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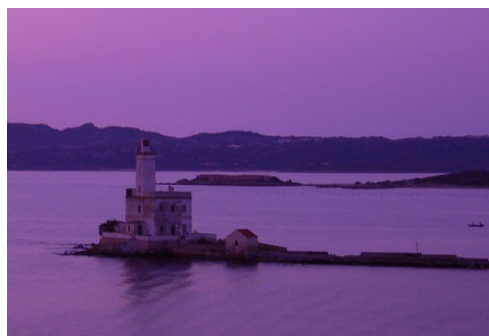


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Olbia is the gateway to the beautiful pearly white beaches of the northeast coast and the glittering Costa Smeralda. This is where jetsetters, film setters and the glitterati arrive to indulge in la dolce vita Sardinian-style. Despite its Greek name meaning 'happy', Olbia's origins were Phoenician before the town became a Roman trading post. Olbia used to be a little fishing village but has now grown to become Sardinia's busiest ferry port, complete with an International airport. The countryside is cloaked in aromatic wild herbs, the macchia, and the surrounding sea sparkles in every hue of electric blue.

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THE CITY



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In the area known as Gallura, the Gulf of Olbia is spectacularly backed by an amphitheatre of granite mountains and extraordinary wind-sculpted rock formations. To the south of the city rises the knife-edge of Tavolara Island, towering over the bay. To the north is the über glamorous Costa Smeralda and other resorts, all lapped by the same limpid turquoise seas. Inland awaits a different world, going back into the mists of time. The area around Arzachena is honeycombed with prehistoric sites, all reminders that this is one of Europe's oldest islands.

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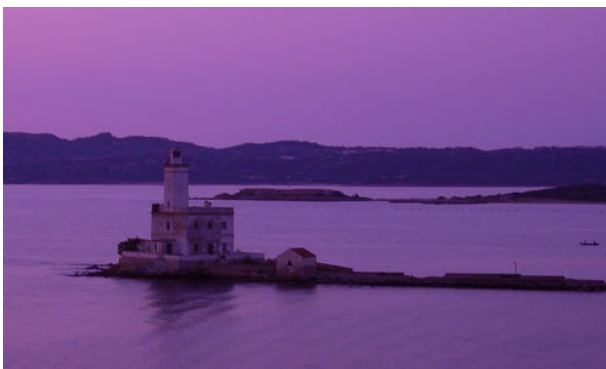


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If you arrive in Olbia by air, only a 10 minute drive from the airport will bring you to the central Piazza Regina Margherita. Running off it, the cobbled lanes in the old part of town around the Corso Umberto are full of good restaurants and pretty piazzas to linger in over a drink. In the early evening this is the place for the passeggiata when everyone struts and preens to see and be seen.

From here, past the level crossing and the railway station, you come to the town's top tourist sight, the Basilica di San Simplicio.

Basilica di San Simplicio

Olbia's top sight is this medieval Pisan-Romanesque church, hewn out of Galluran granite. In the apse there are two 13th-century frescos, the left-hand one depicts San Simplicio, the patron saint of Olbia. The Festa di San Simplicio, Olbia's biggest festival, is celebrated for three days in mid-May.

Address: Via San Simplicio, Olbia

Isola Tavolara

Isola Tavolara is a little island located southeast of Olbia and is dominated by its imposing rock towering over 564 metres high. This is the perfect spot for nature lovers, divers and for soaking-up the rays on the beach of Spiaggia Spalmatore.

Address: Isola Tavolara, Sardinia

Excursions

Olbia is the hub for excursions to the northeast and its fabled coast. Buses leave just off the Corso Umberto in all directions, all within easy reach for just a few euros. The town beach is the Lido del Sole, but far better is the white beach of Pittulong that is located 5 kilometres away with dreamy views across to Tavolara Island.

Costa Smeralda

The Costa Smeralda extends 10 kilometres between the Golfo di Cugnana and Golfo di Arzachena, and has an extraordinarily beautiful 56 kilometres coastline. This is the "millionaire's" playground.

Address: Costa Smeralda, Sardinia

Porto Cervo

Porto Cervo is the only real town and the Smeralda's 'capital', disguised as a Mediterranean fishing village with a curious mix of troglodyte-Moroccan style buildings. This is

a pleasant place to stroll, people-watch and to window shop. The best time to visit is at sunset to take your part on the glittering stage of the beautiful people.

Address: Porto Cervo, Sardinia

More Info: Located approximately 19 kilometres northeast of Olbia

Beaches on the Costa

There are so many beaches to choose from including Spiaggia del Principe, Liscia Ruja Beach and Capriccioli, all famous and fabulous on this dreamy coastline. Just in case you have left your luxury yacht at home, you can beg or borrow use of a boat. The price will not be a steal, but will be well worth it.

Archipelago della Maddalena

Dreamy islands with Caribbean-blue seas make up the archipelago on the northeast coast, near the Costa Smeralda. Rocks hewn over thousands of years characterise the landscape. The only inhabited island is La Maddalena itself from where there is a causeway to Garibaldi's island, Caprera. There are boat trips to see five of the other main islands, including Spargi and Budelli with its glorious pale pink beach, Spiaggia Rosa.

Address: Archipelago della Maddalena, Sardinia

More Info: The ferry takes 20 minutes crossing from Palau.

La Maddalena

Stroll around this town full of character, cobbled streets and piazzas, and enjoy the decorous passeggiata along the main street, Via Garibaldi. There are also some good restaurants around the squares and pleasant bars in which to linger over a long, cool drink. The Museo Diocesano is located in the heart of town and has some fascinating exhibits, including two silver candlesticks and a crucifix gifted by Lord Horatio Nelson.

Address: La Maddalena, Sardinia

Caprera

From La Maddalena Island there is a causeway that links to the pine-covered, macchia-scented Caprera Island. This

is an idyllic spot for walking and cycling, as well as visiting the Garibaldi museum.

Address: Caprera, Sardinia

Santa Teresa Gallura

Santa Teresa Gallura is situated on the northernmost tip of the island and has stunning views over the straits of Bonifacio to the island of Corsica. Rena Bianca is the town's beach and you can find it only a stone's throw from the centre with turquoise sea and flour-fine sand.

Just to the west, on the headland Capo Testa, there are two beaches. The left hand side is beautiful and ideal for children, and the beach on the right is also beautiful with amazing rock formations. Ferries leave daily for the 50 minute trip to cross the Straits to Bonifacio, Corsica. This is perfect for a great day out having French lunch and doing some shopping.

Address: Santa Teresa Gallura, Sardinia

Arzachena prehistoric sites

Moving away from the coast you can discover megalithic stone circles in the prehistoric remains honeycombing the woods and fields around Arzachena. The Nuraghe Albucciu, 2 kilometres southeast of Arzachena, is one of Gallura's best preserved nuraghi. About 4 kilometres south of Arzachena lies Coddù Vecchiu, one of the island's most complete ì giants' tombs. Nearby you can also find the Tomba dei Giganti di Li Lolghi and Necropoli di Li Muri. Regarded as Gallura's finest example, the necropolis of Li Muri is estimated to date back to 3500 BC.

Address: Arzachena, Sardinia

More Info: Arzachena is located approximately 26 kilometres northwest of Olbia

Fortezza di Monte Altura

Just outside Palau you can find Fortezza di Monte Altura. This fortress has seen many wars, but has yet remained intact. From the fortress you will have a stunning view

over Palau, Corsica and La Maddalena. It is highly recommended to go on a guided tour here.

Address: Strada per Porto Rafael, Punta Sardegna, Palau

Pevero Golf Club

If you want to play a game of golf in stunning surroundings you can visit Pevero Golf Club. The Golf Club is located north of Olbia and is claimed to be one of the most beautiful courses in Italy. Here you can find everything you need including a club house and recommended accommodations.

Address: Loc. Cala di Volpe 20, Porto Cervo

Phone: +39 0789 958 000

Internet: www.peverogolfclub.com

National Archaeological Museum of Olbia

Right on Olbia's waterfront you can find The National Archaeological Museum. The museum exhibits various object dating back to the Romans like ship fragments. Because of it being the biggest museum in Olbia, this museum also hosts concerts and grand openings.

Address: Museo archeologico di Olbia, Olbia

Corso Umberto

Corso Umberto is one of the main shopping streets in Olbia. Every night at 7pm this street is closed off from traffic and becomes the perfect place for strolling. Here you can stroll around among shops, restaurants and beautiful architecture.

Address: Corso Umberto, Olbia

DINING



Photo: Heather Cowper

Sardinians love meats spit-roasted over aromatic herbs. There are also fishy feasts of everything from lobster and squid to sea bass and bottarga, made with tuna or mullet roe, known as 'Sardinian caviar' and especially delicious with spaghetti.

Ristorante Gallura

The successful recipe of this restaurant is its traditional Sardinian specialties blended with creative gourmet cuisine. Ristorante Gallura is a deservedly popular Michelin-starred restaurant and is claimed to be top notch.

Address: Corso Umberto 145, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 24648

Da Antonio

This stone-clad trattoria is located in the centre of Olbia. Here you will get good value, fixed-price menus and food served in a pleasant laid-back atmosphere. This place is also recommended for having pizza.

Address: Via Garibaldi 48, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 609082

Ristorante da Tonino

At Ristorante da Tonino you can dine regally. Here you can find a great veranda on the beach and the speciality is fish and seafood, served with great style. The title was bestowed on Tonino's ancestors in 1848, by King Charles Albert of Sardinia, in gratitude for excellent goat hunting and feasting.

Address: Via Tavolara 14, Isola di Tavolara
Phone: +39 0789 58570
Internet: www.ristorantereditavolara.com
Email: giuseppe.bertoleoni@alice.it

Tanit

This is the place to go if you want to push the boat out, literally. Tanit overlooks the exclusive marina and you are likely to be rubbing shoulders with the International jet set in this very elegant restaurant that serves gourmet fish and seafood specialities.

Address: Poltu Quatu, Sardinia
Phone: +39 0789 955 008
Internet: www.poltuquatu.com

La Grotta

This is a long-established family restaurant that is rustic and always bustling. La Grotta is located in the beautiful La Maddalena and the fish and seafood is piled high in tantalising dishes.

Address: Via Principe di Napoli 3, La Maddalena
Phone: +39 0789 737228
Internet: www.lagrotta.it
Email: ristorantelagrotta@tiscali.it

La Taverna

La Taverna is an atmospheric sea tavern in the town centre of Palau, very close to the port. Set menus are available for fishy feasts of freshly-caught delicacies. This is the perfect restaurant for a romantic date.

Address: Via Rossini 6, Palau
Phone: +39 0789 709 289
Internet: www.ristorantelatavernapalau.it
Email: ristorante.lataverna@tiscali.it

Mama Latina

This restaurant opened in Porto Cervo 2002, but has now continued its story in Cala di Volpe. Here you can find inexpensive pizzas and good salads as well as fish dishes on offer in the stylish dining room.

Address: Cala di Volpe, Sardinia

Phone: +39 0789 96026
Internet: www.mamalatina.it

Sa Crescia Ezza

Sa Crescia Ezza means the old church and should not be missed when in Olbia. The restaurant is located 14 kilometres from Olbia and is surrounded by nature. Here you can find dishes like baked pecorino and baked peppers.

Address: Localita Sa Castanza, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 41906
Internet: www.sacresciaezza.it
Email: sacresciaezza@tiscali.it

Dolceacqua

The friendly service, nice décor and creative menu are a few things that guests appreciate about this restaurant. Dolceacqua is located in the centre of Olbia and serves various types of dishes including meat, pasta and seafood.

Address: Via Giacomo Pala 4, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 196 90 84
Internet: www.ristorantedolceacqua.com
Email: info@ristorantedolceacqua.com

Ristorante Barbagia

Located right next to a park and close to the waterside, this friendly restaurant is truly a favorite among its guests and claimed to be a must when in Olbia. Ristorante Barbagia serves large and delicious Sardinian dishes, so make sure you have some extra room in your stomach when dining here.

Address: Via Galvani 94, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 51640

Osteria del Mare

Osteria del Mare is truly a hidden gem waiting to be explored. This friendly restaurant serves great seafood dishes and is housed in an old building in the historic centre of Olbia. Here you can choose between various dishes from the Mediterranean cuisine.

Address: Via Delle Terme 8a, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 25801
Internet: www.osteriadelmare.it
Email: info@osteriadelmare.it

La Lanterna

Fresh fish and local produce is offered at this cozy restaurant. At La Lanterna you can also choose between various types of pizzas. The restaurant can be found in the centre of Olbia and is well worth a visit.

Address: Via Olbia 13, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 23082
Internet: www.ristorantelalanternaolbia.it
Email: spanogiac@tiscali.it

Il Gambero

If you are passionate about seafood and local dishes, you will be in good company at Il Gambero. This restaurant is located right in the heart of Olbia and serves affordable meals in a typical Italian atmosphere.

Address: Via Lamarmora 6, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 23874
Internet: www.ristoranteilgamberoolbia.it
Email: ilgamberoolbia@gmail.com

Ristorante Luna Lughente

At Hotel Luna Lughente you will also find the renowned restaurant called Ristorante Luna Lughente. From here you will have magical views over Olbia and the bay while having excellent Sardinian cuisine on the outdoor terrace.

Address: Strada Panoramica Olbia, Golfo Aranci, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 57521
Internet: www.lunalughente.it
Email: info@lunalughente.it

Trattoria Rossi

Ideally located on Pittulongo beach just outside Olbia, the popular Trattoria Rossi offers various sea specialties in a romantic atmosphere. Here you can have dinner right on the gorgeous beach while overlooking the sea.

Address: Localita Pittulongu, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 39042
Internet: www.trattoriarossi.it
Email: info@trattoriarossi.it

CAFES



Photo: Heather Cowper

In Sardinia you must try the thin, crispy bread and nutty pecorino cheese that are just delicious. The Sardinian wines are also excellent as well as the mirto, a potent liqueur made of wild myrtle. Like every other place in Italy you can find many places serving gelato, the lovely Italian ice cream.

La Pecora Nera

If you are craving an Italian gelato, ice cream, you can go to La Pecora Nera. Here you will find many mouth-watering flavours to choose between. If you are vegan or lactose intolerant you can try the rice milk ice cream.

Address: Via Galvani 70, Olbia
Phone: +39 320 339 7854

Il Mattacchione

Il Mattacchione is a great little place if you need something to increase your blood sugar. This place offers many choices of smaller dishes as well as sandwiches and beverages.

Address: Viale Aldo Moro 351, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 1969 698
Internet: www.ilmattacchione.com

Caffè Mediterraneo

Coming to Caffè Mediterraneo, you will find yourself in a stylish watering-hole for cocktail sipping with the bronzed and beautiful, people who might just be as polished as the gleaming wood bar.

Address: Via Amsicora 7, Santa Teresa di Gallura
Phone: +39 0789 754101 / +39 333 6345536
Internet: www.caffemediterraneo.net

Cafe Principe Umberto

At this café you can find a wide range of snacks, pastries, food, drinks and ice cream. Choose between tasty drinks and Italian coffee. Whatever you are craving, you will surely find it at Cafe Principe Umberto.

Address: Via Principe Umberto 7, Olbia
Internet: www.cafeprincipeumberto.com

Pasticceria Loi

This little 'pasticceria' was established in 1963 and makes home-made pastries and cookies. Pasticceria Loi has always been the obvious reference point, for both locals and tourists when it comes to producing Sardinian sweets.

Address: Via Vespignani 2, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 50239
Internet: www.pasticceriaioiolbia.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Toprural

You can find all the action a couple of miles south of Porto Cervo at Località Abbiadori where the trio of the Costa Smeralda's most happening clubs are located on the same road. This is the place to see and to be seen in Costa Smeralda. The clubs here are exclusive, very expensive and have very strict door codes. To get in you need to act the part and look seriously moneyed. Plenty of the celebs have been spotted in the flickering candlelight and secluded corners of the Moroccan-style Billionaire Club.

Il Capricorno Club

This perennially popular club is open all year round and serves up a storm with great cocktails. Il Capricorno Club plays various music ranging from the cheesy tunes to the revival hits.

Address: Via Catello Piro 2, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 24700

Sopravento

This nightclub has live bands throughout the season and is also one of the biggest discos on the whole coast. At this club you can dance until morning and really enjoy a party, Sardinian style.

Address: Porto Cervo

Sottovento Club

Sottovento Club is smaller than the Sopravento, but no less exclusive. This chic club has been one of the most famous meeting points at Costa Smeralda and offers

gentler music and a piano bar.

Address: Porto Cervo, Sardinia
Phone: +39 0789 92443
Internet: www.sottoventoclub.it
Email: info@sottoventoclub.it

Billionaire Club

Flavio Briatore's Moroccan fantasy is the best-known one when it comes to the trio of 'happening' clubs around Porto Cervo where the 'glitterati' congregate. Coming here you should note that no cameras are allowed.

Address: Via Rocce sul Pevero, Porto Cervo
Phone: +39 0789 94192
Internet: www.billionaireclub.it
Email: claudio@billionairelife.com

La Spiaggia Bianca Beach Bar

La Spiaggia Bianca Beach Bar is located right on the beach at Golfo Aranci and has regular beach parties, even volleyball for all sport junkies. Here you can chill over long drinks and grilled meats while listening to music.

Address: La Spiaggia Bianca, Golfo Aranci Strada
Phone: +39 347 6598 812
Email: info@laspiaggiabianca.it

SHOPPING



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Sardinia has a very rich tradition of craft ware, but, before heading off to the souvenir shops try to check out the authentic article and compare prices in the ISOLA outlets. The ISOLA has shops in big cities such as Cagliari and Sassari, but there is also one in Porto Cervo.

Ceramics are very popular and make good souvenirs and some of the best come from around the Costa Smeralda, Alghero and Santa Teresa di Gallura. In the north you can find Castelsardo that has a long tradition of basket ware and inland, the area around Tempio Pausania, specialises in splendid wool carpets in geometric designs. You can also find street markets in Olbia that are held on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Sardinian food delights that should all be high on your shopping list include the red Cannonau wine (increasingly believed to be the elixir of long life) or sweet Malvasia dessert wines, olive oil, pecorino cheese, mountain honey, torrone nougat and Nuorese sweetmeats.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Photo: Toprural

Olbia might be a small port city, but the stunning scenery makes it a popular tourist spot, and the accommodation is highly adjusted to offer alternatives to suit every taste and budget.

Hotel Cavour

This small hotel offers 21 rooms and is located in the centre of Olbia's old town. Tastefully refurbished, this hotel is a vision in cool white and pastel shades. At the hotel you can find on-site parking.

Address: Via Cavour 22, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 204 033
Internet: www.cavourhotel.it

Hotel Centrale

Hotel Centrale welcomes you to a very central, peaceful and clean hotel with plenty of marble and minimalist clean lines. Due to its great location you will be near all shops, restaurants and most attractions. The rooms are pleasant and comfortable and are suitable for both business and leisure.

Address: Corso Umberto 85, Olbia
Phone: +039 0789 23017
Internet: www.hotelcentraleolbia.it
Email: info@hotelcentraleolbia.it

Cervo Hotel

The most 'villagey' of all the Starwood hotels is located right in the heart of Porto Cervo. At the piazzetta you can find Cervo Hotel with great views over the marina. The

rooms here have a rustic charm with an understated elegance.

Address: Piazzetta Porto Cervo, Costa Smeralda
Phone: +39 0789 931 111
Internet: www.hotelcervocostasmeralda.com

Hotel Pitrizza

Located in the north of Porto Cervo, Hotel Pitrizza is a small and über exclusive accommodation. This villa style hotel is the perfect hideaway for couples and offers 52 guest rooms and 9 villas in an unspoiled natural environment.

Address: Porto Cervo, Costa Smeralda
Phone: +39 0789 930 111
Internet: www.starwoodhotels.com

Hotel Marinaro

This pleasant, peach-coloured hotel is set in the centre of the town on a quiet street close to the beach. Hotel Marinaro is family run and offers an accommodation with charming and helpful staff. The airy bedrooms have been newly refurbished.

Address: Via Angioy 48, Santa Teresa di Gallura
Phone: +39 0789 754112
Internet: www.hotelmarinaro.it

Hotel Panorama

The name of this hotel might reveal that you get magnificent views from here. Hotel Panorama offers a friendly accommodation with great staff and is highly appreciated by its guests. Amenities at this hotel include free WiFi, gym and a wellness centre.

Address: Via Giuseppe Mazzini 7, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 26656
Internet: www.hotelpanoramaolbia.it
Email: info@hotelpanoramaolbia.it

Hotel Abbaruja

If you are looking for an accommodation near the beach, 150 metres to be exact, this hotel is perfect. Hotel

Abbaruja is surrounded by a lush garden which gives you a homely feel. If you want to go to the city centre, it is only 8 kilometres away. Amenities at this hotel include a bar, car park, WiFi and a tennis court.

Address: Via Sa Minda Longa, 1, 07026 Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 39012
Internet: www.hotelabbaruja.it
Email: info@hotelabbaruja.it

Jazz Hotel

Jazz Hotel can be found right next to the airport. The location is superb if you are arriving to or departing from Sardinia. If you want to stay for longer at this contemporary hotel, a rental car is the perfect way to explore Olbia and the coast. At the hotel you can find a restaurant, relaxation area and swimming pool.

Address: Via Degli Astronauti 2, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 651000
Internet: www.jazzhotel.it
Email: booking@jazzhotel.it

Pellicano D'Oro Beach Hotel

Situated right on Pellicano Beach, this hotel is ideally located for a beach holiday. You can go for a swim in the sea or stay and relax by the pool. Onsite you can find a restaurant, parking and free WiFi in the common areas.

Address: Pittulongu, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 39094
Internet: www.hotelpellicanodoro.it
Email: info@hotelpellicanodoro.it

Grand Hotel President

If you are looking for an exclusive hotel in the centre of Olbia you have come to the right place. The hotel is ideally located for shopping and for visiting the main attractions of Olbia. Here you will truly be pampered by excellent service in a sublime décor.

Address: Via Principe Umberto 9, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 27501
Internet: www.presidenthotelolbia.it
Email: info@presidenthotelolbia.it

B&B Porto Romano

This friendly Bed & Breakfast is located in the heart of Olbia. Staying here, you will feel right at home. Amenities at this Bed & Breakfast include free WiFi, common kitchen and TV. In the mornings you can relish a varied breakfast buffet.

Address: Via A. Nanni 2, Olbia
Phone: +39 349 1927996
Internet: www.bedandbreakfastportoromano.it
Email: info@bedandbreakfastportoromano.it

La Locanda del Conte Mameli

This cosy and intimate hotel is located in the historic centre of Olbia. From the roof terrace you will have great views over the city and the harbour. In the mornings you can choose various treats from the tasty breakfast buffet.

Address: Via Delle Terme 8, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 23008
Internet: www.lalocandadelcontemameli.com
Email: info@lalocandadelcontemameli.com

Hotel Mare Blue

This typical Sardinian style hotel is immersed by greenery, but yet only a few steps from Pittulongo beach. From here you will have a stunning view over Tavolara Island which can easily be reached by boat. Amenities at the hotel include breakfast and beach equipment for rent.

Address: Via Mare Adriatico 20, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 39001 / +39 0789 39259
Internet: www.hotelmareblue.eu

Hotel Ollastu Residence

Conveniently located on Costa Corallina close to Porto Cervo and Olbia, Hotel Ollastu is a great accommodation for exploring the area. Nearby you can find the beach and beautiful scenery and onsite you will find a bar, restaurant, swimming pools and entertainment activities.

Address: Costa Corallina, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 36744
Internet: www.ollastu.it

Hotel For You

This modern hotel is located near the seafront and port. Hotel For You opened in 2009 and offers 63 rooms. Upon arrival you will be served a welcome drink to get in the right holiday mood. Amenities at the hotel include free WiFi and a snack bar.

Address: Via Acquedotto Romano 9, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 200 056

Internet: www.hotelforyou.it

Email: info@hotelforyou.it

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

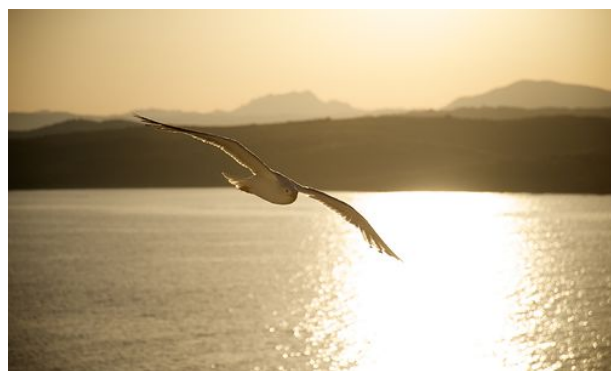


Photo: Rocco Lucia

Airport

Aeroporto Olbia Costa Smeralda is located 5 kilometres southeast of Olbia.

The airport buses, numbers 2 and 10, will take you to the city centre and depart approximately every 20-30 minutes. The last departure is at 11.40pm with bus number 10. Tickets are available on board or from the ticket machine in the terminal. The journey takes about 10 minutes.

+39 800 191 847

www.aspo.it

The taxi rank is open 24 hours and can be found in front of the arrivals terminal. The price from the airport to the city centre is €15.

+39 0789 227 18 / +39 0789 691 50

Renting a car at the airport is easy. You can find car rentals near the arrivals terminal.

+39 0789 564 444

info@geasar.it

Address: Aeroporto Olbia Costa Smeralda, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 563 444

Internet: www.geasar.com

More Info: Prices updated August 2013

Public transport

Olbia is easy to discover by foot and the surrounding areas can easily be reached by renting a car.

Sardinia has an extensive network of buses which link villages, towns and beaches. The main operator ARST has a good service covering routes from between the major cities.

For bus routes and timetables you can visit www.orariautobus.it.

Phone: +39 0800 865 042

Internet: www.arst.sardegna.it

Boats

There are regular ferries from Palau to the island of Maddalena operated by two main companies, Saremar and Enermar. There are also frequent services between Santa Teresa di Gallura and Corsica's Bonifacio operated by Saremar and by Moby Lines.

Saremar

www.saremar.it

Enermar

www.enermar.it

Moby Lines

www.mobyline.it

Trains

Trains in Sardinia are rather slow and the rail network is limited. Trenitalia runs most of the network and the longest trip is from Olbia to Cagliari. The train station in Olbia is easy accessible with buses 2 and 10 from the airport.

Phone: +39 089 20 21
Internet: www.trenitalia.it

Taxi

Taxis are generally inexpensive. There are cab ranks in the larger towns and villages and your hotel can book cars for you. The meters should determine the fare, and if not, agree on the price in advance.

Antonello Sergnesi
+39 335 438236
www.taxiolbiaportorotondo.it

TAXI MURRAI Gavino
+39 337 817093
www.taxiolbiaaeroporto.it

Post

Look for the yellow and blue sign to find a post office in Olbia. Stamps can be bought at post offices and tobacconists marked with a "T".

Post Office:

Address: Via Acquedotto 7, Olbia
Opening hours: Open Mon-Wed and Fri 8.20am-1.35pm. Sat 8.20am-12.35pm. Closed on Thursdays and Sundays
Phone: +39 0789 207 443
Internet: www.poste.it

Pharmacy

Pharmacies are called Farmacie and are normally identified by an illuminated green cross. If closed, there is usually a notice on the door with the address of the nearest open Farmacia, day and night.

Farmacia Accogli Dr. Pasqualina:

Address: Piazza Etna 5, Olbia
Phone: +39 0789 211 60
Internet: www.farmaciaaccogli.it

Telephone

Country code +39

Area code: 0789 (Do not omit the zero for the area code)

Electricity

220V, although 240V also works. Plugs are two-round-pin Continental types.