

Carloforte, Sardinia, Italy

The only town on Isola di San Pietro, Carloforte is a sun-drenched anomaly — a piece of Liguria transplanted to southwestern Sardinia, ringed by turquoise coves and famous for its heritage red-tuna fishery.

Tender port

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Euro (€)

Italian / Tabarchino dialect

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — tenders land at the town quay in the harbor

Walk to center: Immediate — you step off tenders directly into the waterfront

Best For: Coastal walks, tuna cuisine, boat trips, relaxed island atmosphere

Don't Miss: Red tuna at a waterfront trattoria and a boat trip to Le Colonne sea stacks

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Varies (fixed island fares) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Boat Tour of San Pietro Island** — Circle the island by boat, stopping at Cala Fico, Grotta delle Oche, Le Colonne sea stacks, and secluded coves for swimming.
- Carloforte Old Town Walking Tour** — A guided stroll through the narrow carruggi reveals the town's unique Ligurian-Sardinian identity — pastel houses, Piazza Carlo Emanuele III, the...
- Tuna & Tabarchino Food Experience** — Carloforte is Italy's red-tuna capital.
- Capo Sandalo & Eleonora's Falcon Reserve** — Drive or cycle to Italy's westernmost point at Capo Sandalo Lighthouse, where the rocky headland is a key nesting site for Eleonora's falcons.
- Scooter or E-Bike Island Loop** — Rent a scooter or e-bike at the harbor and circuit San Pietro Island's 25 km coastal road.

BEST WALKS

- Carloforte Carruggi & Waterfront Loop** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — From the harbor quay, thread through the narrow carruggi to Piazza Carlo Emanuele III, then up past Chiesa di San Carlo Borromeo to Torre San Vittorio for harbor views.
- Coastal Path to Spiaggia Guidi** 3 km one way · 45 min · Easy–Moderate — Head north from town along the coastal road to reach Spiaggia Guidi, one of the island's most accessible sandy beaches.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		65°	54°	7d
Jun		80°	68°	3d
Aug		86°	73°	2d
Sep		81°	70°	5d
Oct		74°	64°	6d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:50AM–8:04PM · Jun 6:00AM–8:54PM · Aug 6:40AM–8:21PM · Sep 7:08AM–7:34PM · Oct 7:36AM–6:47PM

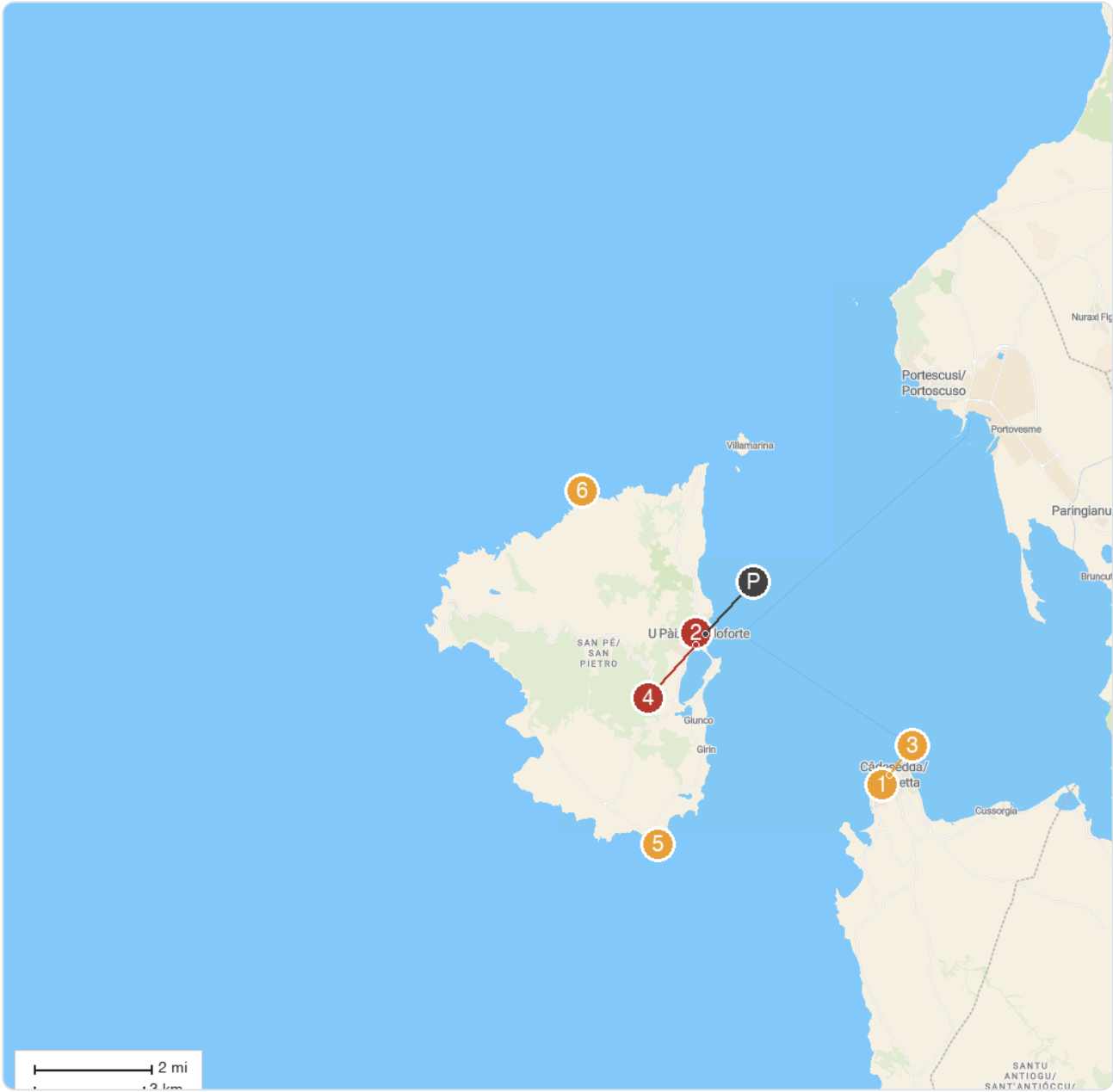
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender timing matters. Carloforte is a tender port — afternoon queues build fast. Aim to board a return tender at least 45 minutes before the last departure time.
- Eat the tuna. Carloforte's red tuna (tonno rosso) is world-famous — ventresca, carpaccio, and bottarga are the local must-orders at any harbor trattoria.
- Cash is useful. Most restaurants and shops take cards, but small boat-tour operators and market stalls often prefer cash euros.
- Rent early. Scooter and e-bike rental shops near the harbor have limited stock. Head there first if you plan a self-guided island circuit.
- Water clarity is exceptional. Pack a snorkel mask — even from the town dock, the water is clear enough to see the bottom. Boat tours and coves will reward it further.
- Small port, limited services. There is no tourist information office at the pier. The town center is self-explanatory, but download Google Maps offline before you arrive.

Carloforte, Sardinia, Italy — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Spiaggia di Sottotorre | A beautiful sandy beach beneath an ancient tower. | 2 Church of Saint Charles Borromeo | Historic church dedicated to Saint Charles Borromeo. |
| 3 Museo MACC - Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Calasetta | A museum showcasing contemporary art from Sardinia and beyond. | 4 Monumento ai Caduti | A solemn monument honoring war heroes and the fallen. |
| 5 Punta delle Colonne | Scenic cape featuring impressive natural rock columns. | 6 Scogliera della Punta delle Oche | Dramatic rocky cliffs and coastline at the Point of Geese. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |