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Gourmet Food & Wine Trip to



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Cagliari - Pula - Giba - Barumini
Santu Lussurgiu - Sassari - Porto Conte
Porto Torres - Porto Cervo
Costa Smeralda - Isola Maddalena
Isola Caprera - Bonifacio (Corsica)
La Tavolara - Olbia

03 - 13 September 2012

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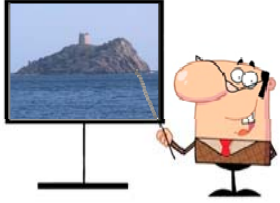
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PRE-TRIP BRIEFING

Monday 20 Aug

Laurel {Trip Briefing}



Pre-trip briefing this evening at Pasta Plus! Everyone is invited to meet each other over a glass of Sardegnan wine and for a "practical traveller" presentation by Guido Adelfio of Bethesda Travel to go over trip details plus information on packing, wardrobe, climate, electricity, security and some of the special places we will visit. (19h00-21h00)

TRIP ITINERARY

Monday 03 Sept

Laurel - Dulles [IAD]

Assemble at Pasta Plus today (14h00) for the ride to IAD in time for United [UA] flight 966 non stop to Rome, ETD 17h41. Dinner & movie aloft! {A note on the flights: According to normal group flight procedures, preassigned seating is not available for groups, meaning that seat assignments will be given at Dulles upon check in. Please refer to the Terms & Conditions below for details on United's "Economy Plus" premier seating (offers 5" more legroom), or the Business Class option, both of which allow for seat preassignment on transatlantic legs.}



Tuesday 04 Sept

Roma [FCO] - Cagliari [CAG]

ETA 08h30 at Rome's Fiumicino [FCO] Airport. Time to clear immigration formalities at Terminal 3 before retrieving luggage for customs clearance and recheck at Terminal 1. Meridiana flight 1492 will take us to Cagliari [CAG], ETD-ETA 13h10-14h20 (note: no advance seating offered on internal Italian flights, which also have stringent luggage limits). Transfer on arrival to our Hotel Regina Margherita (or similar, 2 nights) for check in. Welcoming aperitif on arrival at each of our Sardegnan hotels. After a little rest and relaxation, dinner is planned this evening in the hotel restaurant. (D)



Wednesday 05 Sept

Cagliari - Pula (Nora) - Giba - Cagliari



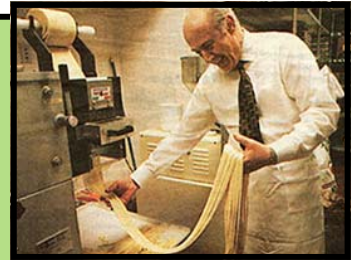
Daily **breakfasts** each morning for the group. Today's sightseeing will take in a quick look at Cagliari's main center, with its Gothic Cathedral and interesting old quarters. Heading south, our first stop will be Pula, whose ancient Phoenician/Roman city, called Nora, is incredibly well preserved. Nora is in a beautiful seaside location and was inhabited for over 1,000 years. Visit the Temple of Tanit and the Roman theater before heading off to Giba for gourmet **lunch** at La Locanda Rossella (or similar).



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Return to Cagliari for some free time before our Festive Welcoming **Dinner** this evening! Benvenuti in Sardegna! (B,L,D)

It's been 45 years since Max Mazziotti and his brother Sabatino came to Washington from the Abruzzo region of Italy! Starting with the fashionable Madison Hotel downtown, for years they grew their knowledge and expertise, meanwhile always dreaming of starting a restaurant of their own. In 1983, they trusted their instincts on a "for sale" ad they saw in the newspaper, and bought a little pizzeria in Laurel which they transformed into their very own **Pasta Plus Restaurant and Market** - and an institution in the Laurel community (and beyond!) was born. Max's loyal customers soon began requesting unique gourmet food and wine trips to Italy, and so about 20 years ago Max organized his first adventure to Tuscany and Rome. Since then, annual Pasta Plus trips have visited nearly every region of Italy and this September, we're going to enjoy the beautiful and intriguing Mediterranean islands of Sardegna & Corsica! And now, won't you join us in Italy & France?? It is certain to be a trip of a lifetime—our promise! Max and Sabatino are reuniting with Guido Adelfio of **Bethesda Travel**, which has specialized in unique trips to Italy since 1961! A deposit of \$1,250 per person (and a passport, too!) is all you need, and Guido will take care of the rest! Any questions? Please call 301-656-1670 or email ciao@bethesdatravel.com.



Thursday 06 Sept

Cagliari - Barumini - Santu Lussurgiu - Sassari - Porto Conte



One of the most remarkable elements of Sardegnan history is the *Nuraghi*, curious stone igloo-shaped structures that dot the countryside. Barumini is the largest of these and will be our stop this morning to visit the UNESCO site and adjacent museum of bronze-age artifacts. Continuing on to Santu Lussurgiu were we will enjoy a *degustazione* "sampler" **lunch** at the Antica Dimora Gruccione. Afterwards, a quick stop in the provincial capital of Sassari before reaching our next hotel in Porto Conte - **Hotel El Faro** (2 ntx). Independent dinners this evening. (B,L)



Friday 07 Sept

Porto Conte - Porto Torres - Porto Conte

Some free time to relax on the beach of Porto Conte before today's excursion to Porto Torres to see the far NW tip of the island. Since this coast faces Barcelona, there has been a strong Catalan cultural influence over the centuries. **Lunch** of local specialties at Li Lioni near Porto Torres before returning to Porto Conte for a festive poolside seafood **dinner** party! (B,L,D)



Saturday 08 Sept

Porto Conte - Loc. I Piani - Porto Cervo

The Italian Sunday is a great invention! Waken to church bells and a little free time to relax or for a swim. Weather permitting we will visit the Grottos of Neptune as we head eastward, with a stop at Cantine Sella & Mosca in Loc. I Piani for a *degustazione* wine tasting and **lunch** en route to our stay the resort town of Porto Cervo in the Costa Smeralda - **Hotel Petra Blanca** (4 ntx). **Dinner** in-house this evening. (B,L,D)

Sunday 09 Sept

Porto Cervo - Costa Smeralda - Isola Maddalena & Isola Caprera—Porto Cevo

A morning visit to the Costa Smeralda ("Emerald Coast") including the gorgeous seacoasts and incredibly clear waters off the islands of La Maddalena and La Caprera. Seafood "*Pranzo Domenicale*" (Sunday **lunch**) in Palau "da Robertino" with free time this evening to relax - independent dinners. (B,L)



Monday 10 Sept

Porto Cervo - Bonifacio, Corsica (France) - Porto Cervo

Today's excursion will take us by ferry from the harbor of Santa Teresa to nearby Corsica. Bonifacio will be our first stop and plans include a wine tasting and **lunch** of local specialties. (Excursion details are being planned to show you this lovely island, which incidentally is the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte),... Return to the Sardegna's Costa Smeralda for a free evening to explore local dining spots! (B,L)

Tuesday 11 Sept

Porto Cervo - Arzachena - Porto Cervo

A relaxing day is projected as we will visit together Cantine Piero Mancini for a *degustazione* visit and **lunch** (subject to busy harvest season scheduling). Return to Porto Cervo this afternoon with free time to prepare for tonight's festive Farewell **Dinner** (dancing shoes recommended!) (B,L,D)

Wednesday 12 Sept

Porto Cervo - La Tavolara - Olbia [OLB] - Roma [FCO]

Heading south this morning, plans call for a boat ride to La Tavolara, lovely island in the bay of Olbia. **Lunch** before heading off to Olbia's *aeroporto* [OLB], where we will board our short flight to Rome FCO (IG 1123 ETD-ETA 17h45-18h35). Retrieve luggage on arrival and proceed on foot to the adjacent **Hilton Fiumicino** (1 nt) for our last night. Independent dinners. (B,L)

Thursday 13 Sept

Roma [FCO] - Dulles [IAD] - Laurel

It's just a quick shuttle ride to Terminal 5 for our Washington-bound UA 967 ETD-ETA 11h10-15h25. US customs as we board our coach to Laurel, with ETA 18h00. *Welcome home!!!* (B)



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TERMS & CONDITIONS [T&C]

This uniquely designed travel program is offered to local patrons of Pasta Plus Restaurant for the all-inclusive price of **\$4,235** per person [p/p] (share basis, limited number of singles available for **\$735** supplement) which will provide you with: round trip [r/t] airfares (in coach), r/t transportation from Laurel to Dulles Airport [IAD] by privately chartered motorcoach, nightly hotel accommodations in 4-star hotels with daily hotel breakfasts, touring, entry fees and all excursions, as well as all meals and *degustazioni* indicated in the detailed itinerary, along with carefully selected wines representative of the local regions, and a commemorative travel tote. Also included are all taxes, current fuel surcharges, and agency/professional/operational costs associated with making and carrying out these complex arrangements on your behalf. The trip will be escorted by Guido Adelfio, president of Bethesda Travel Center LLC. Please note that travel insurance and Bethesda Travel's "Reassurance" cancellation waiver are available and strongly recommended for your protection. Bethesda Travel reserves the right to pass along any future airline or bus charter fuel surcharges, as well as to make technical adjustments and improvements in the itinerary here described. Your initial deposit of **\$1,250** per person is requested by immediate return check to secure your spot on the trip. This deposit will be freely refundable up until 03 July, the balance date, after which all payments will be 100% non refundable. Please let Bethesda Travel know at time of enrollment if you would like to go early or stay longer, or if you would like to fly in Economy Plus (adds **\$300** p/p and allows for advance seat selection on the transatlantic [t/a] flights) or Business Class (adds **\$2,285** p/p, and allows for advance seat selection on t/a flights, with the chance of connecting flights)! Pasta Plus trips have sold out every year, so please don't wait! We truly look forward to your interest & participation!



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ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

*Please complete and submit with your deposit check payable to Bethesda Travel Center LLC and passport copies to:
Bethesda Travel Center LLC - 4422 East West Highway - Bethesda MD 20814*

Dear Guido, Yes! I am/we are excited about the trip!

Enclosed is my/our enrollment application for the
Pasta Plus Gourmet Food & Wine Trip to Sardegna and Corsica,
03-13 September 2012!



Name(s) _____

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Single room requested (\$735 supplement) Y / N

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My/our deposit check of \$1,250 per person is here enclosed, payable to Bethesda Travel Center LLC at the address above, along with a copy of my/our passport informational pages. *NOTE: passports should be valid for 6 months after the date of travel!*

I/we hereby attest that I/we have read and agree to all T&C above and that I am/we are in reliable physical condition for international travel and able to walk up to 1.5 miles at a stretch.



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