

SARDINIA THE 9th - 16th JUNE 2010

Wednesday the 9th June we went to Sardinia. This was decided in a rush. The plan was to go to Solør in Eastern Norway to visit relatives, but yr (the weather report) warned about bad weather, and we therefore took this trip to Alghero in Sardinia. We did not regret that. Good and warm there, between 27-30 degrees. Large and nice apartment, pool, food shop nearby the entrance to the hotel.

We relaxed, went sightseeing in the city, eating out, making food for ourselves, relaxing by the pool, and so on.



The map shows where Sardinia is positioned in Italy

Sardinia is Italian. It is 24 090 km² and has a population of about 1 650 000.

Sardinia is an autonomous region in Italy and the regional capital is Cagliari.

Sardinia is known for its remarkable remnants from the antiquity, the nuraghes. There are about 7000 nuraghes, which are round rock towers that were surrounded by villages. The Nuraghs are the second largest antique buildings in the Mediterranean countries, next after the pyramids in Egypt.

Sardinia was subdued to Carthage, and later the Romans.

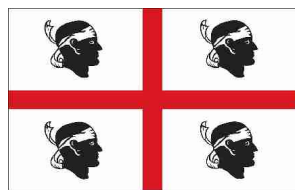
Between 1323 and 1409 Sardinia was ruled from the Catalan kingdom of Aragon, and the town Alghero was populated by people from Catalonia and Catalan is still spoken today.

In 1718 Sardinia became a «independent» vassal kingdom under Savoy.

Alghero has about 42000 inhabitants, but there are still more tourists who is coming to the city almost the whole year.

Was established by the city state of Genoa in the 13th century.

The city was a part of the Aragonese kingdom for 400 years.



The flag of Sardinia.



Alghero lies where the biggest star is placed.



Star Tour used the Danish airline Jet Time



We were transported by bus from the plain to the terminal.



Flowers at the airport



Kjell is queuing to get keys for the apartment.



The pool area looked like this.



There was market day every Wednesday. Anne Berit needed a bag. Here we are looking for the right kind.



Here is the bag purchased.



There were bags in all kind of colors and shapes.



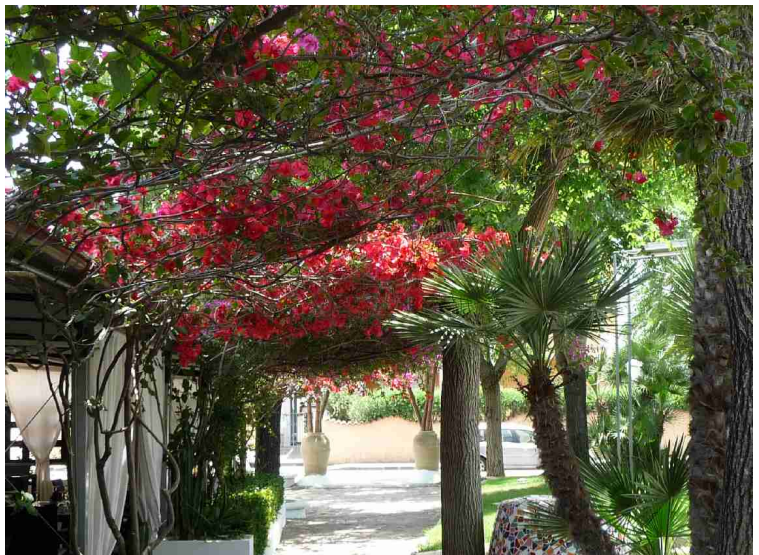
Afterwards we had pasta at a restaurant named La Pergola.



Now we are finished



Outside the restaurant.



Quite nice with a lot of flowers and trees.



A fountain outside



Here is the entrance.



Here is a mixture of tourists and locals waiting for the bus.



There was a lot of these flowering bushes.



The entrance to the apartment hotel is in the middle of the picture.



There was a lot of lobsters like this waling around in a tank in the supermarket.



There was a large assortment of products.



Kjell is choosing instant coffee



Kjell is paying.



In the supermarket was also a café and a bar.



Another picture of the pool area.



Here we are in the old-town and have just ordered paella.



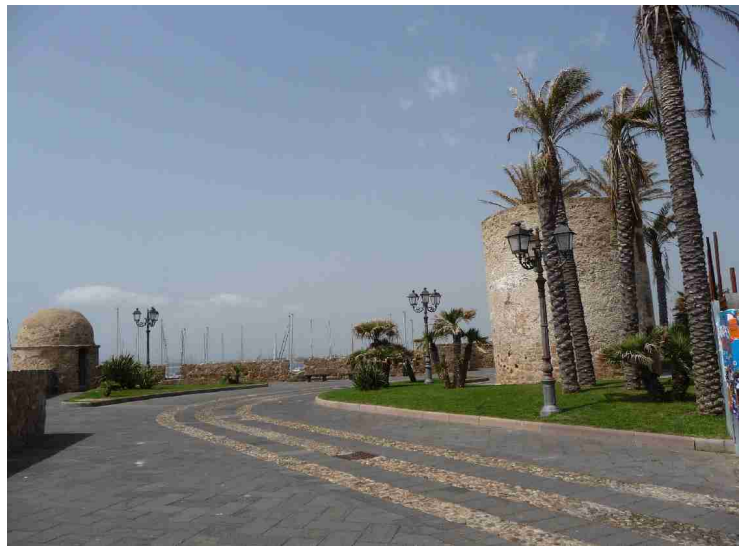
The view from our table.



The restaurant



The old-town has 7 defensive towers. This is one of them.



The tower from another angle.



Here we are on the promontory looking towards the yacht harbor.



In the direction of the old-town we can see some of the defensive walls.



More of the harbor



Here we are approaching the walls.



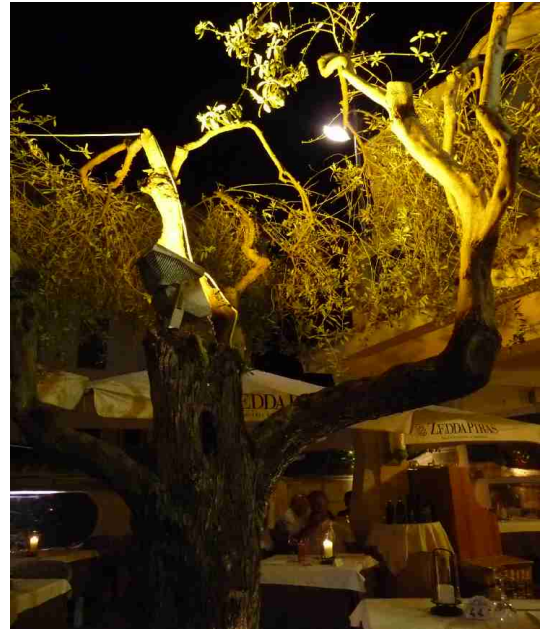
Pigeons at the lamp post



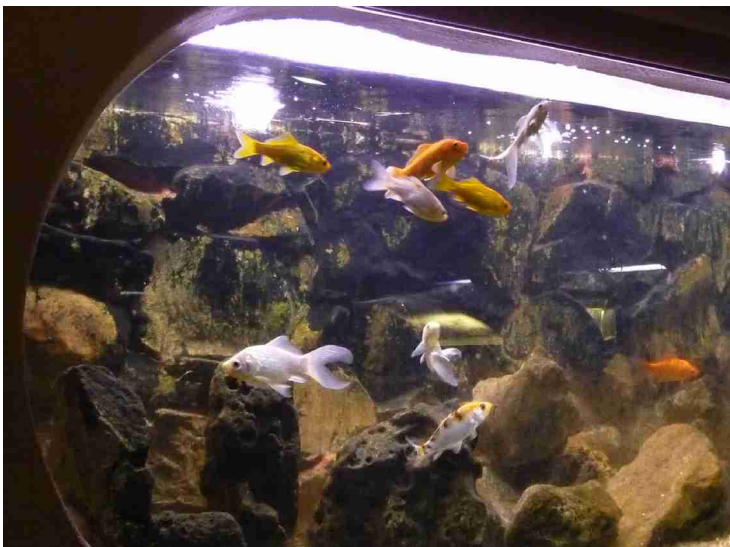
In the evening we found a nice restaurant, not far from the apartment.



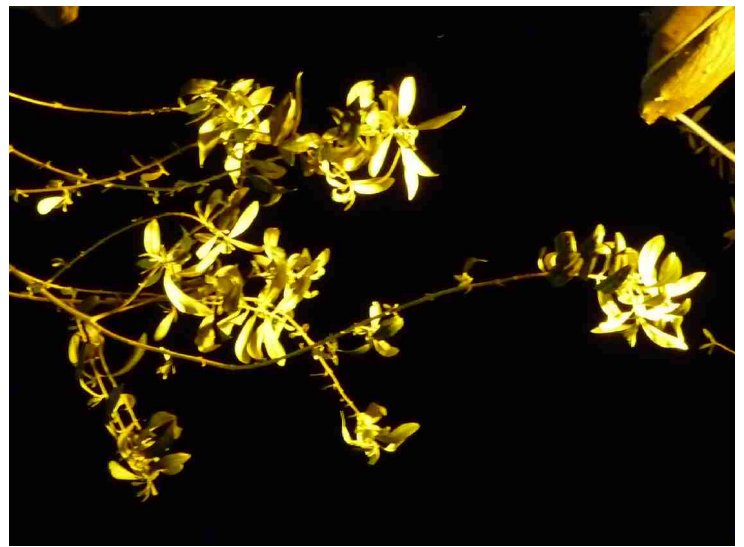
We had steak with green pepper sauce and salad. It was very good. It is probably the most tender steak we have had any place.



Nice trees in the yard.



There was an aquarium around the whole yard.



A close-up of a branch of the tree.



We don't sit often by the pool. This is an exception.



Kjell and the beer can by the pool.



Her we are at the nice restaurant again, having lunch.



The entrance.



We had some pasta.



We wandered how this liquor tasted.



We therefore ordered two variants, red and white.



This is outside the entrance.

We attended to an excursion, Sardinia evening. We were taken by bus to a farm, where there were served a lot of dishes, which were made of what was produce on the farm. 10 starters, the main course was grilled young pig (one month old), with salad and various cakes for dessert. The food was very good, and we got red or white wine along with it. The meal lasted in fact about three hours!



This is at the Sardinia evening. The staff is putting the food on the tables.



A table with flat bread, cured ham and cheese.



The piglets are grilled here, 5 of them.



Kjell tries some of the food.



There are a lot of nice buildings on the farm.



Old tools are displayed a lot of places.



A store house.



A mask



A big painting on a walls of the outbuildings.



Here all the people from the bus was eating.



This day we are in the old-town again. Here is another defensive tower.



Still a tower.



Here we have a beer.



Still a tower.



A view from the promenade along the see.



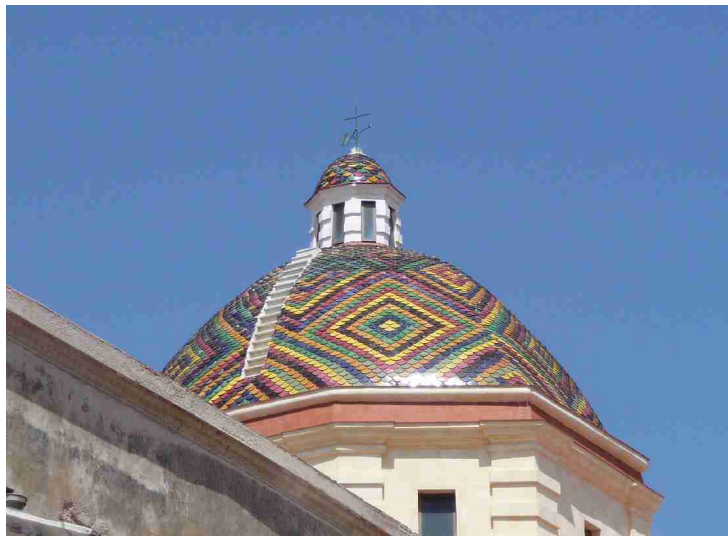
The shore is quite stony.



A view in the other direction.



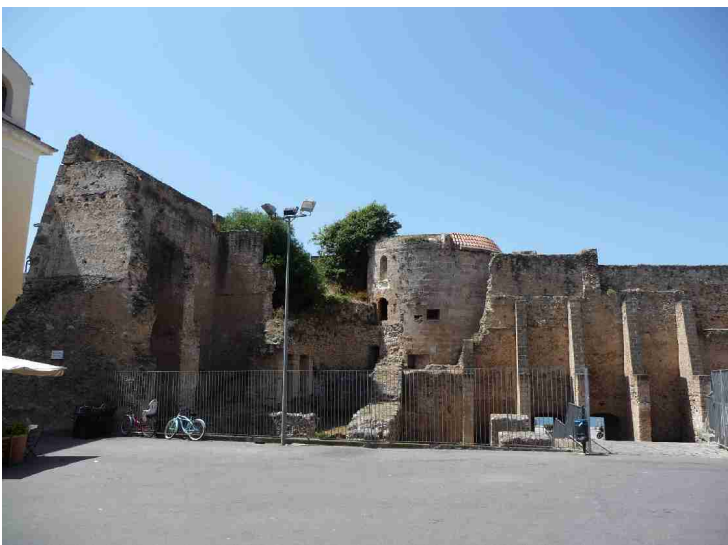
Here we had lunch.



A nice church dome in the old-town.



Street view.



This is the defensive walls seen from inside.



View through a gate.

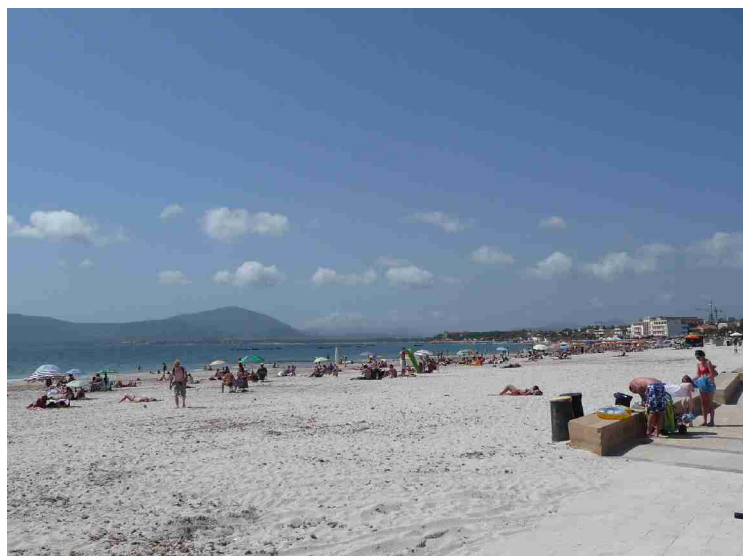


Down in the harbor again.



At the beach promenade they are preparing for grilled food. There was planned an arrangement there in the evening.

Many tents for various activities.



Here is olives from Sardinia to be presented.

The beach.



Along the beach promenade was sold a lot of different goods.



More beach.



Advertising the nice restaurant where we used to go.



Here we are at that restaurant in the evening.



We thought it was so nice there that we took one more picture.



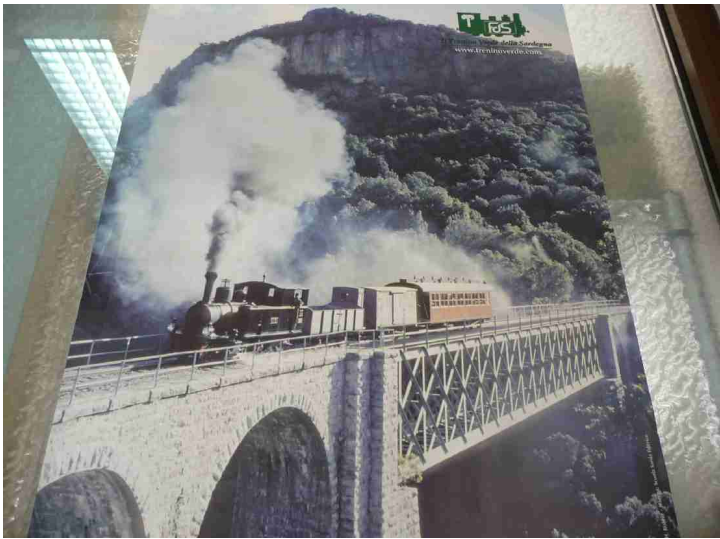
After the meal we had espresso and Sambuca.



The next day we went to the railway station. Here is a carriage ready leave. It was old and tagged.



At the ticket office were a couple of pictures of old trains.



Stylish and nostalgic



A church can also look like this. It has chimes that was the nicest we have heard from a church.



Here grows field flowers on the palm trunk.



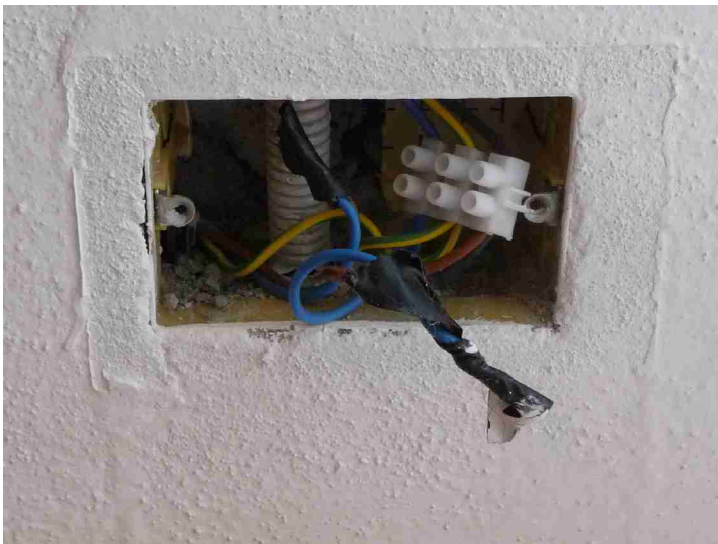
There were a lot of flowering bushes.



Date palm



There was a lot of litter lying along the streets and there grew a lot of tall grass.



One of the contacts in the apartments.
The other ones was OK.



Still one picture of the pool.



The supermarket was in the same building as the apartments.



“Balder” is a Norwegian bitter dram along with the Danish “Gammel Dansk” and the German “Jägermeister”. Balder is probably better.



The hotel crow.
It visited the pool area every afternoon and did a lot of “kra”ing.



The last day we had to check out before ten o'clock. The plain was not scheduled before late in the evening and we didn't want to walk up and down the streets all the day. We therefore rented a room at the neighbor hotel for the day. Here we are looking straight across the parking lot to the apartment hotel where we had been staying.



View from the new terrace towards the sea.



Here we are looking across the street to a sports center.



When we went to the supermarket, we noticed that the had planted new flowering plants since the day before. Then we had commented for ourselves that all the plants were withered and that they should have planted some new ones. The had surely been listening.



This is Kjell's breakfast. Cured ham with beans and beer. It tasted better than it one could think.



We were brought by bus at 18.00 o'clock to the airport.
Landed at Gardermoen airport at around 23.30 o'clock.
We agreed that we had had a terrific week!

Here we have lasagne before we go to the airport.