



SHORT CRUISE "UP TO THE BUE MARINO CAVES"

Full day - Sailing for 46 nautical Miles day return - Route: Arbatax, Isolotto d'Ogliastra, Pedra Longa, Cala Goloritzè, Cala dei Gabbiani, Calettino delle Foche Monaca, Cala Biriola, Cala Sisine, Grotta della Madonnina, Cala Luna, Grotte del Bue Marino - Daily departure at about 8.30 from Arbatax harbour

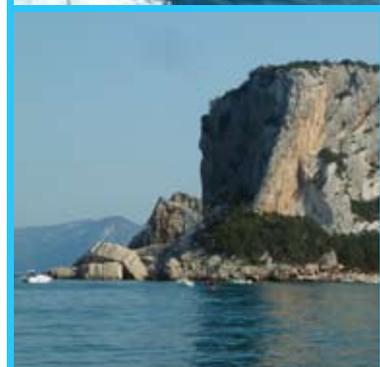
The route goes North throughout which it is possible to admire the coastal landscape in its rocky formations and the colours of its waters. Shortly after the departure, having passed **Santa Maria Navarrese**, you can see the stack of **Pedra Longa**. On the way, along the coast of **Baunei**, we can briefly stop nearby **Grotta dei Colombi** (The Doves' Cave), where by means of a tender we can approach it to see the seasonal nest-building of the so-called **Eleonora's falcons**. After passing **Capo Monte Santo**, we can enter the **gulf of Orsei** where you can admire the little natural fiords of **Portu Pedrosu** and **Porto Quau**, small characteristic bays hollowed out in the rock. Then we will arrive at **Cala Goloritzè** (Goloritzè Cove), a real pearl of the Sardinian coast, considered one of the most famous and loved ten beaches in the world. This cove is particularly famous for the deep shades of blue which tinge its sea, amazing consequent result of the flowing out of some underwater sources and some marble rocks remoulded by the passing of time. The candid white of the beach, made up of lots of little pebbles, stands out all of a sudden against the sky-blue of the waters. The enchanting Paradise of **Cala Goloritzè** is still further embellished by the **famous rocky arch** stretching towards the sea and by the imposing **Goloritzè needle**, destination no to be missed.

Sailing on along the coast, you can admire a wonderful series of little coves such as **Le Sorgenti** (The Sources), **Cala Mariolu** (Mariolu Cove), **Cala dei Gabbiani** (The Seagull's Cove) and spectacular cliffs in a really unique view. We can stop at the amazing **Cala Biriola** (Biriola Cove), an unpolluted corner of Paradise. It's a small bay embellished by a little arch of sandstone on the water's surface. The original natural arch that stretches round the small beach and the extremely clear water rich in fish fauna, make this cove particularly evocative and also suitable for underwater diving or simple snorkelling. The majestic slope of Biriola, about two kilometres wide, is covered with a thick wood of ancient holm-oaks and junipers. Here sun bathing is compulsory. By means of a tender, we can stop at the small cove and discover the nearby grottoes and inlets with absolutely unique colours and sea shades which make this cove one of the most beautiful in the Mediterranean.

Our skipper will accompany you throughout an exciting **snorkelling** to discover the underwater world. While you are enjoying this Paradise, the crew, besides guaranteeing you support on board, will prepare a tasty lunch with a typical seafood starter, a first course based on a "unique" fish recipe, followed by fruit, typical local pastries and herbal wines. This recipe of a light and mouth-watering lunch is maybe the reason for the famous longevity of our place.

After having a nice swim and passed **Cala Sisine** (Sisine Cove), we can sail on towards **Cala Luna** (Moon Cove), dominated by white limestone and surrounded by multicolour flowered oleanders and other plants with a sweet and strong scent. This beach is regarded by many as the most beautiful of the gulf of Orsei.

Its sand is coarse and light-coloured mixed with pebbles. There are also deep grottoes which offer shelter from the summer heat. In the past **Cala Luna** was a reference point for sailors as it was visible from a long distance. The view is grand and at the same time exciting, both if you admire it from the offshore and from the surrounding hills. The characteristic cliffs which rise along the adjacent coasts, of multicoloured granite and white limestone, are also very nice to see. The same for the waters which are, especially when the sea is calm, clear, transparent and with changing colours from blue-green to dark-green or sky-blue. Here it is possible to have another swim, possibly stopping on the very white sandy beach or, if you prefer, after lunch, visiting **Grotte del Bue Marino** (The Bue Marino Caves), the last shelter of the **monk seal**.





Towards 16.30 we will return to the **gulf of Arbatax** and during the hour and a half's trip you can decide whether to sunbathe at the wide areas of the bow and the stern or to stay in the shade possibly having a cool drink. On the way back we will see the **Isolotto d'Ogliastra** in front of us for a last swim and a happy toast to celebrate a wonderful day spent together. Unless otherwise stated, the return to the boarding point is towards 18.30. During the whole excursion, the skipper will give you all the information and explanations necessary to enjoy this really unique experience to the full and turn this simple boat trip into a day to remember spent with friends.

On request, both **Cala Sisine** and **Cala Luna** have some facilities such as bars, café and toilettes. For other destinations passengers are provided with a board service of cool drinks.

For further information and/or reservations write to: info@chartersardinia.com

VISIT TO THE BUE MARINO CAVES

The **Bue Marino Caves** are so called for the Sardinian name given to the **Monk Seal**, a rare mammal that used to visit this place, located 3 kilometres North of **Cala Luna**.

Arriving from the sea, the cave appears with a majestic entrance with two big archways. It is 5 kilometres long and is divided into two branches. It is possible to visit it walking on safely lit up paths for about 900 metres.

The Southern branch is characterized by a wide gallery where sea water can penetrate and different small fresh water lakes can be seen. The latter are fed by subterranean rivers, divided into small sandy beaches and rich in concretions. The Northern branch has become fossil due to the finished erosive action inside.

The visit is only possible in the Southern branch along a path rich in stalactites and stalagmites which offer a spectacular chromatic view thanks to the beam of lights that penetrate inside, enriched by the light-coloured waters of a big salty lake for a surface of over one kilometre.

Particularly important are also a dozen dancing figures carved in the walls: they are graffiti of the Neolithic Age.

The walk lasts about 30 minutes and ends with the visit to The Seal Beach, where the monk seal used to give birth to her young.

We suggest bringing a cardigan or a jacket with you because of the temperature change inside.



PRICES ON REQUEST

Excursion price "**Up to the Bue Marino caves**": boarding for a total of maximum 10 people (the price is the same if the number of passengers is less than ten), full day excursion and boat-hire with skipper included, crew, fuel, mid-morning snack, seafood lunch, afternoon aperitif, tender services, snorkelling guide and equipment, boat service up to the Bue Marino Caves