

Asinara
NATIONAL PARK



AT A GLANCE

SEASIDE



7 BEACHES

10 SCUBA DIVING SITES

NATURE



10 MOUNTAIN BIKING
TRAILS

80 SPECIES OF WILDLIFE
(70 ALBINO DONKEYS)

700 FLORA SPECIES

GASTRONOMY



7 DOP & IGP FOOD PRODUCTS

ART & HISTORY



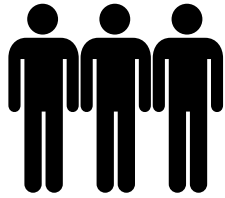
2 MUSEUMS

23 HISTORICAL,
ARCHITECTURAL &
CULTURAL SITES

1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL
SITES

VISITOR PROFILE

STATISTICS



80,000 VISITORS PER YEAR

CHARACTERISTICS

ANIMAL LOVERS

ADVENTURE SEEKERS

NATURE LOVERS

HIKERS

BEACHGOERS

HISTORY BUFFS

SEASONALITY



0%



75%



25%



0%

Asinara NATIONAL PARK

Asinara is the third largest island of Sardinia and it is located at the northwestern tip of the region. Asinara was nicknamed “devil’s island” due to the contrast between its natural beauty and its dark history. During WW2, it was used as a quarantine island and as a prison camp. Throughout the 70s, it was used to imprison some of Italy’s high profile criminals until it was eventually re-established as a national park in 1997.



LOCATION

Province of Sassari in Sardinia,
Italy

CLOSEST CITY

Porto Torres

HOW TO GET THERE?

Asinara: Ferry Porto Torres
(1 hr 15 mins)

Sightseeing

PUNTO DELLO SCORNO

The Asinara coast is incredibly steep and rocky. Some rocks on the island have been found to be 950 million years old, making them Sardinia's oldest rocks.

CALA D'ARENA

Even if Asinara's history is dark, the waters of its countless inlets offer some respite as they are the perfect location for swimming. Visitors can swim at Cala Sabina and near other smaller inlets. When the island was used as a jail, the prisoners were allowed to swim at Cala d'Oliva, where they were watched over by guards.

CALA D'OLIVA

Cala d'Oliva is recognized as the capital of the island and the National Park. The settlement is made up of a group of white structures which blend beautifully with the Mediterranean backdrop, the Aragonese watchtower and the remains of the Fornelli security jail.

ASINARA'S ALBINO DONKEYS

The donkeys with a white pelt are indigenous Asinara and are one of the greatest mysteries of Italian zoology. It is still unknown when they arrived on the island or why they are the colour they are. Today the wild donkeys live in small colonies near Santa Maria and at Trabuccato.



Activities TO DO

GUIDED TOURS

- Cycling (10 mountain biking trails)
- Hiking
- Horseback Riding
- Sailing
- Canoeing
- Deep Sea Fishing

DOLPHIN AND WHALE WATCHING

Asinara is the perfect location for dolphin and whale watching. The most common species in the surrounding waters are the sperm whale and the bottlenose dolphin. The best time to spot these animals is during the warmer months between May-September.

SNORKELING OR SCUBA DIVING

The seabeds around Asinara offer exceptional diving opportunities. Here you will discover plenty of lobster, Corvina, Scorpion Fish, Moray eels and Barracuda. The diving hot spots include Cala Scombro di Fuori and Cala di Punta Tumbarino, which are both on the island's western side.

COURSES

- Photography
 - Archeology
 - Ecology
 - Scuba Diving & Marine Biology
 - Veterinary Science
- *offered during the summer*








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GUIDED TOURS

The park offers a wide selection of tours for visitors to choose from. There are over 60 expert tour guides available on-site that have exclusive access to the park. Please contact the visitor centre for instructions on how to make reservations.

ACCOMMODATIONS

4-Star Hotels	B&Bs	Farm Houses	Apts	Hotels
30	50	10	100	1