

Informations for your holiday

Your Stay

The holiday homes are individually furnished by the property owners. That is why it can be possible that there are often childrens toys around, which your children can use during your stay.

Each holiday home will have the basic supplies such as glasses, cutlery and dishes. Cooking utensils will also be there, as well as a basic supply of oil, vinegar and spices. Additional things such as micro waves, toasters and electric kettles depend on the property.

We ask you to leave the apartment or house in the same condition as you found it in at your arrival. Please take care, that for example dishes are cleaned before you departure and that the apartment is tidy.

If there is anything missing during your stay or if something is not working, please let us know and we will find a solution.

Gas supply

In Italy it is common that you cook with a gas stove. The gas supply comes from a large gas bottle, which is mostly found outside of the apartment/house. If you notice that the gas is running out or that the bottle is empty, please contact us through phone or Whats App and we will immediatly change it.

Electric Supply

Different than in many other European countries, the maximum electricity amount that can be used is limited to a special amount. The contracts, which the property owners have made with the electricity supplier are often limited to 3 kW. So it may happen that, for example, with simultaneous use of oven and dishwasher, the fuse is triggered and the power fails.

In this case, please reduce the amount of electricity used through turnig off one or more electricity consumers and afterwards turn on the fuse again.

We will give you all the advice when you receive your keys.

Waste disposal

In Golfo Aranci and the city of Olbia (including Bados and Pittulongu), the garbage needs to be seperated and recycled.

They are seperated in these categories:

- Cartae Cartone = Paper & cardboard
- Secco Residuo = residualwaste
- Vetro e Lattine = Glass, cans & aluminium ▪ Plastica=Plastic
- UmidoOrganico = organicwaste
- SfalciVerde = Gardenwaste

The garbage will be picked up every day, where each day a different garbage category will be collected. This happens mostly early in the morning. Therefore it would be best if the waste bin is placed in front of the door or the collection place the evening before after 22:00. Please take notice of the garbage collection calender, which you will find in your holiday home.

Since the capacity of the bins is relatively small, we advise you to let the specific garbage category be picked up each time, to avoid big amounts of waste at the end of your holiday. If there should be any bigger amounts of waste at the end of your holiday, we will have to organize an extra garbage disposal service and will therefore have to charge a fee of 50€. This can be cross charged with the deposit.

Alternatively you can bring the garbage to the free waste disposal place in Golfo Aranci or in the city of Olbia.

Addresses:

Ecocentro Comunale di Golfo Aranci; Via G. Marconi, 07020 Golfo Aranci OT; Open: Monday-Friday.: 08:30 - 10:30 Uhr und 14:00 - 18:00 Uhr; Saturday.: 08:30 - 10:30 o'clock ; Sunday. closed.

Ecocentro Olbia; Via Arabia Saudita, 07026 Olbia OT;

Open: Monday-Saturday.: 08:00 - 18:00 Uhr; Sunday: 07:00 - 13:00 Uhr

Important telephone numbers and addresses for emergencies

- **Uniform Emergency number** (Numero unico emergenze) **112**
- **Police** (Polizia di Stato) **113**
- **Fire department** (Vigili del fuoco) **115**
- **Emergency doctor** (Emergenza sanitaria)**118**
- **Roadside assistance** (Soccorso Stradale) **116**
- **Ocean emergency service** (Soccorso in Mare) **+39 1530**
- **Credit card blocking number** Medical care in case of illness **+49 116 116**

Guardia turistica di Golfo Aranci; Via Libertà 129, 07020 Golfo Aranci OT; Tel.: 0789 552075

Guardia turistica di Olbia: Viale Aldo Moro c/o struttura sanitaria San Giovanni di Dio - 07026 Olbia; Tel. 0789 552266

The "Guardia Medica Turistica" is usually open from June to September 24 hours. For the treatment or a medical prescription a practice fee of 15,00 € will be charged.

Hospital Olbia: Ospedale Giovanni Paolo II; Via Bazzoni - Sircana, 07026 Località Tannaule, Olbia; Tel.: +39 0789 552200

Pharmacy Golfo Aranci: Farmacia Cabras; Via Libertà 87, 07020 Golfo Aranci OT; Monday - Saturday.: 09:00-12:45 Uhr and 16:30-20:00o'clock ; Tel.: 0789 46510

Sardinia

Sardinia is the second largest island in the Mediterranean and has about 1.66 million inhabitants. Its capital is Cagliari.

Sardinia is 270km long from north to south and about 145km wide from west to east.

The landscape is mostly hilly and the highest peak, Punta la Marmora, lies at 1834m altitude in the mountains of Gennargentu.

The island, which is only 12 km separated by a Strait of Corsica, is located about 180km before the Tunisian and 120km off the Tuscan coast.

Apart from the Italian, 30% of the population speak the Sardinian language, which is mainly divided into two different language groups: "Il sardo logudorese", which is most similar to Latin and "il sardo campidanese", which is also the most widespread.

In addition, several dialects are spoken: Il gallurese, in the Gallura region in the north, il Sassarese in the north-west of Sardinia near Sassari, and "algherese" in Alghero. The

“algherese” dialect is an old version of Catalan and testifies to the occupation by the Spaniards in the long history of Sardinia.

The 1848 km long coastline with hundreds of offshore small islands offers a unique variety - from spectacular cliffs over fine pebble beaches to small coves with powdered sand beaches and emerald green water.

The winding paths in the middle of the Mediterranean Macchia and large forests with hills and valleys are perfect for long walks. Climbing trails on the cliffs and bizarre rock formations with panoramic views of beautiful bays are the ideal challenge for climbing enthusiasts.

Mountain bikers can discover the beauty of the island by bike on their endless trails. Sardinia is a paradise for water sports enthusiasts - both below and above water.

The unique underwater world on the coasts is one of the most beautiful and species-rich of the Mediterranean and is a worthwhile destination for diving enthusiasts.

Even windsurfers and kitesurfers will find perfect wind and water conditions to run high on numerous spots.

Clear water and nearly no swell provide the best conditions for the trend sport stand-up paddeling.

If you want to combine swimming with active holidays, then Sardinia is the place for you.

Sardinia is not just a paradise for tourists who love the sea and the crystal clear waters. Also culture lovers find the right activities.

Thanks to the many architectural prehistoric buildings such as the Nuraghi, Domus de Janas, tombe dei giganti (trench of the giants), pozzi sacri (holy wells), dolmen and menhir, which can be found everywhere on the island, you can enter the sometimes mysterious, immerse yourself in the prehistoric culture of Sardinia.

Nuraghi are the largest and best preserved megalithic monuments found in Europe. In Sardinia there are about 7000 of these towers and even some nuraghic villages. The most famous building is located in Barumini and has been designated by UNESCO as a cultural heritage.

Sardinia has a lot to offer in culinary terms. A selection of matured cheeses and cured meats, the typical shepherd's bread Pané Carasau, accompanied by a glass of wine from the region - the perfect aperitif is ready after a successful day.

Fresh fish and seafood, as well as hearty meat dishes are an indispensable part of traditional cuisine and an important part of every dinner.

For dessert, enjoy a famous Seadas and round off the evening with a homemade mirto or limoncello liqueur.

Golfo Aranci

Golfo Aranci is a community of about 2500 inhabitants about 20 minutes northeast of Olbia, located directly on the sea.

In the off-season it is mostly very calm and quiet in Golfo Aranci, however during the main season it awakens into a lively small town. Especially in the months of July and August, the town attracts many tourists as well as locals with its beautiful beaches, crystal clear waters and changing events. The quick accessibility via the nearby air and ferry port of Olbia, as well as the local ferry port in Golfo Aranci makes it a very popular holiday destination.

Next to the many small shops with Sardinian handicrafts and typical specialties, the newly designed Lungo Mare at the marina makes it perfect to stroll around.

In the numerous restaurants in the village you will find excellent Mediterranean cuisine - especially fresh fish dishes, Sardinian specialties and excellent wines from the region.

Shops for daily needs can also be found directly in the village. In addition to two small supermarkets, several fruit and vegetable shops, there are two bakeries, as well as four fish shops with a daily supply of fresh fish and seafood.

On Monday mornings there is a weekly market in via Libertá, close to Lungomare. Here you can find local and Sardinian specialties such as Cheese, salame and olive oils, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables.

The large shopping center "Centro Commerciale Terranova", close to Olbia is about 20 minutes from Golfo Aranci away. Here you will find a wide selection of food and household goods, cafes, clothing stores, as well as a book and electronics store.

Beaches

The beaches of Sardinia are among the most beautiful in the Mediterranean and regularly ranked among the top 10 in the world.

Cliffs with lonely bays, endless dunes, white sandy beaches as fine as powdered sugar and turquoise, clear water - hardly any other island offers such a great variety.

The water temperatures on Sardinia's coast rise in spring from fresh 18 ° C in May to 20-24 ° C in June / July and reach in August a pleasant 25 ° C on average.

At the beginning of the late season in September and also in October, the water temperatures are perfect for bathing and do not sink below 23 ° C on average.

Only in the period from late autumn to the beginning of spring, the bath temperature of 12-16 ° C.

Below we would like to give our guests a small overview of the surrounding beaches of Golfo Aranci and make your choice a little easier.

We are happy to give recommendations to more distant beaches, each of which is unique and in any case worth a little trip.

Cinque Spiagge

Directly in Golfo Aranci you will find a total of 5 beaches or beach sections: Prima, Seconda, Terza, Quarta and Quinta Spiaggia. From the Prima Spiaggia, starting at the Lungo Mare, the other beaches extend to the south and are, depending on the location of your holiday home, either within walking distance or in a few minutes by car. There are numerous parking places close to the beach.

For families the Terza Spiaggia, with its very gently sloping beach and crystal clear waters, is the most suitable.

This is also the most visited beach in Golfo Aranci in high season.

Spiaggia Baia Caddinas

Behind the Hotel Baia Caddinas in Golfo Aranci is a small, about 70m long bay, which is surrounded by rocks on both sides. The relatively small beach creates a sense of privacy, although in the high season many guests come to swim and snorkel.

Approach: In the district of Baia Caddinas on Viale Conca Caddinas, about 200m before the hotel to the left, turn left on a branch of the road towards the beach.

Cala Moresca

Just outside Golfo Aranci, in the direction of Figarolo Island, is the bay of Cala Moresca sheltered by the wind.

At the tip of the peninsula of Golfo Aranci, there are numerous small bays and steep cliffs of the Capo Figari Natural Park.

A pebble beach and clear, turquoise waters in different shades make the bay one of the most beautiful of Golfo Aranci.

Along the rocks of the Capo Figari on the left of the bay, you will also find perfect conditions for snorkeling.

Directions: Following the road via G.Marconi towards the town center, you will reach road via Cala Moresca. In about 5 minutes behind a small underpass you reach the unpaved parking lot at "Baracconi". A few parking spaces also exist just before the underpass on the right side of the road. A continuation on the via Cala Moresca directly to the bay is not allowed.

After about 15 minutes of walking on the right side of the path, lined with pine trees, you will see the bay "Cala Pescatori". Following the path, about 50m behind a small curve, you will find the bay "Cala Moresca" with a wonderful view of the offshore island of Figarolo.

Alternatively, there is the possibility since 2017 to use the shuttle bus of the municipality Golfo Aranci for a fee of 1 € / person. It departs regularly at short intervals at the "Comune di Golfo Aranci" (via Libertá 74) and brings you directly to the bay and back.

Tip: Follow the small path above the beach behind the wooden gate until the roads splits in two. From here, several hiking trails and mountain bike trails lead through the beautiful landscape of the nature park.

From the top of the Capo Figari at almost 350m altitude which you reach in 1-1 1/2 h, you have a fantastic view over the coastline from Golfo Aranci to Porto Cervo, the island of Tavolara and in the distance the La Maddalena Archipelago - on a clear day, you can even see Corsica.

Spiaggia Bianca / White Beach

Behind sand dunes and Mediterranean Macchia there is the several hundred meters long beach of powdery white sand that gives the beach its name.

The shallow water offers ideal conditions for swimming and is also perfect for families.

The service area offers parasols and sun loungers as well as a boat rental service. In the bar with adjoining restaurant, you can end the evening with a beautiful sunset and enjoy the Mediterranean cuisine.

Approach: About 5 minutes drive in the direction of Olbia on the Strada Provinciale 82 (SP82) is the Spiaggia Bianca on the left hand and can not be missed due to the many signs showing the way. An unpaved road will take you directly to the parking of Spiaggia Bianca.

Cala Sabina

Shady juniper trees line the Cala Sabina with its fine sand. In some places there are gravel and small rocks, which are surrounded by the azure blue water. The beach is mostly flat sloping and is therefore very suitable for families.

There is a service area with bar and restaurant. It is also possible to rent umbrellas and sunbeds.

Approach: In the large roundabout in front of Golfo Aranci, between the exits towards Strada Provinciale 16 (SP16) and via G.Marconi, you will find the access road to Cala Sabina. Following the road, the beach can not be missed.

Sos Aranzos

White, fine sand rising from the imposing granite cliffs are features of this beautiful beach near Golfo Aranci. Alternating shallow and deep spots in the sea create a contrasting play of colors from turquoise to deep azure water. A unique panorama overlooking the island of Tavolara and Capo Figari distinguishes Sos Aranzos. The beach has restaurants, bars and a big parking lot.

Approach: Take the road SP82 from Golfo Aranci to Olbia and follow the signs to Sos Aranzos beach.

Cala Sassari

Cala Sassari at Golfo Aranci is an elongated bay with mostly white sand and only at certain parts of the beach there are a few small stones. The beach has a service area with a bar and restaurant.

It is also possible to rent parasols, loungers and pedal boats. Parking spots is easy to find on the spacious car park.

Approach: From Golfo Aranci, drive towards Olbia on Strada Provinciale 82 (SP82) and turn left at 10,700 at a payphone. After about 350 meters turn left, follow the course for about 50 meters and then turn left again onto a dirt road. After about 500 meters you will find the car park of Cala Sassari.

Spiaggia di Marinella

Right in the Gulf of Marinella is the beautiful, more than 500m long beach Spiaggia di Marinella of white, fine sand. The beach is connected to the resort of Abi D'oror and the Residence Cala Reale and has two restaurants and bars, a surf school and a boat rental. You can also rent sunbeds and umbrellas there.

Approach: Follow the Strada Provinciale 16 (SP16) from the roundabout from Golfo Aranci, after about 4km turn right into via Marinella. At the roundabout after a few hundred meters, leave the third exit and stay on via Marinella. At the next roundabout take the first exit onto via Su Casotto. This will take you directly to the parking of Spiaggia Marinella.

Spiaggia Ira (Porto Rotondo)

The beach of fine, snow-white sand with sea rocks coming out the of sea is the most beautiful of Porto Rotondo. Due to its shallow water, the beach is ideal for families.

There are various restaurants and bars, a beach chair and umbrella rental, as well as a boat rental.

Approach: Following Strada Provinciale 16 towards Palau, after about 4.5km, turn onto Strada Provinciale 99 (SP99). At the roundabout, take the first exit to Porto Rotondo. In the village just follow the signs to Spiaggia Ira.

Bados

Located directly in the village, the beautiful bay of Bados extends from coarse shell sand and a few rocks coming out of the water. Enjoy the simple but good food in one of the sea-view restaurants and savor a Sardinian beer at sunset in one of the many bars.

Approach: From Golfo Aranci on the SP82, turn towards Pittulongu. Following the main road, turn left at the Bar Bados, on to via Mar Caspio. At the end of the street you will find numerous paid parking spaces.

Pittulongu

Pittulongu has a number of beaches of fine, white sand. Coming from the north, you will first arrive at the Spiaggia Mare Rocce. South-west separated by the Pelican Resort, begins the Spiaggia Pellicano. The light colored seabed and gently sloping water characterize both beaches.

Further south, you will find the Spiaggia Lo Squalo, separated by a rocky promontory, La Playa beach. Both beaches are spacious and popular amongst families.

Approach: From Strada Provinciale 82 (SP82) from Golfo Aranci, take the Pittulongu / Bados exit. On Viale Pittulongu, on the left, you will find Via Mare Adriatico, which leads directly to the Mare é Rocce and Spiaggia Pelicano beaches. Following the Viale Pittulongu road, you will reach via Levante and via Tramontana (right after another on the left) to the Lo Squalo or La Playa beach.

Hiking & Mountain Biking

Sardinia is an attractive destination for hikers and mountain bikers throughout the year. Due to the hot summer, it is best to go during spring or autumn.

Hiking

The adjacent region Gallura offers optimal conditions for varied hiking tours. In addition to the rather short, easily accessible hiking trails Capo Ceraso and Sa Testa near Olbia, a hike on Monte Pino inland is one of the highlights for hikers in Sardinia.

In about one 1/2 hours from Golfo Aranci you reach the small mountain group Sarra di Monte Pino. You will see the Gallura typical granite rocks with some bizarre shapes, lined up together. After about 2 hours hiking you will see the beautiful panoramic view of the port city of Olbia and its surroundings.

Further numerous hiking tours can be found further north in Santa Teresa di Gallura or in the Supramonte region in the east of the island.

Mountain biking

Sardinia is a paradise for mountain bikers. Numerous paths wind their way through lonely gravel roads and rugged rocky landscapes, through forests and olive groves, framed by the Mediterranean Mediterranean maquis and often overlooking the shores of the island.

Starting directly from Golfo Aranci, there is a 45km round trip to the Golfo di Marinella over the port city of Olbia, along the villages of Pittulongu and Bados, which offers a wonderful view of the bays and beaches of the Gulf of Olbia.

Further tours through the unforgettable nature of Sardinia can be found at a short distance in the direction of Arzachena and in particular around Luogo Santo.

Water sports

Wind- and Kitesurfing

Porto Pollo - a world-famous hotspot for windsurfers and kites. The winds Tramontana, Maestrale, Ponente and Scirocco continuously provide sufficient wind from spring to autumn and offer ideal conditions for beginners and professionals. Courses and equipment are offered in the numerous on-site surf schools. In addition to Porto Pollo, which is about 45 minutes away another top spot for kitesurfers can be found in San Teodoro.

There is a special zone only for kite surfers, separated from the approximately 5km long beach La Cinta. In the main season the sky is filled with colorful kites flying around. Located south of Olbia, La Cinta can be reached in just 35 minutes from Golfo Aranci.

Diving

In addition to beautiful beaches, the Gulf of Aranci also has numerous diving spots, which are among the most beautiful in the Mediterranean. The nearby Aqua Marine Park, a nature reserve around the island of Tavolara and the Capo Coda Cavallo exists since 1997. After a short journey by dinghy you arrive at beautiful diving spots with a great diversity of species. In particular, the dive sites at Secca del Pappa in front of Tavolara are a must for any diving enthusiast. Right in Golfo Aranci there are two diving schools offering daily exits. One near the Prima Spiaggia, the other directly at the harbor.

An hour away, in the marine park of Lavezzi, in the strait between Sardinia and Corsica, is another worthwhile destination for divers. Black corals and a large number of giant groupers make dives in the north of the island an unforgettable experience.

Stand Up Paddling

Whether with a rented board or your own equipment, the bays and beaches of Sardinia are great to explore with a S.U.P. Crystal clear, warm water and barely swell make for perfect conditions for a trip on a S.U.P. board.

Culinary specialties

The Sardinian cuisine is simple and good and varied. From north to south - every region has its own specialties. The most famous fish dishes are for example the fish soup "Cassola", spaghetti with clam and bottarga or with sea urchins, as well as the octopus salad. In the area of Oristano, eels are prepared in a very special way. As typical in Italy, there is also a distinctive food culture in Sardinia. No Sarde leaves the restaurant, without having enjoyed several courses.

Here are some of the famous primi piatti (first course), which you should definitely try:

- I malloreddus: small gnocchi in tomato sauce with Salsiccia (Sardinian sausage)
- I culurgiones: Dumplings stuffed with potatoes, fresh cheese or ricotta and fresh mint
- La Fregula: small round noodles used as a base for soups and for seafood dishes
- La zuppa gallurese is a breadbake typical of the Gallura region. This can also be found, in modified versions, in other regions of Sardinia.

It is a casserole of 1-2 days old slices of bread, which are dipped in broth. Refined with typical Sardinian cheese, parsley and other spices, this dish is baked in the oven for about an hour.

- Pane frattau: Pane Carasau (very thin and crunchy bread) soaked in meat broth and layered with pecorino and tomato sauce. At the end eggs are added.

Perhaps the first dish you think of when talking about sardines is Porchetto arrosto.

It is suckling pig fried on a skewer with the aroma of mirto twigs. In the same way lambs are prepared.

Another dish that is fried on a skewer is the Rivea, which is not for everyone's taste. This is offal of the lamb or goat that are wrapped together with bacon in the peritoneum and roasted over an open fire.

Much better known, are the sweet specialties of Sardinia. Following are the most important ones:

- Le Seadas: Dumplings stuffed with cheese, fried and refined with honey
- Le formagelle: baked dumpling filled with cheese or ricotta and sugar, a classic dish at Easter
- I papassini o papassinos: Pastries with walnuts, almonds and raisins.
- LI frijoli Longhi: Thick dough made from flour, eggs, anise, lemon or orange peel, deep-fried in hot oil. Typical for the carnival season
- L'aranzada is mainly made in the Nuoro area and consists of candied orange peel with almonds.
- I Pistocus / Savoiard: soft biscuit pastry.
- Le acciuleddi: Dough, which is first woven in the form of a braid and then deep-fried in hot oil
- Amaretti: Biscuits with sweet and bitter almonds
- Torrone: sugar-sweet and very sticky almond paste. The best known is the Torrone of Tonara

In Sardinia, several typical breads are prepared, which were served especially for the shepherds of the time. To mention is especially the Pane Carasau, a very thin and crispy bread. This is also found in a variant with oil and salt, the Guttiau Pane.

The Pecorino sardo is, among many others, the king of Sardinia's cheeses. These are best enjoyed with Sardinian wines, e.g. the Vermentino di Gallura, the Moscato, not forgetting the famous Cannonau di Sardegna.

As you can see, from beautiful landscapes to a long cultural history, to exquisite culinary delights, Sardinia is worth a visit.

Culture & History

Sardinia has a fascinating history dating back to 9,000 years BC, which was proven by bone finds. Many peoples and cultures have shaped the island throughout its millennia- old history. Probably the most influential phase was the Neolithic with its nuragic culture around 1600 BC. During this time, the stone towers, called Nuraghen, which are found all over the island were formed. More than 7,000 of these striking buildings can be found scattered around the island. These were mainly used for religious and cultural purposes, although some historians still doubt it.

In addition to the towers there are also the so-called Giant tombs and rock tombs (Domus de Janas). These are sacred graves made of huge stones. Many of these buildings are still in very good condition today and can be visited.

Livestock and agriculture were the most important part of Sardinians roots. In the Phoenician period from 9000 to about 500 BC, which at that time ruled the nearby North African coast around today's Tunisia and Lebanon, trade flourished in Sardinia. The Phoenicians, seafaring people with their center of power in Carthage, later fought wars against the Puniers who claimed the territory of Sardinia.

From about 240 BC The Romans first took power, followed by the Vandals and later the Byzantines, whose rule ended in 832 AD. After this time, Sardinia was ruled by four local rulers, the Guidicati. Even today, the famous flag of Sardinia, which shows four Moors, commemorates the time of the autonomous rule of the four Guidicati, who defended the island against the attacks of the Arabs.

Due to the partial occupation of the coasts of Sardinia by the Arabs, that occurred later, the coastal cities of the mainland felt increasingly threatened. The rulers of Pisa and Genoa then allied, displacing the Arabs again and dividing the island among themselves.

In the further course of Sardinias history many wars were fought and Sardinia experienced numerous rulers from different nations. In the north of the island, the Sardinians were expelled by Catalan settlers, who strongly influenced the Alghero culture.

Even today, Catalan terms can still be found in language and Alghero's architecture is also strongly reminiscent of the Spanish. Numerous inheritances, including the Habsburg line, caused many terms in the language to be similar to German.

Today Sardinia is again an autonomous region of Italy and consists of the four provinces of Nuoro, Oristano, Sassari and Sud Sardegna.

Excursions/ travel tips

The nature of Sardinia is unique and the possibilities of recreational activities almost infinite. Below we would like to recommend a few selected and definitely worthwhile destinations that are perfect for a day trip.

La Maddalena

The island archipelago "La Maddalena" with more than 60 islands and an area of 50 square kilometers is located in the Strait of Bonifacio between Sardinia and Corsica and is perfect for a long day trip.

The archipelago consists of a total of 7 islands - La Maddalena, Caprera (connected by a bridge to the main island), Budelli, Razzoli, Santa Maria, Spargi and Santo Stefano.

La Maddalena, the only year-round inhabited island in the archipelago, was a military base for Americans until just a few years ago.

The beautiful old town with 18th century palazzi, busy restaurants and bars along the waterfront and the colorful fishing harbor make La Maddalena a beautiful place.

From here it is the best way to start boat trips to the uninhabited parts of the island archipelago.

Leaving the small port town by car heading north, you'll have a breathtaking view of the island along the 20km-long scenic road, with its rocky shoreline of granite, palm trees and huge, pink oleander bushes.

Numerous bays and wonderful beaches like the Spiaggia Spalmatore with pink granite sand and azure blue water invite you to swim and snorkel. Due to the protected underwater world of the nature reserve with its rich underwater flora and fauna, it is a great place to go diving. No matter which of the islands you want to visit, the La Maddalena archipelago is definitely worth a visit.

Approach: From Golfo Aranci, along the coast to the north on the SS125 (Strada Statale 125), you reach the village of Palau in about 45 minutes, numerous ferries go to La Maddalena, the main island. The ferry takes about 20 minutes.

Alternatively, there is the possibility to charter a boat in Palau or Porto Pozzo.

Isola di Tavolara

Tavolara - the smallest kingdom in the world!

In the late 18th century, the island was discovered by the Corsican Giuseppe Bertoleoni. When Charles-Albert, King of Sardinia-Piedmont, entered the island, Bertoleoni, according to a story, greeted him with the words: "The King of Tavolara welcomes the King of Sardinia". Amused by this greeting, King Giuseppe Bertoleoni gave him the island as a gift. From now on he called

himself Paolo I. Even Tonino Bertoleoni. A descendant of Paolo I, still calls himself "Re di Tavolara" today.

Wild and untouched, the limestone island rises like a huge ship with almost 6km length and 1km width from the deep blue water.

From Punta Cannone, where the highest point of the island is 564 meters, it offers a breathtaking view of the Gulf of Olbia, which makes you forget the efforts of the sometimes difficult hike of about 5h.

A narrow headland stretches west from the tip of Tavolara and gives a little space for three jetties, two restaurants and a few old buildings, as well as an old cemetery. On the east side beaten in the rock, there are also a NATO base, as well as an old lighthouse.

A bright sandy beach and crystal clear water are perfect to swim and it attracts locals and tourists in summer. Tavolara is designated as a nature reserve and marine park. Here you will find the best conditions for diving at the famous spot "Secca del Pappa".

Approach: From Golfo Aranci Tavolara it can be reached in about 25-30 minutes with a dinghy. Renting boats with up to 40 hp is also possible without a boat license.

From the port of Olbia in the holiday season boats take off every day, which travel around the island completely before they reach the landing stage after about 1 hour drive.

Nuraghi & Giant Tombs

Sardinia has a long history. Probably the most well-known are the historical remains of the Nuragic culture from 1600-400 BC Chr.. The nuraghe buildings that are found across the whole island.

Although not clearly proven, historians nowadays assume a religious background of the approximately 7,000 buildings. They are the largest and best preserved megalithic monuments in Europe.

One of the most famous and important places in Gallura is the Nuraghe la Prisgiona, which can be found near Arzachena. It was discovered in 1959 and is still not completely excavated. There are around 90 buildings arranged around the main tower. It was not until 2009 that the complex place was opened to the public.

A visit is possible all year from 09:00-20:00. Guided tours in Italian and English are offered. The entrance fee is € 3.50.

In the period from 2200-1600 BC, the so-called Giant Tombs evolved which are important to the nuragic culture. A total of about 350 can be found on the island. Only 500m away from the Nuraghe la Prisgiona lies the giant tomb of Coddu Vecchiu. Behind massive stone entrance stele, there is a stele about 4 meters high, which is a 10-meter burial chamber.

Approach: From the roundabout at Golfo Aranci, take the Strada Provinciale 16 (SP16) and follow the signs for Arzachena. Via the Strada Statale 125 (SS125) leave the roundabout in front of Arzachena at the third exit to reach the SP 14 (Strada Provinciale 14). After a total of approx. 40 minutes, you will reach the Strada Vicinale Capichera on the left. From here follow the signs to the nuraghi. Shortly before, on the right, you will also find the giant tomb "Tomba the Giganti di Coddu Vecchiu".