

JET SET ESCAPES

CAPRI, SARDINIA AND ST. TROPEZ

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CAPRI

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Off the Sorrentine Peninsula lies the island of Capri, the Mediterranean island known in Greek mythology as the isle of the sirens. Deep blue water, soaring rocks, and an encompassing sense of luxury make this destination a picture-perfect getaway.

Visitors arrive by boat at Marina Grande, the island's main harbor, to soak up sun, romance, and sweeping views. Prime people-watching takes place at The Piazzetta, the heart of the island. This closed-off square resembles a courtyard and surrounds the Torre dell'Orologio, or Clock Tower, cafés, and the quaint San Stefano church—it is the perfect place to grab a cocktail or lunch with friends.

Book a ticket to experience the piercing blue sea and indulge in the island's famous Limoncello di Capri.

SARDINIA

Just off the west coast of Italy lies an island paradise on the Mediterranean Sea. Sardinia is visually stunning, from its miles of picturesque, pristine white beaches to its rugged and mountainous terrain. Sardinia's natural beauty and charm also marks it as a hot playground for the elite—the Costa Smeralda is legendary for its glitz and glamour.

During the summer months, Sardinia's coasts are home to the world's most prestigious sailing and yachting events. This summer,

Sardinia hosted the world-renowned Europa Smeralda 888 Cup from May 29-31, 2009, as well as the Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta from June 9-13, 2009. Many races fill in Sardinia's sailing calendar, but the one to watch is the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup, held September 6-12, 2009.

As a favorite destination of the jet-set, Sardinia offers world-class dining experiences, luxury hotels, and high-end, designer boutiques. Despite being a star-studded, hotspot destination, the island still features untouched beaches and ancient villages. Get your sailboat ready, and discover the island of Sardinia for yourself.

ST. TROPEZ

For those jet-setters whose hearts belong to the French Riviera—there's always St. Tropez.

No matter what the economic climate, St. Tropez remains the playground of the global elite. It is where billionaires and the beau monde gather and where power players in the worlds of film, fashion, business, and politics play.

St. Tropez's romantic beaches and one-of-a-kind charisma attract droves of visitors every year. Unique characteristics such as the narrow streets, an old castle overlooking the marvelous harbor, and the sun-kissed beaches give this Mediterranean town its charm. St. Tropez exudes luxury and lavishness, while the famed restaurants, hotels, and beach clubs are the embodiment of dream-like extravagance.

CAPRI HOT LIST

HOTELS

Grand Hotel Quisisana This hotel — one of Capri's most elegant properties since 1845 — welcomes guests with quintessential Italian style.

www.quisisana.com

Caesar Augustus Hotel This opulent hotel offers a spectacular bird's eye view of the island.

www.caesar-augustus.com

RESTAURANTS

JKitchen Lounge & Restaurant Located in the hotel, JK Place Capri. This charming restaurant serves traditional Mediterranean cuisine on its terrace with a panoramic view.

www.jkcapri.com

Rendez-Vous At the Hotel Quisisana's restaurant, guests enjoy the very best classical Italian and international cuisine.

www.quisisana.com

NIGHTLIFE

Anema e Core Throngs of VIPs flock to the center of the island to visit this hotspot.

www.anemaecore.com

Lanterna Verde Upon entering the Lanterna Verde, visitors are struck by the magical atmosphere and the illusion of being under a starry night sky.

Panta Rei This is perfect for the traveler seeking fabulous cuisine and nightlife.

www.pantareicapri.it

SARDINIA HOT LIST

HOTELS

Hotel Cala di Volpe Retreat to classic luxury: this extraordinary property is a picturesque, old fishing village.

www.starwoodhotels.com/luxury

Hotel Pitrizza A rare gem nestled into Costa Smeralda's coast, this exclusive hotel is as glamorous as it is discreet. Donatella Versace is a fan.

www.starwoodhotels.com/luxury

Hotel Romazzino Famed for its whitewashed architecture and immaculate beaches it's surrounded by lavish gardens and leads to seaside cliffs.

www.starwoodhotels.com/luxury

RESTAURANTS

Eight Over Eight Located in the same building as the Billionaire Club, this Porto Cervo restaurant is the best of high-end dining.

www.rickerrestaurants.com/eightovereight

Gianni Pedrinelli An icon of the Sardinia restaurant scene—seafood reigns supreme with dishes delectable as pasta with lobster.

www.giannipedinelli.it

NIGHTLIFE

Billionaire Club One of the world's most exclusive and legendary spots, it is a summer magnet for celebrities and moguls.

www.billionaireclub.it

ST. TROPEZ HOT LIST

HOTELS

Château de la Messardière A deluxe hotel that features a spa, gourmet and poolside dining, bars, art gallery, and a 25-acre Birdlife reserve ground.

www.messardiere.com

La Bastide de Saint Tropez La Bastide offers the ultimate elegance of a Tropezienne residence, just minutes from the famous Ramatuelle beaches.

www.bastide-saint-tropez.com

RESTAURANTS

Le Club 55 Heading out to Club 55, expect to find yourself in bumper-to-bumper (albeit Ferrari and Bentley bumpers) traffic—the dishes are worth the wait.

www.leclub55.com

Chez Joseph Tucked away on a cobblestone street is one of St. Tropez's chicest nighttime spots.

www.joseph-saint-tropez.com

Villa Romana The ambience is stylish — the patrons are chic at this spot for delicious Italian cuisine.

www.pasvilla-romana.com

NIGHTLIFE

Les Caves du Roy Once a hotspot, Hotel Byblos is a St. Tropez landmark—visit if only to experience Les Caves du Roy and late-night dancing to DJ Jack E.

www.byblos.com



SARDINIA BEACH