Off the Beaten Track: Sardinia

ARGENTIERA
Step back in time in Argentiera, a natural inlet about 11km north of Lago Baratz. It’s now a ghost town overshadowed by the evocative ruins of its former silver mine.

SINIS PENINSULA
Escape to secluded bays and frost-white beaches, fringed by aquamarine water and cliffs cloaked in macchia (Mediterranean scrubland) and wildflowers. A delight for surfing, windsurfing or doing nothing at all.

OASI DI SEU
A dirt track leads to this pristine nature reserve, close to Tharros. Saunter along serene trails through the aromatic Mediterranean scrub and enjoy expansive sea views.

SPIAGGIA DI PISCINAS
Tricky to get to but worth it, this gorgeous beach on the lonely Costa Verde is a broad ribbon of golden sand, towering dunes and windswept sea. Sheer bliss.

VALLE DELLA LUNA
Perfect road-trip or bike-ride material, this tranquil valley swings north of Aggius. Weird granite boulders spill across rolling hills and farmland.

LAGO DI LISCIA
Granite hills and woods of cork and oak rise up above this quiet lake, which makes a scenic splash on the landscape of Gallura. Rest below centuries-old olive trees.

VALLE DI LANAITTU
A kind of hush hangs over this lush valley, which makes a spectacular gash in the Supramonte range. Come here to trek or track down wondrous caves and prehistoric sites.

SORGONO
Deep in the remote, hilly Mandrolisai, Sorgono is surrounded by vast tracts of forest, archaeological sites and vineyards that produce some of the island’s best reds.

CARDEO
Often overlooked in favour of Golfo di Orosei beaches further north, this wild and wonderfully undeveloped red granite coastline is a delight to discover on foot or by kayak.

MONTE DEI SETTE FRATELLI
Leave behind Cagliari’s crowds and head to this park’s quiet woodlands, granite peaks and waterfalls.