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Olbia is the gateway to the pearly white beaches of Sardinia's northeast coast and the sparkling Costa Smeralda. This is where jet-setters, film stars and the 'glitterati' arrive to indulge in 'la dolce vita' Sardinian-style. With a Greek name meaning 'happy', Olbia used to be a little fishing village but has now grown to become Sardinia's busiest ferry port, complete with an international airport and tourist amenities. The countryside is cloaked in aromatic wild herbs, the macchia, and the surrounding sea glows in every hue of electric blue, in a little known and exclusive place waiting to be discovered.

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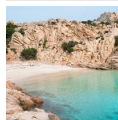
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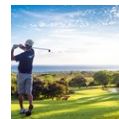
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## THE CITY



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In the region 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 glamorous Costa Smeralda and other resorts, all lapped by the same limpid turquoise seas. Inland awaits a different world, going back 30.000 years when the first human settlements were established in Gallura. The area around Arzachena is honeycombed with prehistoric sites, all reminders that this is one of Europe's oldest islands.

Olbia itself often surprises visitors who venture beyond its functional port area. The compact historic centre reveals a genuine Sardinian character, with narrow streets lined with independent shops and traditional enotecas serving local Vermentino wines. Unlike the manufactured glamour of nearby resorts, the city maintains an unpretentious atmosphere where cafe life unfolds in sun-dappled piazzas.

## DO & SEE



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The cobbled lanes running off the central Piazza Regina Margherita in the old part of town, around the Corso Umberto I, are full of good restaurants and pretty piazzas to linger in over a drink. Basilica di San Simplicio is the main attraction in the old town of Olbia, along with some interesting museums. After admiring the city's best sights, be sure to take some excursions to nearby destinations along the beautiful Costa Smeralda and take in the sun at the breathtaking beaches.

### Basilica of 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 frescoes — the left-hand one depicting San Simplicio, the patron saint of Olbia. The Festa di San Simplicio, Olbia's biggest festival, is celebrated for three days in mid-May.

Photo: Kemal Taner/shutterstock

Address: Basilica di San Simplicio, via Salvatore Fera, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 396241

Internet: [www.sardegnaicultura.it/en/articles/olbia-basilica-di-san-simplicio](http://www.sardegnaicultura.it/en/articles/olbia-basilica-di-san-simplicio)

### **Pevero Golf Club**



If you want to play a game of golf in stunning surroundings — make a stop at Pevero Golf Club! Situated north of Olbia, this Robert Trent

Jones-designed course ranks among Golf Magazine's World Top 50. Here, you'll find everything you need, including a club house and accommodations.

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Address: Via del Golf 20, Porto Cervo

Phone: +39 0789 976400

Internet: [www.peverogolfclub.com/en](http://www.peverogolfclub.com/en)

Email: [reception@golfclubpevero.com](mailto:reception@golfclubpevero.com)

### **Corso Umberto I**



Corso Umberto I is one of the main shopping streets in Olbia. Every night from 7pm this street is closed off from traffic and becomes the perfect

place for strolling among shops, restaurants and beautiful architecture.

Photo: CandyBox Images/shutterstock

Address: Corso Umberto I, Olbia

### **National Archaeological Museum of Olbia**



Right on Olbia's waterfront, you can find The National Archaeological Museum. The museum exhibits various objects dating

back to the Romans, like ship fragments. Because of it being the biggest museum in Olbia, concerts and grand openings are also hosted there.

Photo: BearFotos/shutterstock

Address: Via Principe Umberto, Olbia

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-1pm / 4pm-7pm; Mon closed

Phone: +39 0789 28290

Internet: [www.helloolbia.com/museo-archeologico-olbia](http://www.helloolbia.com/museo-archeologico-olbia)

### **Mount Altura Fortress**



Just outside Palau, less than an hour north of Olbia, you can find Fortezza di Monte Altura. This 19th-century fortress has seen many wars, but

has remained largely intact. From the fortress, you will have a stunning view over Palau, Corsica and La Maddalena. It is highly recommended to take the guided tour.

Photo: Gherzak/shutterstock

Address: Località Monte Altura, Palau

Opening hours: Opening hours vary by the season: please refer to the website

Phone: +39 329 604 1373

Internet: [www.fortezzamontealtura.com](http://www.fortezzamontealtura.com)

Email: [itineri.palau@tiscali.it](mailto:itineri.palau@tiscali.it)

### **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 Coddu Vecchiu, one of the island's most complete 'giants' tombs'. Nearby you can also find another giant's tomb, Tomba dei Giganti di Li Lolghi, and the Li Muri Necropolis. Regarded as Gallura's finest example, the "Necropoli di Li

Muri" is estimated to date back to 3,500 BC.

Photo: milosk50/shutterstock

Address: Arzachena, Sardinia

Internet:

[www.italia.it/en/sardinia/arzachena-archaeological-park](http://www.italia.it/en/sardinia/arzachena-archaeological-park)

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

### Santa Teresa Gallura



The town of 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 water 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 a 50-minute trip to cross the Straits to the town of Bonifacio, in Corsica. This is perfect for a great day out, having French lunch and doing some shopping.

Photo: Karin Wabro/shutterstock

Address: Santa Teresa Gallura, Sardinia

Internet: [www.santateresagalluraturismo.com](http://www.santateresagalluraturismo.com)

### Tavolara Island



Isola Tavolara is a little island located southeast of Olbia and is dominated by an imposing stone towering at over 564 metres. This is the

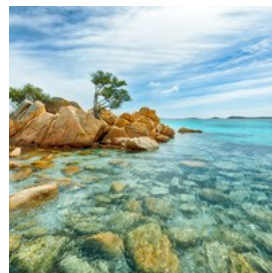
perfect spot for nature lovers, divers and for soaking-up the rays on the beach of Spiaggia Spalmatore.

Photo: Ratikova/shutterstock

Address: Isola Tavolara, Sardinia

Internet: [www.sardiniaunlimited.com/blog/discover-sardinia/island-of-tavolara-what-to-do](http://www.sardiniaunlimited.com/blog/discover-sardinia/island-of-tavolara-what-to-do)

### Costa Smeralda



Costa Smeralda lies between Golfo di Cugnana and Golfo di Arzachena, and boasts an extraordinarily beautiful 56-kilometre coastline.

This is a real billionaire's playground, but everyone is welcome to enjoy its spectacular beaches, views and water.

There are so many beaches ("spiagge") to choose from on Costa Smeralda, including Spiaggia del Principe, Liscia Ruja and Capriccioli, all famous and fabulous on this dreamy coastline. With warm sands and crystal-clear waters, you're spoiled for choice.

Photo: Vadym Lavra/shutterstock

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 Moroccan style buildings. This is a pleasant place to stroll, people-watch and to go window-shopping.

Photo: Marcin Krzyzak/shutterstock

Address: Porto Cervo, Sardinia

Internet: [www.thisisportocervo.com](http://www.thisisportocervo.com)

More Info: Located approximately 19 kilometres northeast of Olbia.

## Archipelago of La Maddalena



Dreamy islands with Caribbean-blue seas make up this 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, linked with a causeway to Garibaldi's island, Caprera. You can go on a boat trip and see five of the other main islands, including Budelli, which has a glorious pale pink beach called Spiaggia Rosa, and Spargi.

Photo: OfTheVillage/shutterstock

Address: Arcipelago della Maddalena, Sardinia

Internet:

[www.sardegnaturismo.it/es/lugares/north-east/la-maddalena](http://www.sardegnaturismo.it/es/lugares/north-east/la-maddalena)

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 cool drink. The Diocesan Museum is located in the heart of town and has some fascinating exhibits, including two silver candlesticks and a crucifix gifted by Lord Horatio Nelson.

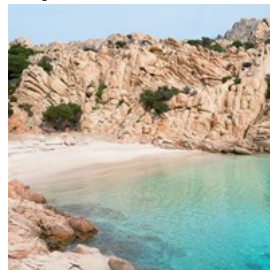
Photo: Pecold/shutterstock

Address: La Maddalena, Sardinia

Internet:

[www.sardegnaturismo.it/es/lugares/north-east/la-maddalena](http://www.sardegnaturismo.it/es/lugares/north-east/la-maddalena)

## Caprera Island

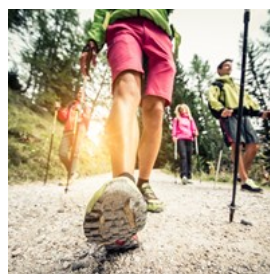


A causeway links La Maddalena to the pine-covered, macchia-scented Caprera Island. This is an idyllic spot for walking and cycling, as well as visiting the Garibaldi museum.

Photo: Elisa Locci/shutterstock

Address: Caprera, Sardinia

## Excursions



Olbia is the hub for excursions to the northeast and its fabled coast. Buses leave just off the Corso Umberto I 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 Pittulongu, located 5 kilometres away, with its dreamy views across to Tavolaria Island.

Photo: oneinchpunch/shutterstock

Internet: [www.helloolbia.com/mappa-sentieri](http://www.helloolbia.com/mappa-sentieri)

## DINING



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Sardinians love roasting meat with aromatic herbs, and most menus will likely feature some variety. Seafood is also ubiquitous, from lobster to squid and sea bass. Try some bottarga, a local

speciality made with tuna or mullet roe, known as 'Sardinian caviar' and especially delicious with spaghetti. Be sure to try some local specialities and home cooking at trattorias and small cafes for a real Sardinian dining experience.

### Ristorante Da Tonino Re di Tavolara



Boasting a privileged location on Tavolara Island, Ristorante Re di Tavolara prepares absolutely wonderful seafood, grilled dishes and typical Sardinian cuisine, all served in style. The dining area is on a vast veranda right on the beach, offering unbeatable views.

Photo: Avirut S/shutterstock

Address: Isola Tavolara, Sardinia

Opening hours: May to October: daily 12:30pm-4pm / 7:30pm-10:30pm

Phone: +39 0789 585 70

Internet: [www.ristorantereditavolara.com](http://www.ristorantereditavolara.com)

Email: [ristorantereditavolara@virgilio.it](mailto:ristorantereditavolara@virgilio.it)

### La Taverna



La Taverna is an atmospheric sea tavern in the centre of Palau, very close to the port. Set menus are available for fishy feasts of

freshly-caught delicacies. It is an off-the-beaten-track family restaurant, so expect hearty portions and traditional home cooking.

Photo: Alessio Orru/shutterstock

Address: Via Rossini 6, Palau

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 12:30pm-11pm, Tue closed. Closed in winter

Phone: +39 0789 709 289

Internet: [www.instagram.com/latavernapalau](http://www.instagram.com/latavernapalau)

### Mama Latina



This restaurant opened in Porto Cervo in 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.

Photo: ilolab/shutterstock

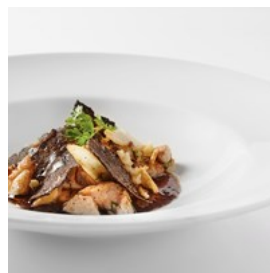
Address: Località Cala di Volpe, Arzachena

Phone: +39 0789 960 26

Internet: [www.instagram.com/ristorante.mamalatina](http://www.instagram.com/ristorante.mamalatina)

Email: [info@mamalatina.it](mailto:info@mamalatina.it)

### Il Mattacchione



Il Mattacchione describes itself as a 'modern traditional restaurant', because it keeps a strong relationship with the land's culinary legacy and genuine products, while always striving to revisit this tradition and present it in a modern way. Fresh ingredients and high-quality standards are guaranteed in every meal they prepare.

Photo: Food Photography/shutterstock

Address: Via Copenaghen, 82, Olbia

Opening hours: Daily 12:15pm-2pm / 8pm-10pm

Phone: +39 380 240 5368

Internet: [www.ilmattacchione.com](http://www.ilmattacchione.com)

Email: [ilmattacchione@gmail.com](mailto:ilmattacchione@gmail.com)

### Mediterraneo Restaurant & Pizzeria



Whether you're in the mood for an innovative interpretation of typical Sardinian dishes, an authentic Neapolitan pizza, or some live music and good wine in the outdoor veranda, at

Mediterraneo you'll find a cosy atmosphere, genuine ingredients and attentive, friendly staff.

Photo: Andrey Bayda/shutterstock

Address: Via Amsicora 7, Santa Teresa Gallura

Opening hours: Daily noon-late. Kitchen closes at 11pm

Phone: +39 0789 754 101

Internet: [caffemediterraneo.net](http://caffemediterraneo.net)

### Dolceacqua



The creative menu, nice decor and friendly service are highly appreciated among guests of this family-run restaurant, which offers Ligurian or

Sardinian specialities in a relaxed atmosphere.

Dolceacqua is located in the centre of Olbia and serves various types of dishes including meat, pasta and seafood, all with Sardinian influences.

Photo: Kzenon/shutterstock

Address: Via Giacomo Pala 4, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 196 9084

Internet: [restaurantguru.it/Dolceacqua-Olbia](http://restaurantguru.it/Dolceacqua-Olbia)

Email: [info@ristorantedolceacqua.com](mailto:info@ristorantedolceacqua.com)

### Ristorante Barbagia



Right next to a park and close to the waterside, this friendly restaurant is truly a favourite among both locals and visitors in Olbia. Ristorante

Barbagia serves large and delicious Sardinian dishes, including a whole piglet, pizza, roe, and for dessert — some home-made tiramisu.

Photo: Mark Lissmann/shutterstock

Address: Via Luigi Galvani 94, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 516 40

Internet: [www.ristorantebarbagia.com](http://www.ristorantebarbagia.com)

Email: [info@ristorantebarbagia.it](mailto:info@ristorantebarbagia.it)

### La Lanterna



La Lanterna is a small restaurant and pizzeria in the centre of Olbia, almost hiding in plain sight. It doesn't look like much from the outside,

but offers excellent dishes made from fresh produce and seafood. The pizzas also come highly recommended.

Photo: foodstck/shutterstock

Address: Via Olbia 13, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 230 82

Internet: [www.instagram.com/la\\_lanternaolbia](http://www.instagram.com/la_lanternaolbia)

### Trattoria 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, including pasta dumplings stuffed with potatoes and meat and a selection of local wines.

Photo: images etc/shutterstock

Address: Via La Marmora 6/A, Olbia

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12:30pm-2:30pm /

7:30pm-10:30pm; Mon closed

Phone: +39 0789 238 74

Email: [ilgamberoolbia@gmail.com](mailto:ilgamberoolbia@gmail.com)

### Ristorante Luna Lughente

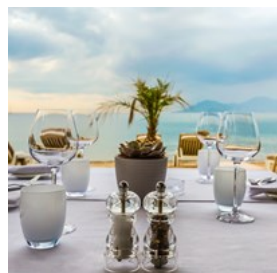


A part of the Hotel Luna Lughente, this beautiful seafront restaurant offers magical views over Olbia and the bay while serving excellent Sardinian

cuisine on the outdoor terrace.

Photo: Kzenon/shutterstock  
Address: Via Sa Serra 2, Olbia  
Phone: +39 0789 575 21  
Internet: [www.lunalughente.it](http://www.lunalughente.it)  
Email: [info@lunalughente.it](mailto:info@lunalughente.it)

### Trattoria Rossi



Ideally located on Pittulongu 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.

Photo: Fishman64s/shutterstock  
Address: Via Tramontana 7, Olbia  
Phone: +39 0789 390 42  
Internet: [www.trattoriarossi.it](http://www.trattoriarossi.it)  
Email: [info@trattoriarossi.it](mailto:info@trattoriarossi.it)

### CAFÉS



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Thin, crispy bread and pecorino cheese are two Sardinian specialties that should be in everyone's itinerary. Sardinian wines are also excellent, as well as 'mirto', a potent liqueur made of wild myrtle. Like every other place in Italy, Olbia and its surroundings are packed with 'gelaterie', where you can taste the lovely Italian ice cream.

### La Pecora Nera



La Pecora Nera is a lovely gelateria with a surprisingly wide selection of creative flavours (the dark chocolate with orange comes highly recommended), as well as toppings, like nuts, cherries, cream, and many more. Vegans and people with lactose intolerance can try the rice milk ice cream.

Photo: JM Travel Photography/shutterstock  
Address: Via Luigi Galvani 70, Olbia  
Opening hours: Daily 2pm-midnight  
Internet: [www.gelateriapecoranera.com](http://www.gelateriapecoranera.com)

### Cafè Principe Umberto



At this café you'll find a wide range of snacks, pastries, food, drinks and ice cream. Choose between tasty drinks and Italian coffee. At night this spot transforms into a sleek bar and specialist tobacconist, selling high-quality cigars and cool drinks.

Photo: Guy Shapira/shutterstock  
Address: Via Principe Umberto 7, Olbia  
Phone: +39 0789 209 045  
Email: [olbiafdb@gmail.com](mailto:olbiafdb@gmail.com)

### Pasticceria Loi



This little 'pasticceria' was established in 1963 and specialises in high-quality home-made pastries and cookies. Pasticceria Loi has always been an authority for both locals and tourists when it comes to producing Sardinian sweets.

Photo: Alessio Orru/shutterstock  
Address: Via Vespignani 2, Olbia  
Phone: +39 0789 502 39  
Internet: [www.pasticceriaioiolbia.com](http://www.pasticceriaioiolbia.com)  
Email: [pasticceriaioiididui@gmail.com](mailto:pasticceriaioiididui@gmail.com)

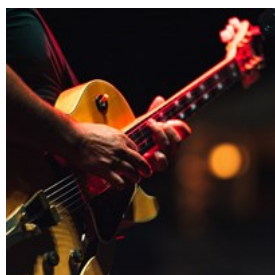
## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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You can find vibrant nightlife a couple of miles south of Porto Cervo, at Località Abbiadori, with the three most happening clubs in Costa Smeralda all located on the same street. If you're into more relaxed and low-key evenings, there are plenty of laid-back bars, restaurants and cafes where you can have a drink, go for a dance or enjoy some live music, both in Olbia and in surrounding areas like Porto Cervo.

### Devil Kiss Rock Club



An outlet for a more alternative crowd, Devil Kiss Rock Club plays music you would be surprised to hear at a regular club. Rock, metal,

indie and alternative all make the playlist, and bands perform live regularly.

Photo: Kostadin Atanasov/shutterstock  
Address: Via Luigi Galvani 56, Olbia  
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 7am–1am; Fri 7am–3am; Sat 7am–5am; Sun 8am–1pm / 3:30pm–10:30pm  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/devilkissrockclub](http://www.instagram.com/devilkissrockclub)

### Il Portico



Il Portico is an infinitely cool and laid-back outdoor bar and restaurant located directly on the Piazzetta at Porto Cervo. The location is unbeatable if you want to watch the yachts coming in to the port while sipping on some exclusive vintage or cocktail.

Photo: Everything/shutterstock  
Address: Piazzetta di Porto Cervo, Porto Cervo  
Opening hours: Daily noon–1am  
Phone: +39 0789 931 621  
Internet: [www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/olbsi-cervo-hotel-co-sta-smeralda-resort/dining](http://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/olbsi-cervo-hotel-co-sta-smeralda-resort/dining)

### Lord Nelson Pub



Lord Nelson is an English-style pub, an example of a more relaxed side to Sardinian nightlife. Beer, cocktails and regular live music set the tone at this laid-back place, much loved by tourists and locals.

Photo: Kzenon/shutterstock  
Address: Via Della Marina, Porto Cervo  
Opening hours: Daily 7am–3am  
Internet: [www.lordnelsonpubportocervo.it](http://www.lordnelsonpubportocervo.it)

## SHOPPING



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Sardinia has a very rich tradition of craft ware; ceramics are very popular and make good souvenirs. Some of the best products come from Costa Smeralda, Alghero and Santa Teresa di Gallura. In the north, you can find Castelsardo, a beautiful seaside village that has a long tradition of basket ware, while the area around Tempio Pausania specialises in splendid wool carpets with geometric designs. There are also plenty of street markets in Olbia, held on various days throughout the week.

Your shopping list should include some Sardinian food delights, such as 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.

### Old Town



Olbia's Old Town (in Italian, "centro storico") offers a pleasant and memorable shopping experience, housing over 100 boutique shops in its historical buildings, open squares and narrow alleyways, also crowded with restaurants and cafes. Corso Umberto I can be a good starting point for a shopping trip in this area.

Photo: J2R/shutterstock

Address: Old Town, Olbia

### Porto Cervo



Glitzy Porto Cervo is a popular place to go shopping for high fashion and designer brands. Names include top international options like

Dolce & Gabbana, Gucci and Versace. You can also find shoes from Italian Tod's, and jewellery and watches from Bulgari, Cartier and Rolex, among others.

Photo: Marcin Krzyzak/shutterstock

Address: Porto Cervo, Sardinia

### Porto Rotondo



Located just 10 minutes away from Olbia, the village of Porto Rotondo is another popular shopping destination, offering brand name

clothing, accessories, shoes, jewellery and even furs. Many visitors enjoy the handmade sandals, available in many shops in town.

Photo: Gabriele Maltinti/shutterstock

Address: Porto Rotondo, Sardinia

### Bio-Food



If you're not into restaurants and street-food, then this organic food shop might be just what you are looking for. Bio-Food is also a great spot for buying high-quality oil and other specialities from the region.

Photo: Photolris2021/shutterstock

Address: Via Fidia 25, Olbia

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-1pm / 4:30pm-8pm; Sat  
8:30am-1pm / 5pm-8pm

Phone: +39 0789 604 058

Internet: [www.biofoodolbia.com](http://www.biofoodolbia.com)

Email: [info@biofoodolbia.com](mailto:info@biofoodolbia.com)

### Anticas Licanzias Bistrò



Anticas Licanzias is a real gem in the city. It is the perfect little boutique and bistro with homemade Sardinian snacks such as bread, pasta, cheese and sweets. All products are made in-house using only fresh ingredients.

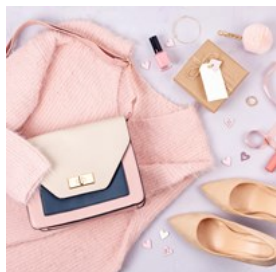
Photo: D.serra1/shutterstock

Address: Via Tempio 3, Olbia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-3pm / 6pm-11pm; Sun closed

Phone: +39 0789 271 10

### Frama Concept



Frama Concept is a cutting edge fashion and design store that showcases innovative and daring items ranging from clothes and accessories for both men and women to homeware and decor. They feature some of the best contemporary design that Italy has to offer.

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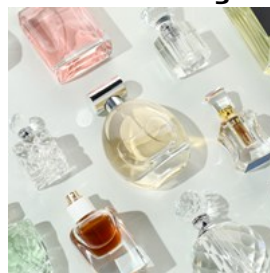
Address: Piazza Giacomo Matteotti 2/B, Olbia

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-1:30pm / 4pm-8:30pm; Sun  
10am-1pm / 4pm-6pm

Phone: +39 393 996 4258

Internet: [www.framaconcept.com](http://www.framaconcept.com)

### Profumerie Douglas



Profumerie Douglas offers high-quality fragrances, beauty and skin-care products right in the centre of Olbia on Corso Umberto. Here you will find a wide range of different brands, and knowledgeable staff.

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Address: Corso Umberto I 105, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 222 89

Internet: [www.douglas.it](http://www.douglas.it)

### Street Markets



Great weekly markets can be found in different locations throughout Olbia, where craftsmen, farmers and merchants sell their goods. On Saturdays there is a farmers market on Via Sangallo, on Via Belli and Piazza Cascella on Wednesdays, and on Via Milan on Tuesdays.

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Internet: [www.helloolbia.com/mercati-markets](http://www.helloolbia.com/mercati-markets)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Airport Olbia Costa Smeralda (OLB)



Aeroporto Olbia Costa Smeralda (OLB) 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 on bus number 10. Tickets are available on board or from the ticket machine in the terminal. The journey takes about 10 minutes.

The taxi rank is open 24 hours and can be found in front of the arrivals terminal.

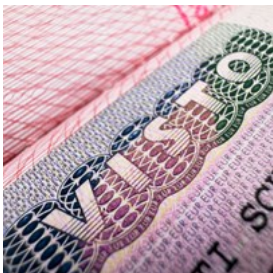
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Address: Aeroporto di Olbia-Costa Smeralda, Olbia

Phone: +39 0789 563 444

Internet: [www.geasar.it/en](http://www.geasar.it/en)

### Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Italy, only a valid ID. Many other countries, including the United Kingdom, United

States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: [https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy\\_en](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en)

### Best Time to Visit



Sardinia is probably at its best in summer, when it offers beautiful days at the seaside and streets vibrant with events and street performers. July and August are the most popular months to go, and on August 15th huge celebrations are held for the religious festival of Ferragosto, so expect the beaches to be crazy crowded the whole week. June and the first weeks in September will probably be as pleasant, a little bit colder and less packed with people.

If you're not a fan of beach life, visiting in April and May can be a great alternative: you won't risk super hot days, you'll enjoy nature, and you'll find some interesting events dedicated to gardening and outdoor activities.

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## Public Transport



Olbia's compact centre is easily explored on foot, while renting a car lets you access Sardinia's secluded beaches and inland treasures. Sardinia has an extensive network of buses that link villages, towns and beaches. The main operator, ARST, has good service covering routes between the major cities.

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Internet: [www.arst.sardegna.it](http://www.arst.sardegna.it)

Email: [informazioni@arst.sardegna.it](mailto:informazioni@arst.sardegna.it)

## Boats



Regular ferries depart from Porto di Olbia for Livorno, Civitavecchia and Genoa. There are regular ferries from Palau to the island of La Maddalena, operated by the Delcomar shipping company ([www.delcomar.it](http://www.delcomar.it)). There are also frequent services between Santa Teresa Gallura and Corsica's Bonifacio, operated by Moby Lines ([www.mobyline.it](http://www.mobyline.it)).

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Address: Porto di Olbia, Banchina Isola Bianca, Olbia

Internet: [www.portodiolbia.it](http://www.portodiolbia.it)

## Trains



Trains in Sardinia meander leisurely through the countryside, making the rail journey as much about the scenic voyage as the destination

itself. Trenitalia operates the majority of this picturesque network, with the longest stretch running from Olbia to Cagliari. The train station in Olbia, located on Via Giacomo Pala, is conveniently reached by buses 2 and 10 from the airport. So sit back, relax, and let Sardinia's beauty unfold before your eyes.

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Internet: [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)

## Taxi



Taxis are generally inexpensive. There are cab ranks in larger towns and villages, and your hotel will book a car for you if needed. The fare should be determined by the meter, and if it isn't — agree on the price in advance.

Olbia Taxi service by Christian Paschetto is a reliable choice.

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Phone: +39 348 073 7769

Internet: [www.serviziotaxiolbia.it/taxiolbia/en](http://www.serviziotaxiolbia.it/taxiolbia/en)

## Post



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

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Address: Poste Italiane, via Acquedotto 5, Olbia

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:20am-7:05pm, Sat 8:20am-12:35pm, Sun closed

Phone: +39 0789 207 443

Internet: [www.poste.it](http://www.poste.it)

## Pharmacy



Pharmacies 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.

Photo: StasiaLuch/shutterstock

Address: Farmacia Sanna, via Roma 82, Olbia

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–1pm / 4:30pm–8:30pm; Sat 8am–1pm; Sun closed

Phone: +39 0789 21152

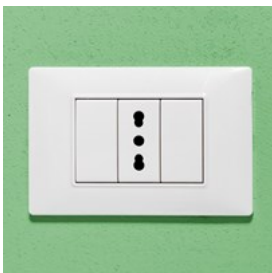
## Telephone



Country code +39 Area code: 0789 (do not omit the zero from the area code)

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## Electricity



Italy uses the Type F electrical sockets with two round holes, the same as in many countries in Continental Europe. You will also encounter Type L sockets with three round holes arranged in a line. A “universal” socket, that accepts Type C, E, F and L plugs, is commonly used in Italy.

The standard voltage is 230 volts, but some hotels have special plugs for 110 or 120-volt shavers.

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## Population

Olbia: 61,000

Province of Gallura North-East Sardinia: 159,098

## Currency

Euro, €1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

Shops are usually open 9am–1pm and 4pm–8pm. Larger shops are normally open continuously throughout the day. Shops are open on Sundays at their own discretion.

## Internet

[www.sardegnaturismo.it/en/places/nord-est/olbia](http://www.sardegnaturismo.it/en/places/nord-est/olbia)

## Newspapers

L'Unione Sarda: [www.unionesarda.it](http://www.unionesarda.it)

La Nuova Sardegna: [www.lanuovasardegna.it](http://www.lanuovasardegna.it)

## Emergency numbers

Emergency: 113

Police (Carabinieri): 112

Fire Brigade (Vigili del fuoco): 115

Ambulance (Ambulanza): 118

## Tourist information

Ufficio Informazioni Turistiche Comune di Olbia

Piazza Terranova Pausania 1 (Via Dante Alighieri 1), Olbia

Open Mon–Fri 9am–8pm; Sat & Sun 9am–1pm / 4pm–8pm

+39 0789 522 06

[www.helloolbia.com](http://www.helloolbia.com)