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# A short guide to the coves of the Golfo di Orosei

From Osalla to Cala Goloritzè, north to south: how to get there, access rules and practical tips from Cala Gonone

The Golfo di Orosei lies on the east coast of Sardinia, between the municipalities of Orosei, Dorgali and Baunei, and Cala Gonone is the most convenient harbour for the central and southern stretches. To the north you'll find sandy beaches you can reach by car. To the south, the most famous coves can only be reached by sea or on foot, and several have capped visitor numbers: always check the rules before you set off.




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## Osalla di Dorgali

**Getting there:** By car, north of Cala Gonone. A sandy beach with shallow water.

**Rules:** Part of it is dog-friendly. The rules can change from year to year, so check them before you go.

**Tip:** From Cala Gonone, your best bet is the Osalla di Dorgali stretch, which has a bar and is handy for families.

Full guide: https://calagononeguide.com/en/gulf-of-orosei/beaches/

## Cala Cartoe

**Getting there:** By car, north of Cala Gonone. A sandy beach with shallow water and facilities.

**Tip:** There's a large car park and a kiosk: check seasonal opening times and the parking rules.

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## Cala Fuili

**Getting there:** By car: follow the coast road south of the village to the end, then walk down to the cove.

**Tip:** This is where the path to Cala Luna starts. Check the parking rules on site.

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## Grotta del Bue Marino

**Getting there:** By boat from Cala Gonone harbour. Access on foot from the Cala Fuili area should be checked before you set off.

**Rules:** Guided walking tour lasting about an hour, roughly from April to October. Tickets from the Comune di Dorgali (dorgaligonone.it).

**Tip:** If you book a boat trip that includes Cala Luna, check that entry to the cave really is included.

Full guide: https://calagononeguide.com/en/gulf-of-orosei/bue-marino-cave/

## Cala Luna

**Getting there:** No road access: by boat from Cala Gonone harbour or on foot from Cala Fuili (about 5 km each way, 1h30–2h).

**Rules:** In summer 2026 access was capped at 900 people a day, free for under-6s, with landing tickets sold through authorised operators (spiaggiacalaluna.it).

**Tip:** The path has little shade: wear walking boots, bring plenty of water and set off early. Respect the barriers near the caves.

Full guide: https://calagononeguide.com/en/gulf-of-orosei/cala-luna/

### Cala Sisine

**Getting there:** By boat from Cala Gonone or on foot via the Codula di Sisine, a route for experienced walkers.

**Rules:** It is part of the landing monitoring and capping scheme run through Heart of Sardinia, with varying limits: check the rules for the season.

**Tip:** It's the largest cove after Cala Luna and the finishing point of the Selvaggio Blu.

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### Cala Biriola

**Getting there:** By boat from Cala Gonone, on an organised trip or by hiring a RIB.

**Rules:** In high season numbers are capped (maximum 300 people), with a 90-minute stay for those arriving by sea and booking through Heart of Sardinia (to be confirmed for the season).

**Tip:** It pairs well with Cala Mariolu on the same boat trip.

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### Cala Mariolu

**Getting there:** From Cala Gonone by boat only. On foot, you start from the Golgo plateau, on a path for experienced walkers.

**Rules:** In season numbers are capped (roughly 700 people a day). Stays are limited to 90 minutes for tour boats and 70 for hired RIBs, with booking through Heart of Sardinia or authorised operators (to be confirmed for the season).

**Tip:** There are no facilities and the shore is pebbles and rocks: bring water, shade and water shoes.

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### Cala Goloritzè

**Getting there:** On foot only, via the Su Porteddu path on the Golgo plateau. By boat from Cala Gonone you can only see it from offshore.

**Rules:** Boats may not moor or land passengers. From April to October numbers are capped (250 people a day), and booking through Heart of Sardinia is compulsory.

**Tip:** The return is uphill over stony ground: no flip-flops, bring food and water, and take your rubbish home with you.

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## Checklist for a cove day

- Booking or landing ticket for coves with capped numbers
- Confirm your trip with the operator the evening before
- Marine forecast: wind direction and wave height
- Plenty of water and something to eat
- Shade: many coves have no facilities
- Walking boots for the paths and water shoes for rocks and pebbles
- A bag to take your rubbish home

- Don't take away any sand, pebbles or shells (L.R. 16/2017)

## If the wind stops the boats

With strong Levante, Grecale or Scirocco winds, boat trips may be reduced or cancelled, whereas in a Maestrale the gulf often remains navigable: always check with whoever runs the trip. If the boats aren't running, drive to Cala Fuili, Cala Cartoe or Osalla or, if you walk regularly, choose a hike such as the path from Cala Fuili to Cala Luna or the Gola di Gorropu.

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Visitor caps, tickets and stay limits change from season to season, so always check them on the official websites (Comune di Dorgali, Heart of Sardinia) before you set off; up-to-date prices and availability are on the operators' booking pages.
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