

SARDINIA EDUCATIONAL – 18 -23 MAY13  
JUST SARDINIA

I recently visited North East Sardinia with Just Sardinia.

Sardinia is a beautiful unspoilt Island with no significant tourist development. It is wonderfully scenic and peaceful with excellent beaches.

In my opinion Sardinia is very well suited for couples looking for good accommodation, good scenery and a peaceful environment. There are good quality family Hotels in Sardinia that I would say are suited to young families with small children. Many of the Hotels have Spas and Sardinia would also suit ladies or groups of ladies looking for a short break as the travelling distance is short. Walkers and cyclists would enjoy Sardinia in the cooler months.

The style of accommodation is typically Italian, very nice but not as modern and contemporary as you may find in other European Resorts. The bathrooms in many Hotels are not as modern as you may expect. Most of the room categories did not have tea/coffee making facilities in the rooms.

I would definitely recommend car hire as many of the Hotels are fairly isolated and it would be a shame to visit and not see the scenery and coastline of the island.

The service in the Hotels is a bit below European standards; tourism in Sardinia mainly comes from the Italian mainland. An example of this is a beautiful buffet breakfast in the Hotel but no welcome from the Maître' DE showing people to tables and offering tea or coffee.

Average prices on the Island were very similar to the rest of Europe;  
Obviously, Hotel prices are more expensive.

In town a coffee is on average EUR1.50  
A small beer is EUR3.00  
A tourist menu is EUR 18.50 per person  
A La Carte EUR35.00 per person

If someone is looking for an unspoilt destination with a two hour flying time Sardinia would definitely fit the bill. It is possible to find unoccupied sandy coves with lovely clear water and peace and quiet.

I did not stay in Porto Cervo but I did visit and have a very expensive glass of Prosecco on the waterfront. I would not suggest staying here unless you want to shop in the designer shops or mix with the Jetset. It is largely a Marina where all of the fabulous yachts dock, people come ashore to eat in the expensive restaurants or shop.



### HOTELS VISITED

Example prices are based on 07 September for a week.

#### RESORT & SPA LE DUNE

<http://www.resortledune.com/sardinia>

This resort is very suited to families with young children that like everything within the resort and within walking distance of a lovely sandy beach.

The Resort has 6 swimming pools and 9 restaurants, although depending on the standard of accommodation booked some restaurants carry a supplement.

The resort also has children's clubs for children aged between 18 months and 17 years and a nice Spa for the Adults.

Price from £3500.00, Half Board, 2 Adults & 2 Children.

HOTEL MARINEDDA THALASSO & SPA

<http://www.hotelmarinedda.com/sardinia/>

This Hotel overlooks the Marinedda beach near Isola Rossa. Isola Rossa is very beautiful and there is a small town with a few restaurants although a fair walk from this Hotel. The Hotel itself has three restaurants and is within walking distance of the beach. The Hotel does cater for children although I would say more suited to adults. The Spa was very nice and the Hotel had a nice ambience.

Price from £1700.00, Half Board, 2 Adults.

HOTEL RELAX TORRERUJA THALASSO & SPA

<http://www.hoteltorreruja.com/sardinia/>

This Hotel is close to the Marinedda but closer to the town it is also walking distance to the beach. I think this Hotel is more suited to families and the property also has some very nice villas for larger families looking for a villa with access to Hotel facilities.

Price from £2300.00, Half Board, 2 Adults & 2 Children.

VALLE DELL'ERICA THALASSO & SPA

<http://www.hotelvalledellerica.com/sardinia/>

This is very much a resort style Hotel suitable for both couples and families. The setting and scenery is beautiful although the property is isolated and a car would be preferable. This property has very good children's clubs which are complimentary. The resort has a new development Licciola that is the size of the original property. The rooms in Licciola are brand new and more contemporary than Erica, there are also some very nice duplex and interconnecting rooms for families. The Spa is very nice but it is worth pointing out that the gym is within the Spa and Spa entry must be paid to use it.

Price from £2200.00, half Board, 2 Adults.

PARK HOTEL & SPA CALA DI LEPRE

<http://www.hotelcaladilepre.com/>

This Hotel was not yet open when I visited so it was difficult to form an opinion. I was not really keen on it the rooms were average and although it is on a nice beach (expensive sunbeds), it is isolated. The restaurant is buffet and rather dark and uninviting. The pool is very large and the sunbathing areas around it are very nice. There is a poolside restaurant for lunch but you cannot eat here within the half board. The children's club looked to be a very nice area with plenty of grass and located beside the pool so very nice for parents that wanted to stay by the pool but be able to be close to the children. There is an extensive Spa.

### RESORT CALA DI FALCO

<http://www.hotelcaladifalco.com/sardinia/>

This resort is ideally situated opposite the beach and 500m from the town and port of Cannigione. This property is ideal for those that like to stroll into town in the evening but also have a nice beach in walking distance. The Hotel also has a complimentary shuttle to other local beaches. Suitable for couples and families with a complimentary children's club. There are also villas available at Cala Di Falco. I liked this property and the owner was very amiable.

### HOTEL CAPO D'ORSO THALASSO & SPA

<http://www.hotelcapodorso.com/en/index.php>

This is a five star Hotel in a secluded location with lovely scenery. The Hotel caters for children but is more suited to adults. I loved this Hotel, the setting was beautiful, the spa was lovely and the food and service was far superior to the other properties visited. I would definitely recommend a car unless you just wanted to enjoy the Resort. Price from £2600.00, Half Board, 2 adults.



My recommendation for a good all round resort that would suit most people including families would be The Valle D'Erica Thalasso and Spa.



Valle D'Erica pool.



Valle D'Erica Beach.