



Sardinia

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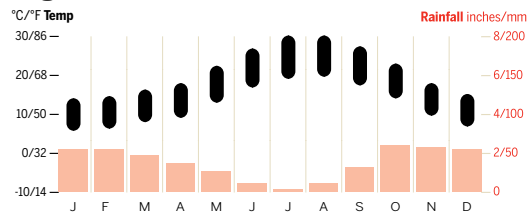
Why Go?

As DH Lawrence so succinctly put it: 'Sardinia is different'. Indeed, where else but on this 365-village, four-million-sheep island could you travel from shimmering bays to alpine forests, granite peaks to cathedral-like grottoes, rolling vineyards to one-time bandit towns – all in the space of a day? Sardinia baffles with prehistory at 7000 *nuragic* sites, dazzles with its kaleidoscopic blue waters and whets appetites with island treats like spit-roasted suckling pig, sea urchins and crumbly pecorino.

Over millennia islanders have carved out a unique identity, cuisine, culture and language, leaving the forces of nature to work their magic on the landscape. And whether you're swooning over the megayachts in the Costa Smeralda's fjord-like bays or feasting on spit-roasted suckling pig at a rustic *agriturismo* (farm stay accommodation), you can't help but appreciate this island's love of the good life. Earthy and glamorous, adventurous and blissfully relaxed, Sardinia delights in being that little bit different.

When to Go

Cagliari



Feb Pre-Lenten shenanigans, from beastly *mamuthones* in Mamoiada to medieval jousting at Sa Sartiglia.

Mar–May Spring wildflowers, Easter parades, and hiking and climbing without the heat and crowds.

Jun–Aug Sun-kissed beaches, open-air festivals and reckless horse races at the S'Ardia.

Sardinia Highlights

- 1 Walking on the wild side in the spectacular **Gola Su Gorropu** (p869).
- 2 Feeling the lure of the sea on the windswept beaches of the **Costa Verde** (p847).
- 3 Wandering the medieval backstreets of **Il Castello** (p835), Cagliari's rocky citadel.
- 4 Rubbing bronzed shoulders with the rich and super-famous on the **Costa Smeralda** (p862).
- 5 Boning up on prehistory at **Nuraghe Su Nuraxi** (p850), Sardinia's sole World Heritage Site.
- 6 Dropping anchor in the brilliant aquamarine waters of the **Golfo di Orosei** (p870).

