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Corsica & Sardinia
2-week itinerary suggestion



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Discover these two islands and their proud independent spirit, magnificent and dramatic landscapes and the most exquisite local cuisine.

Corsica is known as the 'Island of Beauty'. The island offers a choice of glittering bays, stylish coastal cities and fabulous beaches, jagged peaked mountains to frame it all and a number of breath-taking, enigmatic cliff-top villages. This wonderful variety of scenery, preserved from the aggressions of development and tourism, make it a favourite for most sea-goers.

Sardinia is known for its rugged interior landscapes, strange and evocative remnants ancient nuraghic culture (proof that people have been enjoying the lovely climate here for millennia) as well as its emerald seas and white sandy beaches that rival the tropics. The two offer a seductive combination that lures people back time after time.

Itinerary

Day Location - Distance

- 1** Genoa > Portofino > Calvi (overnight)
14+106nm
- 2** Calvi
- 3** Calvi > Piana/La Girolata -25nm
- 4** La Girolata > Minaccia Bay > Acqua Doria or Cupabia Bay- 25 + 25nm
- 5** Cupabia Bay > Propriano > Alghero
8 + 90nm
- 6** Alghero (Sardinia)
- 7** Alghero > Oristano - 50nm
- 8** Oristano > Cala Domestica - 30nm
- 9** Cala Domestica > Sant'Antioco > Porto Pino
18 + 15nm
- 10** Porto Pino > Pula & Nora - 30nm
- 11** Nora > Cagliari - 15nm
- 12** Cagliari > Villasimius - 19nm
- 13** Villasimius > Arbatax - 55nm
- 14** Arbatax > Coast of Baunei - 15nm
- 15** Coast of Baunei > Tavolara > Olbia
47nm 13nm



This itinerary is a suggestion only with distances and timings dependent on weather conditions. Any itinerary is flexible within reason and can be changed either in advance of or during the charter itself with the guidance of the Captain. The main thing is to sketch out a general plan in order to ensure the right berths, restaurant and activities are booked if desired.

Day **Genoa > Portofino > Calvi** 1

(20nm + 106nm / 1hr 40 mins + 9 hrs)

Embark in Genoa and make way immediately for Portofino while you enjoy a welcome lunch on board. Portofino has long been a popular destination. One of the most photographed villages along the coast, with a decidedly romantic and affluent aura. During the 1950s and 1960s, Portofino was a magnet for famous visitors. Take a stroll around town in the afternoon, browse around the shops or just watch the world go by at a café.

The charm and beauty of this famous village still draws people from all over the world. There are some great walks around the area including a number of paths that take you from the town and up into the surrounding hillside with great views for the more energetic!

Dine

At the Pitosforo or La Terrazza at the Splendido Hotel.



Overnight

Cruise to Calvi.

Day
Calvi
2

Wake up in Calvi!

Calvi was built over an extended period from the 13th to the 16th century, high on a rock (calvus), from which the town's name is derived. Close to the town is the Revellata Peninsula, a rugged and beautiful coastline that faces directly out to sea. South of Calvi, landscapes become wild, steep, and cut into a bright red granite.

The marina is a palm-lined quay where you'll find an assortment of elegant fish restaurants and lively cocktail bars. On the south side is a long crescent beach of fine white sand with a gentle slope and safe bathing in the turquoise-blue waters. Uptown, walk in the narrow streets that snake to the magnificent citadel. A walk up to the trendy chill out jazz bar 'Tao' built into the walls offers a stunning view over the port.



Dine

La Signoria, at I Salti in Belgodère or Le Grand Oggi in Lumio (lunch only during the weekend).



Overnight

In port or at anchor.

Day

Calvi > La Girolata

3

(25nm / 2hrs)

The setting in La Girolata is grandiose; a fortress on a headland hides the tiny hamlet that is situated right in the middle of a National Park. With its coastline bordered by red granite cliffs that plunge into a sea of intense blue, the Gulf of Porto deserves its classification by UNESCO as "heritage of humanity". There are only two ways to access La Girolata – by donkey or by boat, the latter being far more agreeable!

Enjoy a relaxing morning cruise towards the Gulf of Porto, passing the Scandola Peninsula, known for the amazing beauty of its landscapes. In the bay, you can swim, use the water toys and take in the lovely views. The surrounding waters are clear and the islets and caves are an ideal habitat for rich marine life.

Dine

Lunch at Le Bel Ombra, a beach restaurant with a shaded terrace serving fresh fish and seafood (lobster is a speciality), or at La Cabane du Berger. Enjoy dinner on board.



Overnight

At anchor.

Day
La Girolata > Minaccia Bay > Acqua Doria
4

(25nm + 25nm / 2hrs + 2hrs)

Minaccia Bay is a vast stretch of fine sand surrounded by vegetation. There are two wild beaches, Petit Capo (also known Sevani Beach or Saint Antoine Beach) and Grand Capo (sandier and more picturesque than the Petit Capo beach). The Gulf of Valinco stretches from the Capo di Muro separating it from the Golfe d'Ajaccio to the north and the headland at Campomoro to the south.

Enjoy the day relaxing at anchor, at the beach or making the most of the water sports. When you feel like it, move to Acqua Doria Bay, south of the Gulf of Ajaccio. In the evening, admire the Sanguinaires Islands from your yacht. They are particularly magnificent in the sunset!

Dine

Enjoy lunch on board or at Le Pirate in Minaccia Bay.
 Dinner at La Réserve de Saparella.


Overnight

At anchor in Acqua Doria Bay or in Cupabia Bay.

Day
Acqua Doria > Propriano > Alghero
5

(12nm + 90nm / 1hr + 7hrs 30 mins)

Enjoy the sandy beaches in the Gulf of Valinco. Visit the magnificent archaeological site of Filitosa with its famous sculpted menhirs. Walks around the hinterland here are full of interesting treasures!

Alternatively, you can catch up on some shopping in Propriano, indulge yourself with a lazy lunch and simply watch the world go by.

Propriano is a little fishing village on the Gulf of Valinco set against wooded mountains behind. The Pietropola Baths are also within close proximity. Exploited since the 16th century, these baths were actually founded by the Romans between the 8th and the 9th century B.C. and are still in use today.

Dine

Lunch at Hotel Marinca in Propriano.
Dinner on board.



Overnight

Overnight cruise
to Alghero (Sardinia).

Day
Alghero
6

Wake up under the Sardinian sun in Alghero. Take a pleasant stroll through the distinctive narrow cobblestone sun-burnt alleyways of the historic centre. The atmosphere of the small old town, dating back to the 11th century, called “Barceloneta” is its real attraction with its Aragonese Palaces, gothic churches, the impressive surrounding fortified walls and a maze of narrow streets winding through specialty shops, boutiques, theme restaurants and street cafes. You can also visit the Grotta di Nettuno, in the heart of the cliffside of Capo Caccia.

The old walled Alghero town, within the ancient ramparts and lookout towers, has a lively atmosphere with a good selection of shops, café bars and restaurants.

Dine

Enjoy lunch on board.

Dinner in Villa Las Tronas, at O Masterchef O'Neill or Al Tuguri.


Overnight

At anchor.

Day

Alghero > Oristano

7

(50nm / 4hrs 20 mins)

Known for its turquoise crystalline sea and its well-preserved nature, the beaches of the province of Oristano are in many ways still wild and pristine, with white sand and turquoise water.

Arutas beach stretches for several kilometers, it has a clear sea which colors are between green and blue. It is known as the beach of the grains of rice, being composed of small grains of quartz. Other spectacular beaches include Mari Ermì, Putzu Idu, S'Archittu or San Giovanni di Sinis. Perfect for a swim and some water-sports!

Oristano, in Sardinian "Aristanis", between the sea and ponds that abound in the area and are habitat of the pink flamingos. Oristano is a smart city with a stunning baroque cathedral and pleasant streets to wander around.

Dine

You might like to try S'Apposentu di Casa Puddu.



Overnight

At anchor.

Day**Oristano > Cala Domestica****8**

(30nm / 2hrs 30 mins)

An early morning cruise takes you along the coast towards Cala Domestica, a real scenic jewel set among the rocks and dunes. Cala Domestica delights the eyes of the spectator with a beach covered in fine sand mixed with gravel, with rocks dotted all around, as well as being hemmed in by dunes punctuated by rich scented vegetation in stark chromatic contrast with the unbelievable blue of the sea.

Make the most of the water sports! If you feel like it, visit the caves of Su Mannau, near Fluminimaggiore and particular for their large cavern system. They are of great archaeological and speleological interest.

Dine

Lunch & dinner on board.

**Overnight**

At anchor.

Day
Sant'Antioco > Porto Pino
9

(18nm + 15nm / 1hr 30 mins + 1hr 15 mins)

If you want to capture a glimpse of the real Sardinia, then here it is! Sant'Antioco stands on an volcanic land by the same name in the south west corner of Sardinia and looks out onto the beautiful Golfo di Palmas. Sant'Antioco offers a haven of peace and tranquillity, with unspoilt sandy beaches, hidden coves and historical towns and villages.

Beautiful sandy beaches include: Maladroxia, Le Saline, Sottotorre, Sapone, Sperone and Coaquaddus, along with the rocky inlets of Cala Sapone and Cala Lunga. Discover the island's archaeological settlements, such as the catacombs, the monumental menhir SaMongia and Su Para, the domus de janas (fairy houses) and the giants' tombs of Su Niu and Su Crobu.

Dine

Enjoy lunch and dinner on board. Or you may prefer to dine ashore to taste the local cuisine.


Overnight

At anchor.

Day
Porto Pino > Pula & the Laguna of Nora

(30nm / 2hrs 30 mins)

10

Leaving Porto Pino, the yacht will head to Pula, where you could explore the archaeological site of Nora, stretching from Capo di Pula to Punta del Coltellazzo. Buildings still present on the archaeological site date back to various epochs, including the Taint temple, the Spas but particularly the Nora Theatre dating back to the II century A.D. Enjoy a pleasant stroll along Pula's little streets brimming with restaurants, boutiques and craft shops.

Nora also disposes of one of the many Lagunas in the area, the Laguna di Nora: a 55 hectare body of water made up of canals and small islands defined by its river delta, Rio Arrieras, a habitat for numerous species of birds including pink flamingos. A wonderful place to watch the sunset.

Dine

Lunch at Dune at Laguna Resort.

Dinner at La Terrazza at Laguna Resort, at Hell's Kitchen, at Belvedere at Forte Village.


Overnight

At anchor.

Day

Laguna of Nora > Cagliari

(15nm / 1hr 15 mins)

11

Enjoy a morning cruise to Cagliari, the capital of the province of Sardinia Island. A city that offers a bewitching blend of modern urbanity and medieval mystery. Towering high over Cagliari is the museum citadel, worth spending time in not only for the magnificent artefacts of ancient cultures housed in it, but also because of its subtropical gardens with their inspiring panoramas of lagoons and salt water lakes.

The old city is a wonderful venue in which to stroll and explore Cagliari's many stores and fascinating architecture. Spend the rest of the day making the most of Cagliari's numerous beaches!

Dine

On board or in town.



Overnight

At anchor.

Day

Cagliari > Villasimius

(12nm / 1 hr)

12

At Villasimius you will discover the beach of Punta Molentis, part of the Protected Marine Area of Capo Carbonara. Surrounded by cliffs and typical gentle slopes of the area, this secluded beach with its bright white sands and Caribbean-style shallow waters is as good as southern Sardinian beaches can get.

Villasimius is rich in fascinating remains of archaeological importance, such as nuragic and prenuragic edifices or vestiges of Phoenicians, Carthaginians and Romans.

Dine

On board.



Overnight

At anchor.

Day
Villasimius > Arbatax

(55nm / 4 hrs 40 mins)

13

Early morning departure to arrive in Arbatax just in time for breakfast. Apart from the pleasures of the sea, the possible activities include a visit inland to explore Grotte Su Marmuri or the village of Jerzu, surrounded by vineyards and known for its wine Cannonau.

Arbatax's landmark are the red rock formations Le Rocce Rosse di Arbatax nearby the harbour. The region is not only known for the long and fine sandy beaches of the Golfo di Orosei but also for its inland – a fact which is not surprising considering that the Province of Ogliastra is one of the most mountainous of Sardinia.

Dine

Around Arbatax: Su Gologone & Nascar.
 Some local specialities include: Bottarga di Arbatax, Culurgionis, Pistoccu.


Overnight

At anchor.

Day
Arbatax > Coast of Baunei

(15nm / 1hr 15 mins)

14

We will start the day with a relaxing morning cruise along Baunei's coast. Once arrived in the rocky coast a multitude of activities will be given to you whatever is your mood; visiting one of the wonderful shore cave, snorkelling in these turquoise waters to meet the wide variety of fauna and flora, using the water sports or simply relaxing on board.

Some notable beaches in the area: Cala Goloritzé (elected an UNESCO site in 1995), Cala Mariolu, the Fico Cave, Cala Biriola, Cala Sisine, Cala Luna and Bue Marino Cave.

Dine

On board.


Overnight

At anchor.

Day
Coast of Baunei > Tavolara > Olbia

(47nm + 13nm / 4hrs + 1 hr)

15

Enjoy a morning of water sports and delightful seclusion at the bay of Salvatore de Terra. The crew can arrange activities to suit your mood and energy levels!

Tavolara is very popular with divers who come to view the coral, sponges, sea anemones and bottlenose dolphins. The cliffs on this island rise up 600 meters towards the sky which gives it an impressive, imposing feel. The scenery is grandiose – a perfect place to drop anchor and enjoy being away from it all.

Then head up to Olbia, the main port in northern Sardinia. Olbia boasts an ancient history which can still be seen today with ruins from Phoenician and Carthaginian settlements right up to the Roman Era.

Dine

A farewell brunch will be served on board!



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