



North Sardinia - Costa Smeralda

With the wind in your hair, both on board the gulet and the bike you visit Sardinia and Costa Smeralda. Enjoy the beauty of Tavolara, Golfo Aranci, Porto Rotondo, Porto Cervo, and the Arcipelago di La Maddalena. Group tour with Italian/English speaking guide (international group).

Duration and departure dates: 8 days, 7 nights from Saturday to Saturday

Overnights:

Marina di Olbia (in the port) – Liscia di Vacca – Palau – La Maddalena – Santa Teresa di Gallura, Portisco (in roadstead).

The Boat

Caique Scorpion V

5 cabins with French bed and private services (shower and WC)
10 places

The caique Scorpion V was completely renovated in 2009, while the main deck was renovated in 2010. The ship is 20m long and 5.6m wide. All cabins are simple but functional and comfortable. They are furnished with a comfortable bed, a small wardrobe and enough space for luggage (excluding rigid luggage).

All cabins have small windows that can be opened. Outside on the deck there is a large solarium with mattresses for all guests. The back deck is covered and has a table for breakfasts and dinners. We pride ourselves on our onboard catering which is a result of utilising old recipes from seaside villages. Fresh seafood and vegetables, pasta, meat, the cheeses of Sardinia and the herbs of the Mediterranean are an absolute must on our table.

Day 1 - Individual arrival. Embarkation at 18.00 at the Marina di Olbia (OT). Welcome drink, dinner and presentation of the program.

Day 2 - Costa Dorata - Punta Aldia (38 km). Leave Olbia, cycling along the Costa Dorata (Golden Coast) towards Punta Aldia, where you will visit Loiri, Vaccileddi and Fralli. Take some time to stop and admire the wonderful views of the Islands of Tavolara, Molara e Punta Coda Cavallo. Meet up with the Scorpion V at Punta Aldia and return with the boat to Olbia, sailing in the Natural Sea Reserve of Tavolara.

Dates for 2011:

Departure every week from 23/04 to 25/06 and from 03/09 to 22/10.

Ride info:

Costa Smeralda – Golfo di Marinella – Islands of La Maddalena and Caprera, Nord Sardegna

Every trip is between 27 and 38 km

Positive difference in height: From 300 to 500 m each day.

Level: Medium (some steep but short ascents).

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Day 3 - Olbia - Costa Smeralda – Porto Rotondo - Porto Cervo – Poltu Quatu (35 km). Sail to the Gulf of Marinella and Punta Marana where you then begin cycling along the coast until you reach Porto Rotondo and Porto Cervo. Continue cycling towards Poltu Quatu, “Porto nascosto”, a port that was built inside a natural cave. Return on board and stay overnight in roadstead (a place outside the harbour where a ship can lie at anchor. It is an enclosed area with an opening to the sea).

Day 4 - Poltu Quatu – Cannigione - Palau (35 km). Cycle from Poltu Quatu towards Cannigione, where you can admire the huge granite rock forms left by the work of the elements. Continue along the coastal road passing La Conia and some lovely beaches. Take in the wonderful view of the Gulf of Saline and the Caprera Island. At the end of the day you reach Palau where you return on board Scorpion V for dinner. Stay overnight in the roadstead in Porto Rafael.

Day 5 - La Maddalena and Caprera (35 Km). Today starts by sailing to the Maddalena. Tour the area and then continue to Caprera, the island famous for being the home of Giuseppe Garibaldi, an Italian military and political figure from the 1800s. Here you can visit his house and his boats which are now property of the local Museum. Return to the Maddalena. Free dinner and overnight stay in port.

Day 6 - Porto Rafael – S.Giuseppe – S.ta Teresa di Gallura (34 km). Set sail for Porto Rafael. From this little harbour you will start cycling along the west part of the island enjoying the scents and the savours of the Mediterranean. Return on board in Santa Teresa di Gallura and stay overnight stay in the roadstead.

Day 7 - Cannigione – Arzachena – San Pantaleo – Portisco - Olbia. Enjoy the sea air as you sail to Cannigione. From here you pedal to Arzachena and the surrounding area where you will see many monuments of the Nuragic period.

The Nuragic civilization lasted from the Bronze Age (18th century BC) to the 2nd century AD and the name derives from its most characteristic monuments, the nuraghe, which consist of towered-fortresses. In the late afternoon you return onboard in Portisco and set sail again to the Port of Marina di Olbia.

Day 8 - Departure. Disembarkation at 09.00.

Price:

£1220.00

The price includes:

- Accommodation in double cabin with private facilities
- Bike hire
- Full board from the dinner of day 1 to the breakfast of day 8 (including picnic lunches) except one dinner.
- Italian/English speaking guide
- Sheets and towels (1 change per week)
- Overnights in port on day 1 and day 7.

The price does not include:

Journey to/from the embarkation harbour, drinks, entrance fees (museums, parks, monuments), 1 dinner, nights in ports (except day 1 and 7), tips, extras and everything not included in “the price includes”.

(Prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room).

It is possible to charter this boat for the week. Price £11,000.00

The captain and the guide reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary, depending on wind, sea and weather conditions or organizational requirements.

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Marina di Olbia, Olbia, Sardinia.

Details on how to reach the embarkation point will be provided upon booking or on request.