Campana**. The sound of his bell signaled the imminent closure of the door that gave access to the boats inside the dock.

Guided tour in the historic center with a gastronomic stop

From **Plaça del Pou Vell** to the **Carrer del Mercat,** passing through **Carrer de Mallorca** and ending in Plaça de Sant Miquel; no you are not in Catalonia but always inside the walls of Alghero, where a walk through the streets of the historic center will let you know the fascinating history of the Catalan city.
A story told by historical facades, ancient palaces and medieval houses, but also by ancient crafts, like the skilled craftsmen grabbing with **coral** branches, ready to turn into pendants or precious works of art.
If you then take a trip to the historic "Il Milese" focacceria, your tour will have another flavor. Not just sandwiches but tasty focaccias for every taste, even better if you taste along the marina.

Tour on board the Catalan train and panoramic bus

An alternative to visit the historic center of Alghero is that proposed by the "Catalan train". A colorful convoy that crosses the central streets following an itinerary that touches the main tourist attractions. An inexpensive and convenient formula for the whole family.
For those who want to follow a wider path and admire the surrounding beauty, we recommend the trip on board the scenic bus to Capo Caccia, the well-known promontory of the Coral Riviera, access point to the Caves of Neptune.
Both tours depart from the port area - Tarantiello stop, according to timetables and prices available on the website: https://www.algheroturismo.eu/tour-turistici/

TOURIST TOURS:
Old trains, panoramic buses, old cars different and original ways to discover the main places of tourist interest in the city and its territory.

Frequencies and times are subject to change. For more detailed information, contact the service manager directly

Panoramic Tour

Panoramic tours to discover the beauties of Alghero and its territory aboard the double-decker open buses

Trottolo

Trottolo is the panoramic tour that will lead you to discover the beauties of Alghero and the surrounding area on board the double-decker open bus in a path rich in nature, history and traditions.
From 01/05 to 30/09 - from Monday to Saturday

Itinerary: Alghero-Capo Caccia
Departure: Port Area, Scalo Tarantiello
Duration: approximately 110 minutes
Timetables
- I Race: 10.00 am
- II Race: 12.00
- III Race: 15.00
- IV Race: 17.30

Trottolo
Scalo Tarantiello – 07041 Alghero
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Carriages

An itinerary of other times, aboard a horse-drawn carriage through the narrow streets of the ancient village
Route: historic center
Departure: Port Area, Scalo Tarantiello
Duration: approximately 25 minutes
Timetables
April - June / September to October: 10.00 - 20.30 / 15.30 - 21.00
July - August: 10.00 am - 11.00 pm

Il Cocchio

Scalo Tarantiello – 07041 Alghero

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Old trains

Suggestive routes within the city walls on board the characteristic Lilliputian trains

Lo Tren de l'Alguer

Route: historic center

Departure: **Port Area, Scalo Tarantiello**
Timetables:
April - June / September:
Daily departures every 30 minutes 10.00 - 13.00 / 15.00 - 20.00
July August:
Daily departures every 30 minutes: 10.00 am - 11.00 pm

Lo Tren de l'Alguer
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The Catalan Train

Route: historic center
Departure: Port Area, Scalo Tarantiello
Ticket office: Torre della Maddalena
Frequency: every 20 min.

Reservations: +39 336691836

Timetables
- from March to June and from September to October: Daily departures every 30 minutes: Open all day from 10:00 to 20:00
- July - August: Daily departures every 30 minutes: Open all day from 10:00 to 24:00

Trenino Catalano
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Visit to the Caves of Neptune

It is said that the visit to the Caves of Neptune of Alghero is an experience to be done at least once in life.
Whether you choose to reach them by boat with the **boat** that travels daily, or through the long and spectacular **"Escala del Cabirol"** that descends steeply into the sea from the deepest blue, the Neptune's Caves will leave you speechless. And it is from the wide open mouth of the caves that you will feel the cool coming from the 4 km of wonders, lakes, small "beaches" and columns so beautiful that they will transport you to a magical place.
A small but easy path will allow you to discover the wonderful concretions that make up the cave while the guides will tell you their compelling story. Are you ready to become spelunkers for a few hours? More details on www.grottedinettuno.it

NETTUNO CAVES LINE:
info@grottedinettuno.it tel. +39 368 3536824 / +39 331 7229999 ticket on board
The Motonavi Freccia & Attilio Regolo are operational for 7 months of the year and cover a period from 1 April to 31 October.
Timetables:
You can choose different departure times according to your needs:

- – h 8.00 → h 10.30 * (*only for organized groups)
- – h 9.00 → h 11.30
- – h 10.45 → h 13.30
- – h 11.45 → h 14.30
- – h 13.45 → h 16.30

- – h 14.45 → h 17.30
- – h 17.45 → h 20.30 * (*only for organized groups)

- * only for organized groups
- - The cost of motorboats is € 15 for adults and € 7 for children aged 5 to 10 years
  - There are excellent discounts for organized groups, associations and schools
  - We remind you that the visit to the Neptune Caves takes place on foot, a guided tour lasting about 40 minutes, and that the admission ticket is not included with the transport

Caves of Neptune, information prices entry

Entrance ticket costs to the caves of Neptune

- adults 13 euros
- children (3-12 years) 7 euros
- groups (min. 25 people) 9 euros
- school classes compulsory education (min. 15 people) 7 euros
- high school students (min. 15 people) 9 euros

Neptune's Caves Opening times

- from April to October: every day from 9.00 to 19.00 (last entry)
- from November to March: every day from 10.00 to 15.00 (last entry)

Archeotour at the Anghelu Ruju Necropolis and the Palmavera Nuraghe

The territory of Alghero is punctuated by more or less extensive archaeological sites, consisting essentially of necropolis, villages and nuraghic complexes. That's why one of the things to do in Alghero is certainly a visit to the Necropolis "Anghelu Ruju" and to the nuragic village Palmavera respectively 8 km and 10 km from the city.
The site of Anghelu Ruju will allow you to know the **"Domus de Janas"**. The term domus in Sardinian indicates the "houses" while the janas, according to the most accredited translation, would be fairies. These are actually graves carved into the rock more than 5000 years ago and that still enchant thanks to the symbols and engraved decorations that appear along the walls of these intimate spaces, capable of evoking ancient beliefs. A mother Goddess and a God Taurus, cults now lost but firmly to the earth that generated them. An audio guide service is available in several languages.
Another noteworthy stop is the Palmavera Nuragic Complex, located a short distance from the main beaches of Alghero. The site collects testimonies from the Nuraghic period in a valuable naturalistic context, enhanced by a well-preserved Nuraghe that you can choose to visit independently or with the help of a guide.
Admission: € 3.50. Entrance to two archaeological areas: € 6.00
For info and reservations +39 079 9897502

A day at the "Le Ragnatele" Adventure Park

The Adventure Park "Le Ragnatele", about 10 km from Alghero, is the ideal stop for a day full of fun, whether you are on holiday with your family or friends. You can try a series of acrobatic routes designed for every skill level: aerial passages from one tree to another, Tibetan bridges, suspended

platforms and much more.
The park is equipped with every service, including a restaurant where you can taste typical dishes based on meat and fish.
More information on: www.parco-avventura.com

Trekking, boat trips and diving in the depths of Capo Caccia

A trip to the border between sea and sky, an immersion in the scents and vegetation of **the Regional Natural Park of Porto Conte**, starting point for many activities that will enrich your holiday and that of the whole family.
Extended to 5000 hectares, the park can be visited thanks to the paths that will lead you to the discovery of the territory, of the animal species that inhabit it and of the archaeological sites just a step from the sea. Among the unmissable things is a boat trip among the rocky cliffs in the presence of the **"sleeping giant"** of Capo Caccia, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. But also the lighthouse that stands on top, one of the most visible in the entire Mediterranean Sea.
And then **the Foradada Island**, a massive 150-meter cliff, a breath-taking spectacle that will seem even more spectacular if there are also some of the 120 dolphins that are often admired. A unique experience that you can do with the professionals of **"Progetto Natura"**. Keep the cameras ready!
Snorkeling, diving, diving courses, kayaking, birdwatching, are activities also offered by the guides of Nature Alghero, the Tourist Center Archimete and Capo Galera Diving Center.
Information on the respective sites: www.progettonaturasardegna.com - www.naturalghero.com www.archimete.it - www.capogalera.com

Boat trip in the most beautiful coves of Alghero

Sinuous like a coral branch, the coast of Alghero boasts large expanses of golden sand alternating with small coves nestled between rocky cliffs.
Some can be explored through natural paths by land, others can only be reached by sea thanks to boat trips organized by different diving centers, or if you want you can rent a dinghy independently.
One of these is **Cala Inferno**, a corner of paradise hidden by the massive headland of Capo Caccia, where the islet of Foradada can be admired in all its grandeur.
Not forgetting the delightful **Cala dell'Olandese**, also reachable by sea, located near Capo Galera.
The innermost **Cala del Tramariglio** is a special charm, an ideal place to spend a few hours relaxing in the shadow of the tower of the same name, built in the 16th century exploiting the strategic position of control that offered the promontory.
Even the southern stretch of the coast hides small jewels to visit. Like **Cala Burantinu**, lapped by turquoise waters reflecting the elicriso flowers of the Mediterranean scrub.
The cove is about 5 km from Alghero and can also be reached by car along the SP105 towards Bosa.

Capo Caccia

Capo Caccia owes its name to hunting venues that are so fruitful that they go down in history. Pigeons from the wild and wild mines, close relatives and ancient ancestors of those who today populate the squares and the historical centers of the cities were hunted.
On the southern tip of a large calcareous triangle, which is wedged in the sea, a few kilometers from Alghero, there is Capo Caccia, on the western side huge cliffs almost three hundred meters high, inside a reserve with extraordinary fauna and flora. And, in the bowels, a labyrinth of mysterious caves.

The celebrity of Capo Caccia is linked above all to the caves, and especially to the Grotta di Nettuno. It is accessed from the sea, or from a staircase called Escala del Cabirol.
From the ridge that connects Capo Caccia to Punta Cristallo, you can overlook Cala dell'Inferno on Cala Tramariglio, on the Isola Piana. Or go to Porto Conte, the ancient Roman port of the Nymphs, or beyond Punta del Giglio, to Alghero, now a popular tourist resort.
An exceptional creature, an indicator of an ecological balance, still lives in Capo Caccia the enormous griffin, a vulture capable of reaching three meters of wingspan. count This stretch of the north-west coast seems to be one of the most frequented by large birds of prey: to survive, they have taken refuge between inaccessible walls and sea horizons.

The fact is that at Capo Caccia they always offer themselves in the most magical scenery: air owners, explorers of the earth and rulers of the sea. Accompanying them with the eye, when they hover by taking advantage of the ascensional thermal currents, really means to forget their limits, get out of the smallness of everyday life and fly with them. At least for a few minutes.
Capo Caccia is also a splendid spontaneous garden of plants unique in the world, with a complex of species that do not exist elsewhere, exceptionally rich and varied so much that the Italian Botanical Society has proposed since 1970 to establish a natural reserve of about three thousand hectares.
It is one of the most unspoiled and wild places in Sardinia. The rocks, of impressive height - ranging from 170 m of the Cape to 300 of the Punta Cristallo - are covered with dense Mediterranean scrub, where rare flowers and plants proliferate and sea birds and birds of prey nest.
The imposing cliffs are interrupted by caves and ravines . The most famous are the Caves of Neptune, a true geological jewel that extends for 2,500 m inside the promontory of Capo Caccia. Discovered in 1700, the caves are a succession of tunnels, caverns, ponds and wells of considerable depth. It can be reached by sea, after having rounded the tip of the Cape, or by descending the Escala Cabirol, an impressive staircase of 110 m and 656 steps leading to the entrance of the cave. As you enter you are facing the transparent waters of Lake La Marmora, which laps two sandy beaches.
Pushing northwards you come to Porto Conte, a beautiful inlet sheltered from the wind, where you can enjoy a splendid view of the imposing cliff of Capo Caccia. Continuing in the direction of Porto Conte, beyond the town of Fertilia, you can see some of the oldest evidence of the past of this area. This is the prehistoric necropolis of Anghelu Ruju preserves as many as 36 underground tombs, and the Palmavera nuraghe from the double tower.

Diving enthusiasts can immerse themselves in a crystal clear and uncontaminated sea, in the most suggestive underwater caves of the Mediterranean. There are about twenty different dive sites, quickly reachable, thanks to the guidance of experienced divers, Inside the caves are created environmental conditions for truly exciting meetings with lobsters, lobsters, crabs porcine,

stenopus, magnoselle, corvine, groupers and many other forms of life; the walls are covered with colorful serpules, parazohantus, leptosammia, sponges of every shape and color and clearly the inevitable red coral. In the blue, sightings of large barracudas and stepping fish are likely to be thrilling. The dives take place at an average depth of about 25 m. and are generally available to everyone, except for some reserved for more experienced divers.
Capo Caccia is not just for divers: for lovers of water sports or not, there are countless possibilities: from swimming to water gymnastics, from wind-surfing to water-skiing, canoeing, mountain biking, horse-riding and trekking. Numerous organized excursions are available: by sea you can leave to discover the Riviera del Corallo, with its enchanting landscape made famous for having made incomparable scenery to numerous films. On the west side of Capo Caccia, we pass from the suggestive Foradada Island, crossed from side to side at sea level by a large natural tunnel, to the Cala d'Inferno, with its high rocks to peak, up to the north , on the island Piana.

From the east side of Capo Caccia we leave for excursions in the Bay of Porto Conte, with its many beaches and coves, up to the Punta del Giglio and the Rada di Alghero. Do not miss the excursion to the famous caves that open on the promontory of Capo Caccia, first of all the famous and suggestive Grotta di Nettuno, which can be accessed starting from the Capo Caccia saddle and going through a 700 steps stairway carved into the rock. peak (Escala del Cabirol). And again: the Green Cave and the Embroidery cave.

There are numerous places of historical and artistic interest around Capo Caccia: the ancient towers (Torre del Bollo, Torre del Tramariglio, Torre del Pegna), the Nuraghe Santimbena with the nearby remains of a Roman villa up to the picturesque old town of Alghero. Of course you can rent a car and explore the surrounding areas on your own.

Visit to the vineyard and tasting

Another fantastic experience that we recommend especially to lovers of good wine is to visit the vineyard with tasting at one of the estates around Alghero.
Sip a fresh **Vermentino di Sardegna** or a full-bodied **Cannonau** where it is produced has a different flavor! We advise you to do so at the **Tenute Sella & Mosca** surrounded by 540 hectares of vineyards just 10 km from the city. You will discover a historical, identity and tasty reality!
The visit with wine tasting takes about an hour and thirty minutes, during which you will learn about the fascinating history of the estates, the historic cellar of 1903, the aging cellar, the aging cellar and the **History Museum** with its fascinating archaeological finds from the nearby Necropolis of Anghelu Ruju.

Reservations at +39 079 997700. www.sellaemosca.it

Around

Visit to Monteleone Rocca Doria

Climbing center famous all over the world, today the small village of Monteleone Rocca Doria (about 40 km from Alghero), has just over 100 inhabitants. It sinks its origins in the Middle Ages, when the Genoese family of the Doria built a castle there, stormed by the Aragonese in 1436.
Monteleone Rocca Doria is a popular destination for tourists, sportsmen and lovers of climbing and climbing, disciplines that need natural landscapes such as those offered by this corner of Sardinia.
For some years now **"Water and Rock"** has been held, a climbing meeting which, among others, uses a disused quarry, easy to reach and overlooking Lake Temo, a panoramic view that leaves you breathless.
Waiting for you inside the village there will be a delicious **"Bread Museum"**, a documentation center for traditional bread making that tells the tradition of bread making, according to ancient rites, illustrated and supported by a "tasting corner". . Workshops for children are also organized.
For information: + 39 349 0943595 - 333 711 3794.
Also worth a visit are the two Romanesque churches: from the central one of Santo Stefano, whispers of the women pray to pray, while from the isolated one of Sant'Antonio the eloquence of the surrounding landscape will fill your eyes and soul.

Visit to Bosa, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy

On holiday in Alghero you can not miss the poetic and colorful village of Bosa that will conquer you at first sight.
You will arrive on one of the most beautiful panoramic roads of Sardinia, much appreciated by cyclists and bikers and locations of various TV commercials.
Perched on the hill of Serravalle where the **Malaspina Castle** stands out, the town is crossed by the **river Temo**, the only river port in Sardinia.
Losing yourself in the streets of the medieval district of **"Sa Costa"** means admiring its colors, knowing its history and meeting the welcoming gaze of women who embroider and sell refined creations of **"filet"** on the doors of their homes.

Take a walk on the Lungo Temo, perhaps at sunset, when the sun tints Bosa in warm tones, the atmosphere becomes magical and even the castle is mirrored on the river that flows into the sea three minutes from the village.

Asinara Island

Authentic earthly paradise framed by wonderful sceneries where unique stories and legends coexist !

Its sinuous coasts, at times soft and sometimes jagged, to have it called by the Romans **Sĭnŭs** and then **Sinuaria**, which with the centuries has been transformed by assonance in Asinara.
So its name is not derived from the famous **white donkeys** that populate the largest island in northern Sardinia, known first as a maximum security prison and now as a **National Park**.

Asinara is a place full of **stories and legends**, still wild, full of rare beauties and unique landscapes. Located in the westernmost part of northern Sardinia, it acts as a watershed between the Sea of Sardinia and the Gulf of Asinara and for this reason it is perpetually lashed by the winds: the west and the mistral have made it inaccessible and inhospitable to the west, the gorges and tramontana. they have molded to the east with gentle coasts and authentic earthly paradises.
The vegetation is typical Mediterranean vegetation of junipers and lentisks that cling to the ground to escape the fury of winds, of holm oaks in the mountainous area of **Elighe Mannu** or of cistus and elicriso that smell of Sardinia .

To characterize this ancient land, perched on sharp schists and rounded granites, there are hilly reliefs that reach 408 meters s.l.m. **Punta della Scomunica**, flat areas and havens forbidden to man, such as the spectacular **Cala Sant'Andrea**, a beach with a thousand shades of blue, where flora and fauna have recreated a primordial balance, very delicate.
Here the **Seagull nests**, the Posidonia and the junipers have taken possession of the beach, the rare bivalve Pinna Nobilis produces the byssus and life flows in silence as a million years ago.

History

Due to its strategic position, Asinara was populated since the 4th millennium BC. following Roman, Saracen, Genoese and Aragonese incursions, and then passed under the dominion of the Habsburgs and the Savoy.
The only inhabitants, 500 between shepherds and fishermen, were forced in 1885 to leave for the creation of an agricultural penal colony. Those 45 displaced families will found the seaside village of Stintino on the mainland.
During the First World War, the Asinara became an Austro-Hungarian prison camp and from the 70s a maximum security prison with the greatest exponents of Sardinian Unity including Matteo Boe, the only one who in 1986 managed to escape, the terrorists of the Red Brigades, the condemned in 41 bis as "La Belva", the boss Totò Riina, relegated underground in the bunker of Cala d'Oliva.
A few meters away, paradoxically, a few years earlier the judges Falcone and Borsellino wrote the papers of the maxi trial at Cosa Nostra.
Already since the '70s the Municipality of Porto Torres, of which Asinara is part, calls for the establishment of the National Park that will arrive only in 1997, while in 2002 the Marine **Protected Area** was established.

Asinara covers an area of only 51 km², yet the experiences that can be done are innumerable, both by land and by sea.
The ideal seasons for hiking are spring and autumn, while in summer, because of the heat, we recommend experiences that embrace the sea.
In the colder months the Asinara offers uncontaminated territories, unique and wild landscapes that will allow you to discover an island on the edge of reality.

Discover the Asinara by land

At Asinara it is possible to organize walks, trekking, horse riding, with your own bike (the only means you can take to the Island) or take advantage of the rental service at the Fornelli pier.
Each type of visit can be guided or free through the paths of the Park that vary due to difficulty, seasonal usability or interests.
Horse-riding excursions are also possible through the Campo Perdu Equestrian Center, contacting the Association ASSIAL Cavalcando l'Asinara (349 2388352 - 349 5715639 - 331 7603054 assialcavalcandolasinara@gmail.com).

On the paths of the Park

Equipped with special maps printed from the site parkasinara.org or requested at the Park Visitor Centers, starting from the **Pier of Fornelli** you can follow the simple **paths of the Granite, Water** or climb the **summit of the Castellaccio**.
You can retrace from Cala Reale the **path of Memory** or meet on the **path of the Ass White these** cute and gentle animals, native of Asinara and characterized by albinism that has made the color of their coat candid.
Info and reservations: Veronica Pisu mobile: +39 347 2151286 (reservations) - tel./fax: +39 079 502177 (Info) - email: info@asinara4×4.com - Via Monti 19, 07046 Porto Torres (SS).
www.asinara4x4.com

From **Cala d'Oliva** it is possible to reach the paradises of **Cala dei Ponzesi**, **Cala Giordano** or the blinding blue of **Cala dei Detenuti** with its poplar ponds behind it.
From here the more challenging but breathtaking paths of the Leccio leave, leading to the high mountainous area of **Punta Scomunica** and the long but easy one of **the Faro**, which leads to one of the wildest and most isolated places of the Asinara Park: **Punta del Scorno**.
In symbiosis with nature you will see the extraordinary cliffs on the sea, the inaccessible **Cala d'Arena** with its tower, to get to the austere, solitary and charming lighthouse.
The main road of 25 km is also viable by bus, wheeled train, electric cars and off-road vehicles that on demand will not fail to realize adrenaline deviations on the dirt roads of the island.

Discover the Asinara by sea

Other system to visit the Asinara is by sea: authorized operators organize fishing trips, sailing charter cruises, catamarans, Latin sails or motor boats that provide lunches on board, landing on the island and give the possibility to reach the swimming coves for snorkeling.
You can also get to Asinara with private sailboats and motor boats, subject to booking and communication to the Cormorano Marina operator (also VHF), using the prepared buoys and landing with the use of small tenders.
Diving with the many authorized diving is recommended, even from Stintino or Castelsardo.
You can also reach the Fornelli canal by canoe from the nearby beach of La Pelosa in Stintino.

Visit to the Super prison of Fornelli

Located in the south of Asinara, near the pier that allows the landing to those who choose to arrive from the Port of Stintino, is certainly the largest and most known among the 11 branches of the

prison present.
The white and austere building, dating back to the end of the 1800s, underwent several alterations until it was equipped with video surveillance systems, steel networks, armored doors, etc.
When crossing its gates you enter a rigorous and solemn world that leads tourists to make an introspective and respectful visit.

Visit to Cala Reale

The area of Cala Reale, which is located in the middle of the Asinara and is crossed by the only cement road present, allows the landing for those arriving by ferry from Porto Torres.
The area was founded as a quarantine station and takes its name from the nineteenth-century **Palazzo Reale,** now the headquarters of the Ente Parco.
Worth seeing are the **small Austro-Hungarian chapel and the "Casa del Parco"** which houses the beautiful permanent exhibition "Storie d'Asinara", a collection of black and white photos from the early 20th century of the Massidda family, who lived for years in the Punta Scorno Lighthouse.
The exhibition can be visited by contacting the Visitor Center of Cala Reale, here there are also a bar, a restaurant and toilets.

Walk in the village of Cala d'Oliva

The village of Cala d'Oliva was the main village of Asinara where the prison director resided, all the staff and their families.
Visiting the village overlooking the blue sea, they hit its white houses, while in the highest part we find the prison facilities: the central management, now Center for Environmental Education, the guesthouse, famous for hosting Falcone and Borsellino and the famous bunker, a handful of square meters nicknamed "the disco" because of the lights always on, day and night.

Visit to other prison facilities

Spread over the Asinara are the remains of other detention facilities that remind of farms as they are equipped with stables, farm equipment and silos.
In fact the prisoners were subjected to an agricultural penal colony regime in the former branches of **“Santa Maria”, “Campu Perdu”, “Trabuccato” e “Tumbarino”**.

The Domus de Janas in Campo Perdu

Digged into the only soft limestone bench of Asinara, these Domus de Janas or fairy houses are the oldest evidence of human presence at Asinara.
The small hypogeum, dating back to the Neolithic, is formed by a central room on which five secondary rooms open, intended for the burial of the dead.

The wreck of Cala Reale

Visible only 7 meters deep in front of the pier of Cala Reale, the wreck dates back to Roman times and is unique in all the Mediterranean: on the sandy bottom are lying about 39 thousand artifacts amphorae and shards dating from the late fourth century . A.D.
The wreck testifies to the importance of Asinara and the nearby colony iulia Turris Libissonis, today's Porto Torres.

Admire the views from the towers

There are three defensive and sighting towers that, since 1600, the Aragonese built at Asinara: Cala d'Arena, Cala d'Oliva and Trabuccato.
Their profiles stand out on the homonymous bays and paint real postcard landscapes.

Visit to the Castellaccio

The Asinara Castle dominates the granite massif that dominates the Fornelli prison.
The building is unknown, but legend has it that it was the home of the pirate Barbarossa who made Asinara its strategic base for raids in the Mediterranean.

MOVIDA DI ALGHERO

Alghero's summer nightlife does not wait for the weekend. Every evening, starting from the alleys of the quaint old town, music, toasts, talk and music are raised. Tourists love to linger on the Ramparts, where clubs and pubs become meeting places to enjoy the cool and spend the evening in the company of new and old friends.
Not far from the Ramparts, Piazza Sulis is certainly the soul of the Alghero evenings, often enriched by live music and shows of various kinds, from the aperitif time until late in the evening.
Another area frequented by tourists is that of the port and the promenade, where you can enjoy a relaxing walk, attend performances by street artists and bands.
For those who want to prolong the evening and go wild with music, Alghero offers seaside promenades frequented mostly by young people, such as the Maracaibo and discos such as the Ruscello, the Maden or La Siesta.

CULINARY SPECIALTIES AND WINES IN ALGHERO

Alghero knows how to amaze even at the table, where the simple ingredients are enhanced by perfect combinations and symphonies of taste such as to conquer every palate, for a cuisine of sea and land, rich in flavors, fragrances and tastes. A journey through the typical and articulate Alghero cuisine that starts with sea-based appetizers, such as the grilled breed, although the variety of fish used for this recipe may vary.
The famous "capunara", served as a salad in which they dance shellfish, anchovies, boiled eggs and seafood. Excellent aubergines to Alghero, simply baked in the oven with garlic, parsley and oil, to be enjoyed as an appetizer but also as a substantial accompaniment.
Among the first courses reign the spaghetti with sea urchins, to be enjoyed fresh, possibly in the period between November and April when fishing is allowed; spaghetti with mussels or crabs and succulent linguine with lobster to be watered with Torbato DOC wine, joy and completeness for a traditional Sardinian dish.

Among the latter the Catalan lobster burst, a delicious recipe that sees the boiled crustacean, cut into pieces, laid on onions and tomatoes into wedges and seasoned with an emulsion of extra virgin olive oil, another excellence of the territory. Whole or filleted, also the baked snapper enjoys excellent fame on the tables of Alghero, seasoned with tomatoes, potatoes and accompanied by notes from the white Torbato.

Tradition and curiosity also in the world of desserts, each accompanied by the Catalan name, to support its history and the path to our days. The "tabaccheras", the so-called "sweet chocolate" par excellence, is so named because of the shape that reminds that of the old cases used to store tobacco. They are presented as very thin saccottini, baked and stuffed with a cream called "mangiar bianco" made with milk, lemon peel, sugar and starch. With the same ingredients, the most famous "menjar blanc cake" is also produced, the best algherese cake to be enjoyed at any time of the year.
The "pa de arrop", that is the bread of sapa algherese: sapa is a syrup that is obtained from the must and in Sardinia is used in the production of typical sweets, like the ancient "pane di sapa", sweet based of eggs, flour, brewer's yeast, orange peel and lots of dried fruit. The Algherese variant stands out only for the least amount of dried fruit.
The "ous de butxac", ie pocket eggs, are also delicious. They have the shape and substance of small anise-scented loaves, glazed with a shiny white veil of cloak.

From the world of wines come excellences that always enhance the traditional Sardinian dishes such as those produced in the historic Sella & Mosca, including the award-winning "Monteoro" Vermentino DOC of Gallura, Cannonau di Sardegna DOC and Terre Bianche DOC Torbato; and in the Cellar of Santa Maria La Palma, with a Cannonau "Le Bombarde"; back in victory from the International wine challenge in New York in 2016. Equally appreciated is the Vermentino di Sardegna DOC Blu 2015 and the sparkling Vermentino Aragosta.

BOSA

One of the most beautiful villages in Italy with its enchanting landscapes, ancient traditions and crystal clear sea !

Bosa, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, overlooks the west coast of Sardinia and seems to be the fruit of the imagination of a skilled painter who, through small brushstrokes, has perfectly framed the pastel colored houses perched one behind the other. , up to the fortress resting on that hill that exudes stories and emotions. Imagine this glimpse reflected on a placid river crossed by an ancient bridge, the picture postcard comes from itself!
It is hard to believe that this suggestive village, which in 1413 obtained the title of royal city, could not receive such a prestigious recognition.

The historic center in its intimate shape has preserved over time the appearance of the ancient medieval villages, with narrow facades, elegant squares and streets where you can breathe an air of enviable tranquility.
The colors of the twilight alleys combine with the warm tones of the long red trachyte staircases leading to the mighty castle built by the Malaspina family during the 13th century.
From the Tower of the Castle the view reveals the beauty of the surrounding landscape, dotted with small houses, colorful boats that go up the river and the expanse of sea that opens in the town of Bosa Marina.

Along the delightful alleyways of the village it is easy to meet the Bosan ladies on the doorstep of their houses intent on working on what can rightfully be called a work of art: the embroidery of the filet. Undisputed symbol of the country, elaborate and delicate, it is said that its origins are to be found in the weaving and repair of fishing nets.

What is certain is that if the filet is a symbol of Bosa, the goldsmith's technique is not far behind, with the refined filigree creations that shine with a straw yellow, the same yellow of Malvasia, the bosan wine par excellence, produced by those vineyards warmed by the rays of the sun that make its countryside landscape so unique.

Bosa is also nature, trekking, hiking and horseback riding through breathtaking landscapes that look towards a fabulous sea for a vacation suitable for everyone: the family, the couple or a group of friends.
Crystalline waters that lap a rocky coast, pierced by submerged caves and enriched by coves sheltered from the winds and surrounded by the Mediterranean.
One of the most beautiful places to live even at sunset, whether on the sea or on the village with reddish roofs, like the trachyte that dresses it.
The town enjoys a Mediterranean climate, characterized by cool winters and warm summers mitigated by winds. Here in July and August the temperatures range between 18 ° and 29 °.

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On holiday in Bosa we certainly suggest you to "get lost" in its alleys and stroll through the colorful houses of the Sa Costa district to the Malaspina Castle where you can enjoy a wonderful view of the entire village, on the river Temo sea.
You could also do urban trekking with a tour guide who will tell you stories, anecdotes and legends of this delightful Sardinian village.
Stop and enjoy some typical dishes accompanied by a glass of delicious Malvasia di Bosa and in the meantime plan what to do to make your holiday unforgettable.
For an experience that will give you beautiful emotions and unforgettable memories, take a trip on board the boat on the river Temo.
Lovers of the sea and water sports can go to discover the coast by taking a boat trip, diving and snorkeling.
The most romantic will also have the opportunity to go to meet the sunset by taking a nice horseback ride on the beach or can opt for more challenging routes to discover ancient mines and archaeological remains. For birdwatchers and more, we suggest a naturalistic excursion in search of griffins, since the territory of Bosa is the only one in Sardinia where a large number of griffins nest.
In short, the experiences to be done in and around Bosa are so many: take note because below we list different.

Boat trips to discover the coves, including diving and snorkeling

What better way to discover the coast of Bosa if you do not let yourself be accompanied by experts who will show you its best corners?
The boat trips are suitable for the whole family and will help to enrich your holiday in Sardinia, not only for the dream coves where you can dive, but also for diving organized by diving.
A long stretch to explore that starts from Bosa Marina, comes up to Capo Marargiu and goes so far as to glimpse the promontory of Capo Caccia di Alghero.
Do not miss the diving in the Caves of Capo Marrargiu and in the Caves of Casa del Vento.
Suggestive scenarios populated by fish and corals, long stretches of posidonia and fascinating cliffs like that of Dog Malu.
Among the most popular proposals for snorkelling stand out: "Sos Puppos", Tentizzos, Cala Rapina and Managu.
Scuba diving from € 45.00 and snorkeling from € 25.00.
For more info: www.bosadiving.com

On board the boat on the Temo river

From the Ponte Vecchio that crosses the center of Bosa you board the boat for a peaceful and pleasant trip, to discover the village from another perspective and appreciate the facades of the village reflected along the river.
The boat will push towards the outskirts of the town, where the countryside dominates the territory with its centuries-old olive trees and large vineyards.
Among the lush vegetation that embellishes the surroundings of the village you can also see the ancient Romanesque cathedral of S. Pietro Extramuros.
For more info: www.divingmalesh.com

Horseback riding

If among your dreams there is also that of walking along a beach riding a horse while the sun sets, then you might think of booking a relaxing walk along the coast of Bosa.
Several paths are active, designed for each skill level. The simplest and most romantic one will take you to the discovery of S'Abba Druche beach, one of the few on the coast where you can take a long

sandy stretch.
The most challenging routes climb along the slopes and will lead you to the discovery of ancient mines and archaeological remains.
An absolutely must-do experience in Bosa.
For more info: www.sabbadruchehorses.com

Urban trekking

To discover the most characteristic corners of the medieval district of "Sa Costa", the most colorful streets, the most panoramic views and the main monuments.
Urban trekking with the accompaniment of a tour guide can be the right alternative, especially if you do not have too much time available.
Through a simple and pleasant itinerary you will discover the soul of Bosa and listen to stories, anecdotes and events of the most colorful center of Planargia.
Trekking from € 22.00 per person.
More info on : www.esedraescursioni.it

Birdwatching - In search of griffins

The area of Bosa is the only one in Sardinia where a large number of griffins live in the mountainous massifs of the hinterland.
Birdwatching activities will be facilitated as they will reach the rocky ridges in an off-road vehicle.
An experience of great charm, ideal for lovers of this hobby. A naturalistic excursion suitable for the whole family.
Cost € 40.00 More info on: www.esedraescursioni.it

Trekking from Managu to Cala Fenuggiu

Among the things to do in Bosa is also a trek between land and sea.
One of the most evocative naturalistic routes that cross the coastal territory is certainly that between Managu and Cala Fenuggiu, between cliffs and cliffs where you can see the Sardinian griffins.
Let yourself go to the silent dialogue between tuff and trachyte, modulated by the wind and supported by the guides that will lead you to the most spectacular corners up to the Cala Fenuggiu spur.
Cost € 40.00. More info on: www.esedraescursioni.it

On top of Mount Sant'Antonio

In the municipal territory of Macomer (NU) about 23 km from Bosa, a 800-meter height surrounded by a thick and fresh forest, it is also the destination of the trekkers who love reaching the summit where stands the small church dedicated to Sant'Antonio.
Simple and affordable for everyone, trekking will also be an immersion in the colors and scents of Sardinian flora and history, so much so that the route includes a stop at Nuraghe Ascusa, evidence of the Nuragic era hidden by vegetation.
Cost € 36.00. More info on : www.esedraescursioni.it

Between Bosa and Macomer on the Green Train of Sardinia

Even on holiday in Bosa you can take a fascinating journey through time on board the Green Train that will lead you to discover enchanting landscapes and traditional flavors.
First stop is the village of Tresnuraghes, on the border between Planargia and Montiferru, where you will taste Malvasia and visit the Abbey of S. Maria di Corte.
Final stop at Macomer with a visit to the ethnographic museum "The ancient arts".
More info on: www.esedraescursioni.it

Walking on the Keyways

In Bosa you can rent a keyway and move on the two wheels of the nice means of transport.
An alternative for those who like to visit the historic center in a practical, dynamic and fun way.
You can walk a long stretch under the shade of the palm trees that border the long temo, enter the labyrinth of narrow streets and alleys and walk along the panoramic Ponte Vecchio.
More info on : www.esedraescursioni.it

Walk in Corso Vittorio Emanuele II

As in any respectable historic center, Bosa also has its main street. The best known route, the one that tells the most stories and anecdotes.
With its pavement of pebbles and basalt slabs worn and shiny, so as to reflect the colors of the buildings that run along the sides of the street.
Yesterday the residence of the noble bourgeoisie, today lively artery and animated by tourists who love to cross it and admire shop windows and glimpses of a street whose charm resists over time.

Visit to the Blessed Virgin Immaculate Cathedral

The Cathedral Beata Vergine Immacolata of Bosa is elegant and composed, with its beautiful façade marked by the colors of red trachyte and a sumptuously decorated interior, completed at the end of the 19th century.
Rich in paintings, lace and chapels that make this building one of the best examples of religious architecture in Sardinia.
The peculiarity of the Duomo are the two domes covered with colored majolica that have always characterized one of the most famous photographic views: the one that can be seen from the old bridge (in Sardinian "pont'ezzu").

Tour of the Castello di Serravalle

Bulwark and residence of the Tuscan family of Malaspina, is one of the main attractions and a point from which you can enjoy the most beautiful view of the village.
Beautiful and powerful, it can be reached by taking a pleasant walk through the streets of the medieval district of "Sa Costa", among colors and flowers of old houses that do not seem to want to surrender to the passage of time.
The tour of the castle also includes a visit to the tower and to the precious cycle of frescoes kept in the palatine chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Sr. Regnos Altos.
Full ticket € 5.50, reduced € 4.50.

Visit to the Church of St. Peter extramuros

If the Romanesque architecture in Sardinia needed a symbol to be represented, it would certainly have the facade of the church of S. Pietro extramuros.
Elegant and composed, it carries with it a tortuous construction event divided into three phases. Its foundation dates back to 1062 and finally ends at the end of 1200 with the expansion by the Cistercian monks.
The church is located 2 km from the village, during the days of celebration is animated by religious services and is also chosen for particularly sumptuous weddings.
It can be reached by a relaxing walk that will let you discover the colors and scents of the surrounding nature.
Full ticket € 2.00; reduced € 1.00.

Between sea and fun in Bosa Marina

The lovely seaside resort is just 2 km from the village and lies on the left bank of the Temo, where the river meets the sea, in the shadow of the Coastal Tower of the Red Island, one of the largest in

Sardinia.
Built around the church of Santa Maria del Mare, the village is also known for its wide beach.
The presence of establishments that offer the rental of deckchairs and sunbeds, the numerous dining options and the amusement park make it suitable for families and children who can play freely in a sloping and safe backdrop.
Equipped with access for the disabled and ample parking for a fee.

In the crystalline blue of Cane Malu

When it comes to nature shows it is easy to travel with the imagination and build the landscape that everyone dreams of.
But there is a place that Bosa jealously guards, overlooking the sea and from this dominated. Hard to imagine, how easy to reach. Cane Malu is a suggestive rock formation, a long terrace, a lunar landscape that extends to the sea and finds its maximum expression in a natural pool that during the summer is a destination for bathers, curious travelers and daring divers.
A show not to be missed, just 3 km from the village.

Around

Tinnura and Flussio: the Murals countries

Colorful, characteristic and numerous: the murals that enrich the walls of houses and buildings that face the main streets of two small towns: Tinnura and Flussio.
The two villages are located about 9 km from Bosa and are located one after the other on the SP292, joined by the territory of Planargia and the colors of the large murals, designed and built by various artists including the name of Pina Monne .

CULINARY SPECIALTIES AND WINES IN BOSA

Land and sea enrich the gastronomic tradition of Bosa creating tasty tangles and peculiarities of a unique territory of its kind.
Among the seafood appetizers stands out "S'azzada" (literally agliata), a dish with a strong and strong flavor, to which a village festival is also dedicated. The fish used is mainly the breed that is fried and seasoned with plenty of garlic, vinegar and tomatoes.
Among the first reign various types of pasta such as seafood, flavored perhaps by the taste of lobster, one of the best in Sardinia. In the period in which the fishing is not bound by the biological catch (from November to April) you can also enjoy spaghetti with sea urchin, in which it is said to contain the true taste of the sea.

The recipe repertoire sees the lobster also protagonist in the seconds of the sea, which is distinguished according to the typical Bosana preparation. Seasoned with oil (other excellence of the territory), boiled egg and the freshness of celery and tomatoes in wedges: a real delicacy. And yet the succulent soups, like that of lobster that goes well with traditional white wines.
Among the first courses of land you can taste the characteristic "Cicciones cun Regottu", that is small gnocchetti flavored with the excellent local fresh ricotta.
The "Panadas de Pianalza" is a real taste of Sardinia: a heart of peas, meat, olives, eggs and bacon wrapped in thin semolina pasta, without a doubt one of the most popular recipes.
Some traditional dishes are prepared on the occasion of the holidays, even for the greater availability of fresh products that can be found more easily depending on the season.
Typical of the carnival period is the favata with cabbage: substantial soup based on the well-known legume, enriched with sausage, spare ribs and other parts of the pig of which, you know, you do not throw anything away.
During the anniversary of November 2, another simple but tasty recipe is represented by spaghetti with "Su Ghisadu", ie a meat sauce with soft meat that can be pork, sheep or lamb, provided it is covered with plenty of pecorino.

In addition to a good red wine, these dishes are accompanied by typical bread, thanks to which Bosa is famous: the "Bistoccu", a crunchy, crispy bread that comes from the second cooking of a focaccia cut in two parts and that, generally, it is served with soups.
And if "Su Bistoccu" is famous, even more are the "Gallette", small rectangles made with flour, barley malt and brewer's yeast. Crispy and light, they accompany meals but are also used in various recipes such as lobster caponata, an exquisite recipe that sees lobster meat flavored with anchovy fillets, tomatoes and potatoes.

Savory recipes but also many traditional sweets, first of all "Sa Pasta Violada", known throughout the island according to different variations, here stand out in the period of "Carrasegare 'Osincu" (the carnival of Bosa). covered with sugar or honey obtained from the processing of a dough based on flour, egg, lard, milk, sugar and the aroma of orange and lemon Joy for the eyes and the palate.
Among the desserts of the carnival there are also the delicious "Frisciolas", known in the same province with the name of "Zippole", naturally to accompany the notes of Malvasia di Bosa.
The delicious "Casadinas", small cakes made with ricotta typical of the Easter period and "Sos Pabassinos", dry desserts known and made throughout the island, in Bosa make their appearance during the winter season.

Rivers of ink have been dedicated to the Bosan wine par excellence, the Malvasia. This nectar is

produced in quantity because it is loved by the bosans but also by all those who have the pleasure of tasting it. Considered a noble, elitist, festive wine, one can not grasp its soul and its importance if one does not consider the territorial context in which Malvasia comes to life.
Bosa is nestled between the sea and the mountains, and it is in this cradle that the vineyards feed on the sun's rays, the sea breeze and the passion of the local producers, who over time have refined the production techniques to give life to one of the best known Sardinian wines.
Recognized and appreciated, Malvasia is the wine of typical sweets, because it satisfies the fillings and the glazes but it is also a perfect companion of the cheeses because it gratifies the pasta and the flavor.

CASTELSARDO

Enchanting medieval village that offers a unique concentration of sea, culture and nightlife for everyone !

Who sees it for the first time, Castelsardo seems suspended between sky and sea, clinging to the rock but in equilibrium in mid-air, almost to want to fly in the air towards eternity.
From a unique and wonderfully panoramic position overlooking the Gulf of Asinara to the slopes of Corsica, Castelsardo has dominated a rocky spur overlooking the sea for 900 years.

Those who choose it for their holidays will suffer the extraordinary charm of one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, remaining entranced by its thousand-year history. A treasure trove of priceless treasures, a triumph of traditions, a guardian of rituals, Castelsardo is an enchanting place to rediscover the simplicity of sky, water and land, accompanied by the flavors of its renowned cuisine and the aromas of an area rich in natural beauty and landscapes.
The ancient village oozes history from every stone: so get lost among its medieval carrugi that climb up to the perfectly preserved castle, founded in 1200 by the Genoese family of Doria.
Discover it by visiting the beautiful Museo dell'Intreccio Mediterraneo in its interior and follow its high walls where you will embrace with a single glance a good part of northern Sardinia.
Let yourself be carried away by the sea breeze that rises from the Port of Frigiano with its sixteenth-century tower to the ancient churches and historic buildings of the village, home to exhibitions and exhibitions.
In the labyrinth of flowery streets, among artisan shops, typical restaurants and low colored houses, go in search of the women who, today as 100 years ago, on the doorstep of their houses intertwine the typical Sardinian trash can.
On the trail of the Brothers of the ancient Oratory of Santa Croce let yourself be kidnapped by the sacred and profane rites that make this village an unmissable destination at any time of the year that you are a couple, a group of friends or a family with children.

In fact, every season, thanks to the mild climate, is excellent for visiting Castelsardo: in warm springs and hot summers (temperatures in July and August vary between 20 ° and 29 °), you can enjoy nature and the sea, while in the winter months there are events, exhibitions and rituals unique in the world, such as the "Lunissanti", a solemn representation that for centuries, on Monday before Easter, brings mystery and amazement through the streets of the historic center.

If you love the sea you can rent a boat or a boat to discover the beautiful coast and the many coves that surround you, or you can rely on diving for wonderful diving.
When the mistral blows, the whole area is loved by sailors, kites or surfs.
Have you ever tried paragliding? If you want to make this adrenaline experience from Monte Ossoni, between Castelsardo and Valledoria, you can soar in the air and admire the panorama of the Gulf of Asinara that sweeps up to the Red Island.
Lots of trekking and Nordic walking trails around the village, while inside you can go jogging or strolling around the beautiful park under the castle walls.
If you love horses, several riding stables organize excursions to the surrounding countryside among nuraghe, megalithic walls and unspoiled nature.
In the nearby Valledoria, just 16 km from Castelsardo, in an uncontaminated SIC area (Site of Community Importance) you can go bird watching from the banks of the river Coghinas, by boat or

you can descend the canoe course, immersed in a natural environment of extraordinary charm.

Around.

Relax at the Terme di Casteldoria
In Casteldoria, a spa town in the municipality of Santa Maria Coghinas, just 21 km from Castelsardo, you can make hot regenerating mud "do it yourself" or inside the renovated establishment overlooking the River Coghinas that here, in some points, reaches the 75th!

A walk through the streets of Perfugas
At 30 km from Castelsardo there is Perfugas, a village where you can buy excellent traditional products such as the "peretta", a typical Sardinian pasta filata.
We suggest then to visit the Archaeological and Paleobotanical Museum which will tell you through fossils, ceramics and artifacts, the history of this extraordinary territory. (Via Sauro For information: +39 079 564241. Ticket: € 3.00).

Visit to the Royal City of Sassari
Only 32 km from Castelsardo the Royal City of Sassari with the Cathedral of San Nicola and the National Museum G. Sanna (Via Roma 6. For information: www.museosannasassari.beniculturali.it Full ticket € 3.00 reduced € 1, 50 euros).
For more information consult the Sassari Tourist Guide

Sea and culture in Stintino and Porto Torres
About 65 km separate Castelsardo da Stintino and the paradisiacal beaches of "La Pelosa" and "Le Saline", while just before, at 36 km, you can visit the historic Porto Torres with the ruins of the great Colonia Iulia Turris Libisonis.
Both from Stintino and Porto Torres you can take the ferry to explore the unspoiled Asinara National Park.
For more information, consult the Stintino Tourist Guide and the Porto Torres Tourist Guide

Visit the village of Luras
If you love nature go into Gallura and reach Luras, historic village about 55 km from Castelsardo that will surprise you with its huge millenarian olive trees.
Here, among more than 5,000 exhibits, the "Museo della Femina Agabbadòra" boasts as its most valuable piece the hammer of "Femina Agabbadòra", a wooden instrument used for generations by a woman, the Agabbadòra, who in various Sardinian countries had the task of "Accompanying death" to the sick.
The museum is located in via Nazionale 35 / a and can be visited every day at a cost of € 5.00 by calling the number + 39 368 3376321 (www.galluras.it - info@galluras.it).

SPECIALITA' CULINARIE E VINI A CASTELSARDO

One of the countless reasons to choose Castelsardo for your holiday is its traditional cuisine.
The main dish of Castelsardo is the Castellanese lobster, fresh, accompanied by the eggs of the same as a sauce. An unmissable delicacy. Here the daily catch of the waters of the Gulf of Asinara meets the genuine flavors of tomatoes, artichokes, courgettes and aubergines grown in fertile soils and kissed by the sun of the surrounding countryside.

Do not miss the delicate "castellanese soup" prepared with tasty fresh fish and served with croutons. You will not forget it easily. Try the tasty grilled fish, the sea bass in the vernaccia, the mullet marinara, the spider crab, the oysters, the fasolari. Unmissable the precious bottarga, dried or grated eggs of tuna or mullet on fish first courses, fresh artichokes D.O.P. of nearby Valledoria or on pizza.

Depending on the season you will see in the restaurant menus the "sea urchins": order them now! You will discover a delicacy to be enjoyed with pasta or on crispy croutons, accompanied only by fresh Vermentino di Sardegna. Among the best in the area, that of the Cantina Sociale Sorso-Sennori.
Do not miss the tasty frissa, a traditional dish of poor origins with a creamy consistency, prepared with semolina and cream and served in different variations, either sweet, with honey or salted to accompany the scallops or pizza.

To sweeten the inevitable "Seadas", delicious fries stuffed with cheese and sprinkled with honey or sugar, the formaggelle, a soft pastry basket with a heart of fresh cheese, amaretti and papassini, sweet with raisins, almonds and icing.
The spectacular liqueur wine that we recommend to combine is the Moscato DOC of Sorso - Sennori, since 1972 award-winning excellence of Northern Sardinia

PORTO TORRES

A thousand-year history is what will captivate you discovering the coastal town of Porto Torres, the nerve center of North West Sardinia that with its beautiful beaches, its architectural jewels and archaeological monuments of extraordinary importance, make it a place not passing through, but entirely to discover.

Among the ruins of Turris Libisonis

Who knows if Orpheus, remembered for the tragic affair of love that saw him descend into hell to bring his wife Eurydice back to life, did not take refuge right here to cry his pain.
Certainly the large mosaic that portrays him on a rock, while he plays his lyre surrounded by nine animals, makes the sumptuous "Domus dei Mosaici" a mythical place, unique in all of Sardinia.
After all, the entire Colonia Iulia Turris Libisonis of Porto Torres, founded by Giulio Cesare Ottaviano in 46 a. C., it is!
So get lost among the beautiful mosaics and the high walls of the "Palazzo di Re Barbaro", an imposing spa complex, then follow the paved road embellished by ancient columns to the Pallottine Baths, which once overlooked the sea.
Further south the ancient Baths of Maetzke and all around, hypogea, aqueducts, roads and the largest Roman bridge of Sardinia with its 135 meters in length and its monumental seven arches.

Visit to the Basilica of San Gavino

Behind the history of the Basilica of San Gavino in Porto Torres lies a fascinating legend according to which King Barbaro asked Gavino, Proto and Gianuario to renounce the Christian faith and to their refusal had them beheaded and then thrown their bodies into the sea.
In 1080 d.C., with Sardinia divided into judges, in Gonnario Comita, lord of Torres and Arborea, the three martyrs appear in a dream and thanks to them it defeats leprosy.
To pay homage to them and give them a worthy burial, he erected the most majestic and ancient Romanesque basilica of Sardinia: three long naves with two faced apses, majestic portals and tall columns, but relics are immediately lost. Only in 1614 were found inside three beautiful Roman sarcophagi housed in the elegant crypt in classical style.
To be seen absolutely!

The churches of Balai Vicino and Balai Lontano

Much loved by the inhabitants of Porto Torres, the two churches of Balai Vicino or San Gavino a Mare and Balai Lontano or Santu Bainzu Ischabizzaddu (San Gavino beheaded), respectively arise in places where according to legend were found relics and thrown into the sea three martyrs.
They are to visit for their clean but extremely scenographic structures, they are in fact both on cliffs of rock clung to the sea.

Visit to the Domus de Janas "Su Crucifissu Mannu"

The "Su Crucifissu Mannu" Domus de Janas, consisting of 20 multi-cell domus, can be visited 5 km from Porto Torres, between columns, architraves, "protomi taurine" and the magical "false doors", links to the mother earth that generates everything and everything is recovered.
According to legend, the Janas are the fairies, tiny creatures dressed in fine fabrics and decorated with gold jewels. They only go out at night and go to protect the children, while during the day they hide in their rock houses.
Today we know they were neolithic hypogea, that's why inside were found ceramics, jewels, idols

of the mother goddess, currently kept at the National Museum G. Sanna of Sassari.
Where: at km 224 of the SS 131 towards Porto Torres.

The Altar of Monte d'Accoddi
Almost opposite the Domus de Janas "Su Crucifissu Mannu", always with access from the SS 131 from Porto Torres towards Sassari, one finds one of the most mysterious prenuragic complexes in Sardinia.
Monte d'Accoddi is a stairway to immortality, a meeting point between heaven and earth, which has no evidence anywhere else in Europe, reminiscent of a Mesopotamian ziggurat.
For millennia it was used as a ritual altar, so much so that underneath those 10 meters of stone there is another more ancient altar, all painted in ocher, called the "Red Temple".
To reach the summit of the imposing monument, 36 x 29 meters wide, today as 4000 years ago, you will cross a ramp over 40 meters long that will catapult you into a magical journey back in time.