



Gourmet Safaris - Sardinia & Corsica Safari Sample Itinerary Monday 13 – Friday 24 June 2016

Day 1 – Monday 13 June

Our tour starts today. Meet in the lobby of the Hotel Regina Margherita at 9.30am for a meet and greet. We'll then take a guided tour of the beautiful old city with its winding streets and old stone buildings – enough to acclimatize you before we head off to our first lunch at a lovely little restaurant. We'll slip into Sardinian mode and have an afternoon siesta – our hotel is one of the best in town and right in the city centre. In the early evening we'll meet for cocktails in the most spectacular bar overlooking the city then head off to a local restaurant for dinner.

Meals: Lunch, drinks, Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Regina Margherita, Cagliari

Day 2 - Tuesday 14 June

Breakfast at hotel. We start the morning at the bustling and colourful San Benedetto Market, one of the oldest undercover markets in Europe, in the centre of Cagliari where we'll be warmly welcomed by many of the stallholders and taste some of their produce. We'll also pick up some local specialties ready for our cooking class. We then head out to the beach to a seaside restaurant for a cooking class with Pietro, where he'll demonstrate some Sardinian specialties, which will be our lunch. Return to hotel. Free evening

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Hotel Margherita, Cagliari

Day 3 - Wednesday 15 June

Breakfast at Hotel. We'll be picked up in the morning by coach to take us the short distance to our guide Pietro's town of Dolianova for coffee and sweets with his mother and sisters. Then we'll explore the impressive Argiolas Winery for tasting and lunch. Mid afternoon we depart for Oristano in our comfortable bus. Settle into our rooms and then have a cooking class followed by dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Regina D'Aborea, Eleonora B&B, Oristano

Day 4 - Thursday 16 June

Breakfast at hotel. This morning we'll have time to visit the beach for a swim or go exploring, before returning to our hotel to freshen up for our drive to one of Sardinia's top restaurants, S'apponsentu, for early dinner, where we'll sample the talents of chef Roberto Petza at his Michelin-star restaurant. Return to Oristano.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Regina D'Aborea, Eleonora B&B, Oristano

Day 5 - Friday 17 June

Breakfast at Hotel and checkout. Today we travel to Nuoro to a farmhouse/agriturismo to see how the local pasta is made and the famous bread of the island – pane carasau. We'll have lunch then drive to the magnificent country resort of Su Gologone with its extensive grounds and pools, restaurant and spa, all tucked below soaring mountain peaks.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Light Dinner

Overnight: Su Gologone, Oliena

Day 6 - Saturday 18 June

Breakfast at hotel. A very relaxing day on the picture postcard coastline – have a look at any photos of the Golfo Ororsei and you'll get an idea of how spectacular the little bays and coves are. We'll be on board a comfortable chartered boat where we will cook freshly caught fish for lunch. Lots of swimming and lazing – be sure to bring hats and sunscreen, swimsuit and thongs or plastic/waterproof shoes as the beaches are pebbled (this day is weather dependent).

Dinner in the impressive restaurant at Su Gologone

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Su Gologone, Oliena

Day 7 - Sunday 19 June

Breakfast at Hotel. This morning we'll take you to one of the most unusual towns on the island – Orgosolo is famous for its murals which cover many of the buildings...we'll stroll through, perhaps stop for a coffee and investigate some of the lovely shops. We return to the resort for lunch (at own expense) and a relaxing free afternoon. Maybe visit the Spa, relax by the pool or there are some lovely walks near the resort if you're feeling energetic. Sunset drinks on deck overlooking the mountains (weather dependent) followed by dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Su Gologone, Oliena

Day 8 - Monday 20 June

Breakfast at hotel. Checkout. On our way to the town of Santa Teresa di Gallura we will stop for lunch then head to the afternoon ferry to Corsica and the most spectacular entrance to a city...we sail for around an hour and as we approach the white cliffs with their many caves, the hidden entrance to the harbour appears and you sail under the ramparts of the ancient walled city perched on the cliffs.

Our hotel is tucked just behind those walls. We will settle into our hotel.

Join us for optional dinner at one of the oldest restaurants set in one of the stone buildings along the winding cobblestoned streets.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Hotel Genovese, Bonifacio, Corsica

Day 9 - Tuesday 21 June

Breakfast at Hotel. Mid morning we'll walk through the old city of Bonifacio with local guide. Afternoon is free to explore, shop or relax by the pool. Early evening we'll meet our guide again for optional wine tasting of local Corsica wines, followed by dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Hotel Genovese, Bonifacio

Day 10 - Wednesday 22 June

Breakfast at Hotel and check out. Drive through the mountains and stop for lunch at a wine estate showcasing some of Corsica's best produce. We'll then drive to Ajaccio, our seaside location for the last two nights. Free evening

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Hotel – Palazzu Domo, Ajaccio

Day 11 - Thursday 23 June

Breakfast at Hotel. Our guide will take us on a walking tour of the old town and its produce markets and spend the morning exploring Napoleon's birthplace.

You'll have the afternoon to browse the pretty boutiques or laze at the nearby beach.

We'll meet up again for a final night dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Hotel – Palazzu Domu, Ajaccio

Day 12 - Friday 24 June

Breakfast at Hotel. Checkout. Transfer to Ajaccio airport – Ajaccio Napoleon Bonaparte Airport - for late morning/afternoon departure to Paris and beyond.

Meals: Breakfast

Returning: you are most welcome to stay on in Corsica but we will dropping those wishing to return to the airport when we **finish the safari on Friday 24th June. Group exit flight is 12.30pm (TBC). Please check before arranging connecting flights. We will arrange the transfer from the hotel to the airport in Ajaccio. If you wish to depart earlier or later, transport is at OWN expense (Airport is not far from centre of Ajaccio).** David Vuong can advise you further but you need to book this yourselves.

Included: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners, many with wine included, 2 cooking classes, all accommodation, transport, entry fees.

Not included: Airfares, taxes, passport fees, travel insurance, visas (if applicable), gratuities/tips, items of personal nature, transfers other than those stated.

Note: many of the streets are winding and cobblestoned and some are quite steep. There are also steps to be negotiated so a **reasonable level of mobility and fitness is required** to participate in this safari.

Cost: TBC - **\$7950 twin share or double** / Single supplement: \$950

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Terms & Conditions:

Deposit & Payment: A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required on confirmation in order to secure your reservation. Final payment is due before 90 days before your departure date.

Special Requirements: Please advise Gourmet Safaris or David Vuong Travel of any special requirements such as Special Meals, Medical Requirements etc., as soon as possible. If you get motion sickness it is imperative that you bring with you motion sickness pills as we travel by boat and coach through sometimes mountainous roads. Many of the sites in Sardinia and Corsica are open-air and necessitate a reasonable amount of walking. Some roads are cobblestoned and some are also steep.

Accommodation: Our accommodation is selected for location and facilities. We have tried to choose the best available. Please remember payment of a single room does not automatically guarantee better accommodation, only privacy.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice at the time of booking. Insurance covers cancellation fees payable for airline tickets, accommodation, loss of deposit, luggage etc. Normal travel insurance conditions apply. (Insurance may not cover trip cancellation due to pre-existing medical conditions.) Please read your policy carefully.

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