



# Gourmet Safaris - Sardinia & Corsica Safari SAMPLE Itinerary

## Monday 11 – Friday 22 June 2018

### Day 1 – Monday 11 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 drinks then head off to a local restaurant for dinner.

**Meals:** Lunch, drinks, Dinner

**Overnight:** Hotel Regina Margherita, Cagliari

### Day 2 - Tuesday 12 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'll stop at a local winery before heading to our lunch venue where we'll have the cooking class with Pietro and learn some of the secrets of the island's favourite dish - roast suckling pig. Return to hotel. Free evening

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Overnight:** Hotel Margherita, Cagliari

### Day 3 - Wednesday 13 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 get together for a glass of wine and something nice to eat.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, snacks

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

### Day 4 - Thursday 14 June

Breakfast at hotel. This morning we'll have time to visit the ruins at Tharros and then have a swim at the beach before returning to our hotel to freshen up for our drive to the delightful Su Entu winery with its sweeping 360 degree views across the grape vines and valleys to the sea. We'll have a special dinner in their magnificent tasting room. Return to Oristano.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

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

### Day 5 - Friday 15 June

Breakfast at Hotel and checkout. Today we travel to Nuoro to our friend Sebastiano in 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 16 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.

Dinner in the impressive restaurant at Su Gologone

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Overnight:** Su Gologone, Oliena

### **Day 7 – Sunday 17 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 followed by dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Overnight:** Su Gologone, Oliena

### **Day 8 – Monday 18 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 and has a very cool deck and pool area to relax in.

Free night.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Overnight:** Hotel Genovese, Bonifacio, Corsica

### **Day 9 – Tuesday 19 June**

Breakfast at Hotel. Start the day at the beautiful little weekly produce market then walk through the old city of Bonifacio with our guide, Pierre. Afternoon is free to explore, shop or relax by the pool. Early evening we'll meet for dinner at one of the oldest restaurants set in one of the stone buildings along the winding cobblestoned streets.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Overnight:** Hotel Genovese, Bonifacio

### **Day 10 – Wednesday 20 June**

Breakfast at Hotel and optional visit to a secret beach we've discovered on previous trips. Enjoy a swim then return to hotel and check out. Drive through the mountains and stop for lunch at a biodynamic wine estate showcasing some of Corsica's favourite dishes. 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 21 June**

Breakfast at Hotel. Meet long term expat Rolli Luccarotti, who has written a wonderful recipe book and who will lead us on a walking tour of the old town and its produce markets, finishing at an artisan charcutier who is a legend on the island.

You'll have the afternoon to browse the pretty boutiques or laze at the nearby beach. In the afternoon we'll drive up through the mountains to pretty restaurant overlooking a valley for sunset drinks and a spectacular final night dinner with Monique who featured on Ottolenghi's documentary on traditional Corsican food..

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Overnight:** Hotel – Palazzu Domu, Ajaccio

### **Day 12 – Friday 22 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 22nd. Group exit flight is 10.30am (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.

**Costs: \$8495.00 per person twin share – land only. Single supplement + \$995**

**Included:** 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners, 1 light dinner, many with wine included, 2 cooking classes, all accommodation, transport, gratuities, entry fees.

**Not included:** Airfares, taxes, passport fees, travel insurance, visas (if applicable), 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.

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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.

**Cancellation:** If cancelling prior to final payment the deposit is non-refundable. After final payment is received a cancellation fee of approximately 75% applies. This percentage may be less depending on the date of cancellation. A cancellation fee of 100% is applicable within 14 days of travel. If cancellation is not due to pre-existing illnesses, travel insurance will cover most or all of the cancellation fee. Please read your policy carefully.

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**Exclusions:** Visas, insurance, excess baggage, extra meals, laundry, drinks, items of a personal nature, some gratuities and international departure taxes.

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