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# Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy

## PORT EXPLORER and SHOPPING GUIDE

**GENERAL INFORMATION** Sardinia is situated in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. It is the second largest island in the Mediterranean after Sicily. Sardinia's history is one of invasion. Greeks, Phoenicians, Byzantines, Romans, Genoese and Spanish have all tried to lay claim to the island. The invaders left a legacy, and their influence can be seen everywhere in Sardinian architecture, culture and even the food.

Cagliari is the capital and is the islands largest community. It is the main gateway for most visitors to Sardinia and has many worthy attractions. The city is divided into a modern half and a medieval district. The old city has impressive fortifications including the Bastion San Remy, the oldest church on the island, and a beautiful harbor area.

Sardinia today is a popular tourist destination. The islands beautiful weather and its pristine beaches attract thousands of day-trippers in the summer months. The majority of these visitors come from mainland Italy.

**SHORE EXCURSIONS** To make the most of your visit to Cagliari and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, be advised to take with you only necessary items and secure any valuables onboard.

**LOCAL CUSTOMS** Bargaining: Most items have fixed prices, but it may be possible to get a discount on a large purchase. It is possible to bargain with local handicraft vendors.

Tipping: Generally a 10-15% service charge is added to restaurant bills, however, as this amount doesn't all go to the waiter, it is normal to offer a 5% tip to the waiter in addition to any service charge. For taxi drivers a 5-10% tip is acceptable, but not required.

**LOCAL CUISINE AND DRINK SPECIALTIES** Pastas are the staple on the island. Culigiones, large cheese and egg ravioli, are a favorite among locals. Sardinians are also partial to seafood, including lobster and fish stews and have their own form of caviar made from mullet eggs called Bottarga. Natives also enjoy a host of breads like Carasau and cheeses such as the well know Pecorino Sardo.

Carta di Musica (music paper) is perhaps Sardinia's best known bread. It consists of a dry, light and extremely thin sliced shepherd's bread composed of layers of crispy dough. A famous local dish is Porceddu, pork roasted on the spit. The local pizzas have a reputation for being very tasty.

The best known Sardinian grapes are: Vermentino, Nuragus, Carignano, Monica, Cannonau, Bovale, and Nasco and from these some of best wines on the islands are made. The best known Sardinian wine is a heavy red similar to Port called Vernaccia. Cannonau di Sardegna is a red wine favored by locals or try the Madrolasi. Favorite white wines are Trebbiano Sardo and Torbato, which accompany most seafood.

**LOCAL CURRENCY** The unit of currency in this port of call is the Euro.

**POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES** The Post Office is located at Via Roma 42. Stamps and phone cards can be purchased at most Tobacco shops.

Local coins are required to use public telephones. It is possible to dial-direct for international calls, ('00').

**TOURIST INFORMATION** The Cagliari Tourist Information Office is located at Piazza Matteotti - lato Giardini, 9 (i).

**TRANSPORTATION** Taxis are in limited supply. Taxis may not be metered, therefore it is suggested that a price be agreed upon prior to leaving the pier.

### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

- Yes • Si
- No • No
- Good Day • Buon Giorno
- Good Bye • Arrivederci
- Thank you • Grazie
- You're Welcome • Prego



# The SIGHTS and SHOPPING of CAGLIARI

- 1** The **CASTLE** is the old part of Cagliari located on the hill overlooking the rest of the city and the harbor. Local white sandstone was used to build the walls that surround this part of the city, which gives it a beautiful glowing appearance under the Mediterranean sun. The Castle or Castello section has narrow winding streets and a labyrinth of shops, cafes and restaurants to explore. The old city walls feature two prominent guard towers. The 13th century St. Pancras Tower and the Elephant Tower still stand watch over the medieval city.
- 2** **ROMAN AMPHITHEATRE** was carved out of a rock quarry during the second century. The amphitheatre is one of the best preserved and one of the largest remaining structures from Sardinia's Roman era. Underground cages offer evidence of its gladiatorial history. The amphitheatre is still used for performances and concerts.
- 3** **NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY MUSEUM** is home to an enormous number of important archaeological finds. Featured is the statue of a chieftain, the biggest in Sardinia, and the Nora Stone dating to the 9th century B.C. which mentions Sardinia for the first time. Of great significance is the exceptional collection of small bronze statuettes from the Nuraghic civilization.
- 4** **CATHEDRAL OF SANTA MARIA DEL CASTELLO** This remarkable 14th century Cathedral is located within the medieval quarter of Castello. The Duomo's exterior features a mixture of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque architectural details. The interior boasts massive stone pulpits and the royal tombs of the House of Savoy lie beneath the altar. The mausoleum of Martin Giovane, an Aragonese prince, is off the transept.
- 5** **BASTIONE SAN REMY** was originally constructed as the home to the first Viceroy of the house of Savoy. Afterwards, it served as the social and administrative center of the city. Today, the Bastione is best known as a viewpoint which provides panoramic views of the entire city.
- 6** **BOTANICAL GARDENS** located in the central part of town features a variety of rare plants including the "tree of fire" and a selection of cactus.

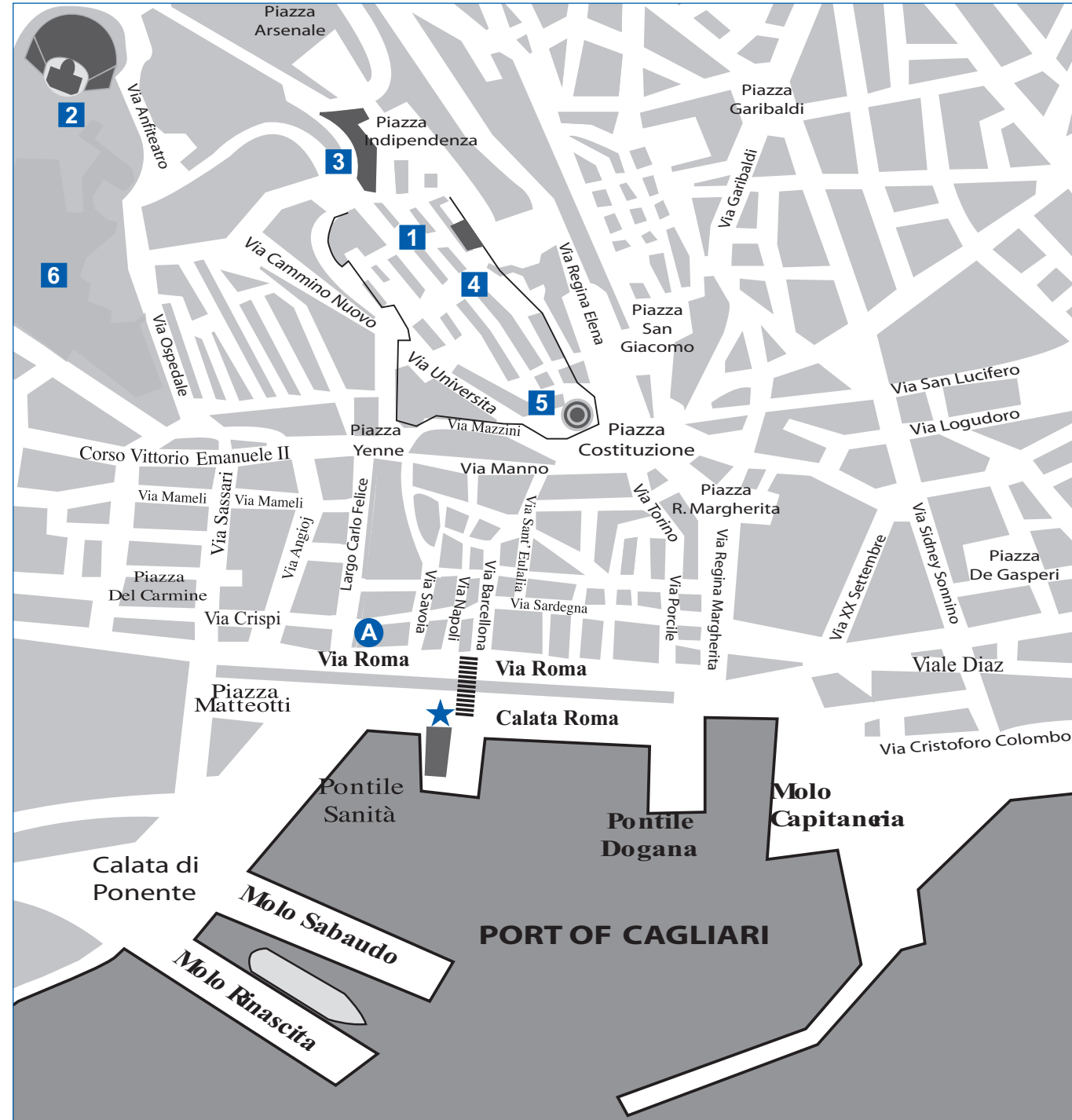
## Beyond Cagliari

**MOUNT URPINU** is the primary park of Cagliari. Covered in thick pinewoods, the large park has picnic and recreation areas, hiking trails, sports centers and an outdoor theater.

**BONARIA BASILICA** is an important religious site in Cagliari that was built in 1325 on orders from Infante Don Alfonso d'Aragona. The Basilica is the earliest example of Gothic-Catalan architecture in Sardinia. The sanctuary is home to a statue of the Madonna, which was lost off a Spanish ship and came to rest at the foot of the Bonaria hill. The museum of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Bonaria is located in the convent where sacred objects and works of art can be viewed.

**MOLENTARGIUS POND** located just outside the city, is a beautiful natural habitat that is home to over 180 species of birds. Among the residents are rare birds like the Glossy Ibis, Cattle Egret and the Red Heron. Recently, the coastal marshes have become a permanent home for a flock of flamingos who like to wade and nest in the shallow waters.

**POETTO BEACH** is one of the longest beaches in all of Italy and it is located on the outskirts of Cagliari. White, soft sand extending for many miles and clear blue waters make this area the favorite summer destination of the locals. Poetto is also popular among windsurfers and water sport enthusiasts.



**NORA** was first a Phoenician colony and trading port. The city was then ruled by the Carthaginians from the 5th to the 3rd century B.C. When Rome occupied Sardinia in 238 B.C., it became a very important roman colony and one of the main cities on the island. Excavations of Nora began in 1952, which unearthed the vast ancient site. Today, you can walk around Nora and admire the lifestyle of the past inhabitants. Brought to light were a theatre, temples, thermal baths, forum, noble houses, mosaics, aqueduct, and cemetery.

**SU NURAXI OF BARUMINI** is the largest Nuraghic complex in Sardinia, extending over a surface of about 1,350 square meters and located at an altitude of 238 meters above the sea. Discovered in 1950, the Su Nuraxi is the most impressive Nuraghic monument on the island, and is the most famous of the prehistoric cone shaped dwellings. The site was registered on the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1997. Its functions, and the origins of the people who built and inhabited it, are still shrouded in mystery, yet the nuraghe is the architectural symbol of Sardinia.

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