

# Cruising in Lampedusa & Linosa

SY Bonaire

SY Miss Sophie

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# Pelagie Islands



# Map of Lampedusa & Linosa



# Itinerary





Miss Sophie between Gozo and Linosa





Big catch on  
Miss Sophie



Wow!!!





Approaching Linosa



# Linosa – Statistics and Information

- 25NM north east of Lampedusa
- Population: 450
- Surface area: 5.5 km<sup>2</sup>
- Highest point: Monte Vulcano at 195m
- Volcanic, with dark lava rocks and beaches
- Greener and more cultivated than Lampedusa
- Though it lacks white beaches, sea is still incredibly transparent and full of marine life

# Linosa – Berthing / Anchoring

- VHF: Tried many times but no answer
- Scalo Vecchio is too small, narrow and awkward
- Very limited berthing at inner quay in Cala Pozzolana di Ponente: drop anchor and tie stern to. However, very tricky and there are shallow boulders. Outer quay used by ferry
- More practical to drop anchor:
  - SE at Cala Pozzolana di Levante, in prevailing NW winds
  - NW at Cala Pozzolana di Ponente, in south winds
  - N at Cala Mannarazza, but further away from Linosa village
- Bottom is normally rocky with boulders of varying sizes
- No water or fuel services
- GPS error indicating boat crossing the island .... on land!!

# Linosa – Where to anchor





# Linosa – Further information

- Linosa is a lot quieter than Lampedusa and tourism is contained
- Only tourist resort on the island closed a number of years ago
- Houses are proudly very well kept
- Islanders are reserved and very inter-related, so marriages with Lampedusans are not rare
- Few shops and restaurants. One overlooking Scalo Vecchio was excellent
- Because of the small numbers, there are no banks, so no credit cards and everything is paid in cash.
- Only one ATM machine at the post office
- For moving around we found a nice old man with a minivan who took all 7 of us around the island for a reasonable sum (call Pasquale Buonadonna on 3381003052 or 3899243762)

# Linosa – What to see

- Linosa village with its well kept and very colourful houses
- Volcanic landscapes
- Fossa del Cappellano crater valley and fields
- Faraglioni and Piscina Naturale (natural pool communicated under water with the open sea)
- Time permitting, and avoiding the hot hours, walk to the summit of Monte Vulcano (195m)
- And at night on the boat .... the spectacular Milky Way and shooting stars, while listening to the wailing of the berte (Cory's Shearwater)
- Sea turtles nursery at Cala Pozzolana di Ponente









Bonaire by Linosa



## Scalo Vecchio



BBQ on board Miss Sophie











Sunset at anchor - Linosa





Bonaire at anchor – Cala Pozzolana di Levante

... and Miss Sophie





Our neighbour at anchor





Leaving Linosa ... on our way to Lampedusa





Bonaire en route to Lampedusa, with Linosa in background



Rounding Punta Sottile and heading towards Lampedusa harbour



# Lampedusa – Statistics & Information

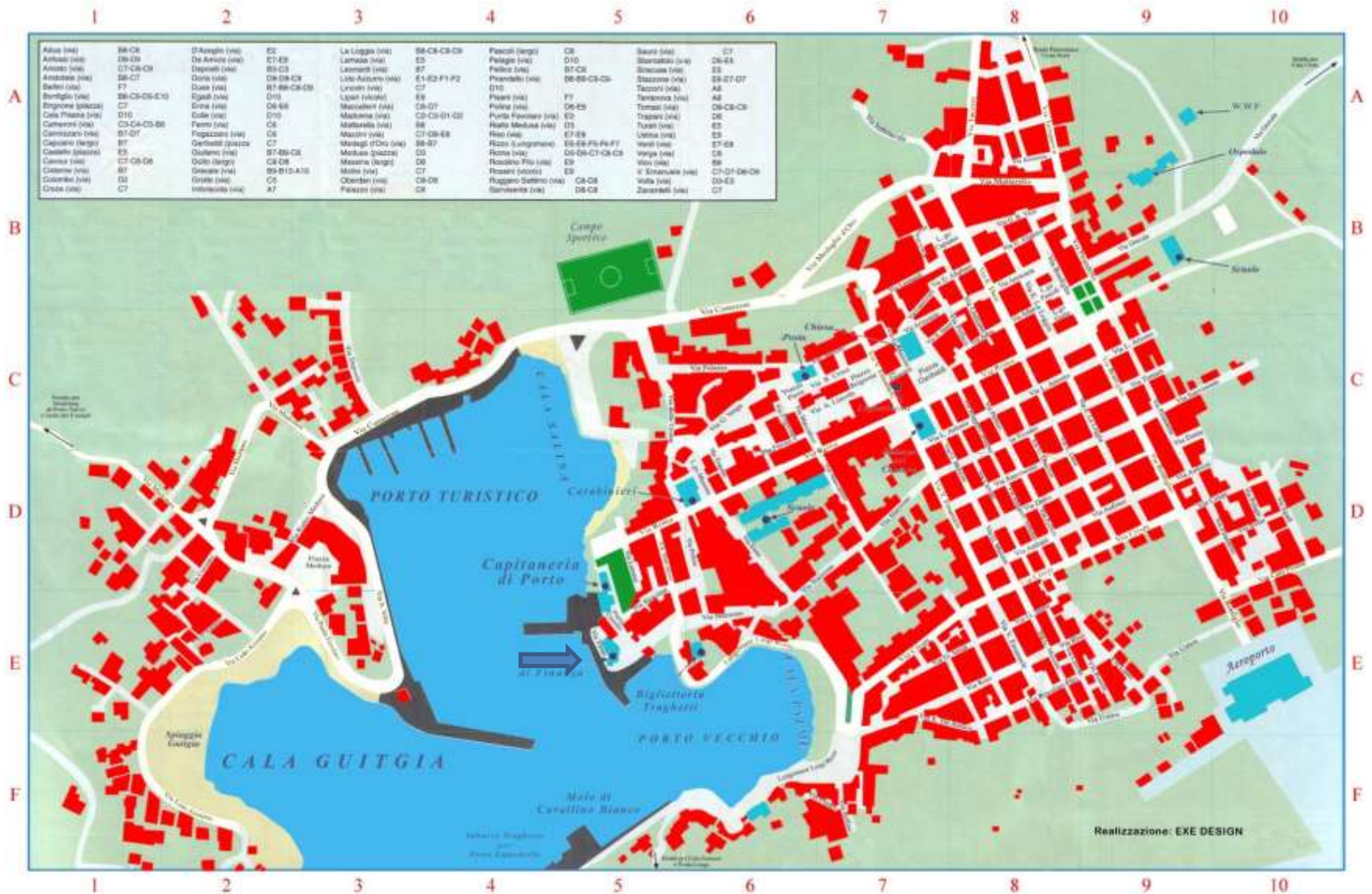
- Southernmost Italian territory, but closer to Tunisia than Sicily
- Population: 5,500
- Surface area: 20 km<sup>2</sup>
- Highest point: Albero Sole at 133m
- Cliffs on the north side, while south and east are full of bays and places where to drop anchor (except near Isola dei Conigli – nature reserve)
- Arid with little vegetation
- But with beautiful and incredibly transparent waters



# Lampedusa – Berthing / Anchoring

- VHF: Circomare Lampedusa on CH 13
- Berthing at Molo della Madonnina: drop anchor and tie stern to the public quay ... if you get there before others
- No water and electricity on quay
- Small bowzers pass occasionally asking if you need water
- Diesel from a nearby fuel station
- Alternatively drop anchor at Guitgia bay at entrance of harbour (good hold in sandy bottom)
- Not possible to anchor at Guitgia during weekly delivery of water and fuel by ships from Italy. The GdF will kindly ask you to move. Nearby Cala Croce is an ideal alternative and an early morning swim, after a night at anchor, feels like paradise

# Lampedusa Town and Harbour



# Lampedusa – Molo della Madonnina





# Lampedusa – Further Information

- Population in summer is n times that of residents. Tourist are mostly Italian, though we found some foreign boaters
- As a result, the small town of Lampedusa becomes very lively and full of bars, restaurants and shops
- Very pleasant to eat out or simply stroll after having had dinner on the boat. Ice creams & granitas not to be missed
- Prices are similar to Sicily and normally reasonable
- Two banks with ATM machines in town centre
- Credit cards generally accepted in shops and restaurants
- Internet point in main street in town centre
- Best and cheapest way to go round is by bus. 2 buses leave every hour heading W and NE on the only 2 paved roads out of town and touching all beaches and places of interest

# Lampedusa – What to see

- The town, especially in the evening
- Isola dei Conigli and beach, which can be reached only from land as anchoring is prohibited
- Santuario della Madonna di Porto Salvo. Reading through the information plaques on site, one also discovers that, around 1800, a Maltese family Gatt managed part of the island under an emphyteusis from the Prince of Lampedusa
- Albero Sole near the western cliff edge, from where one can see Lampione at some distance
- Mare Morto and Cala Pisana on the east side
- Various white beaches and sheltered anchorages (from NW prevailing winds) on the south side with postcard transparent waters

Via Roma at its quietest











Spiaggia and Isola dei Conigli









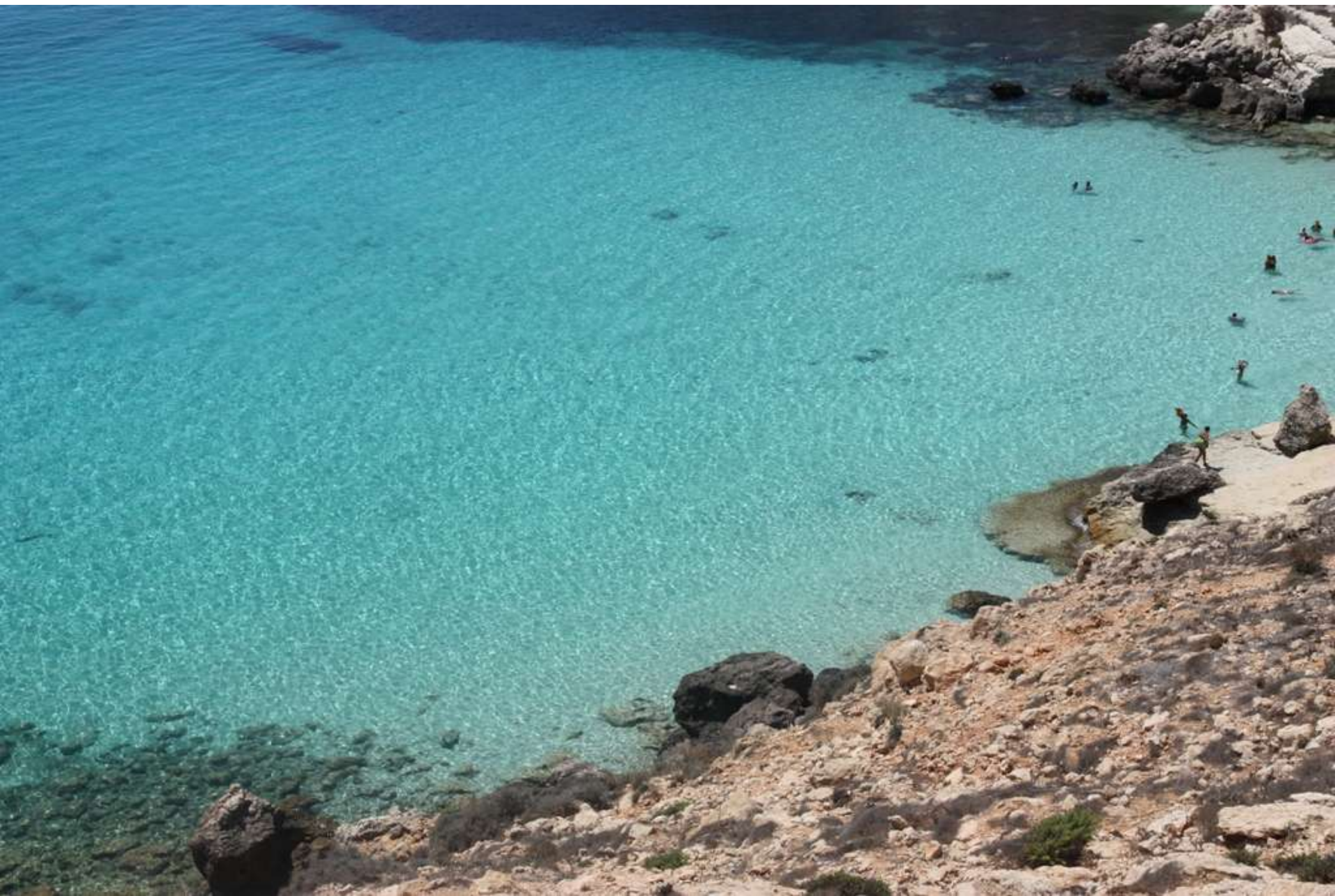
Isola dei Conigli





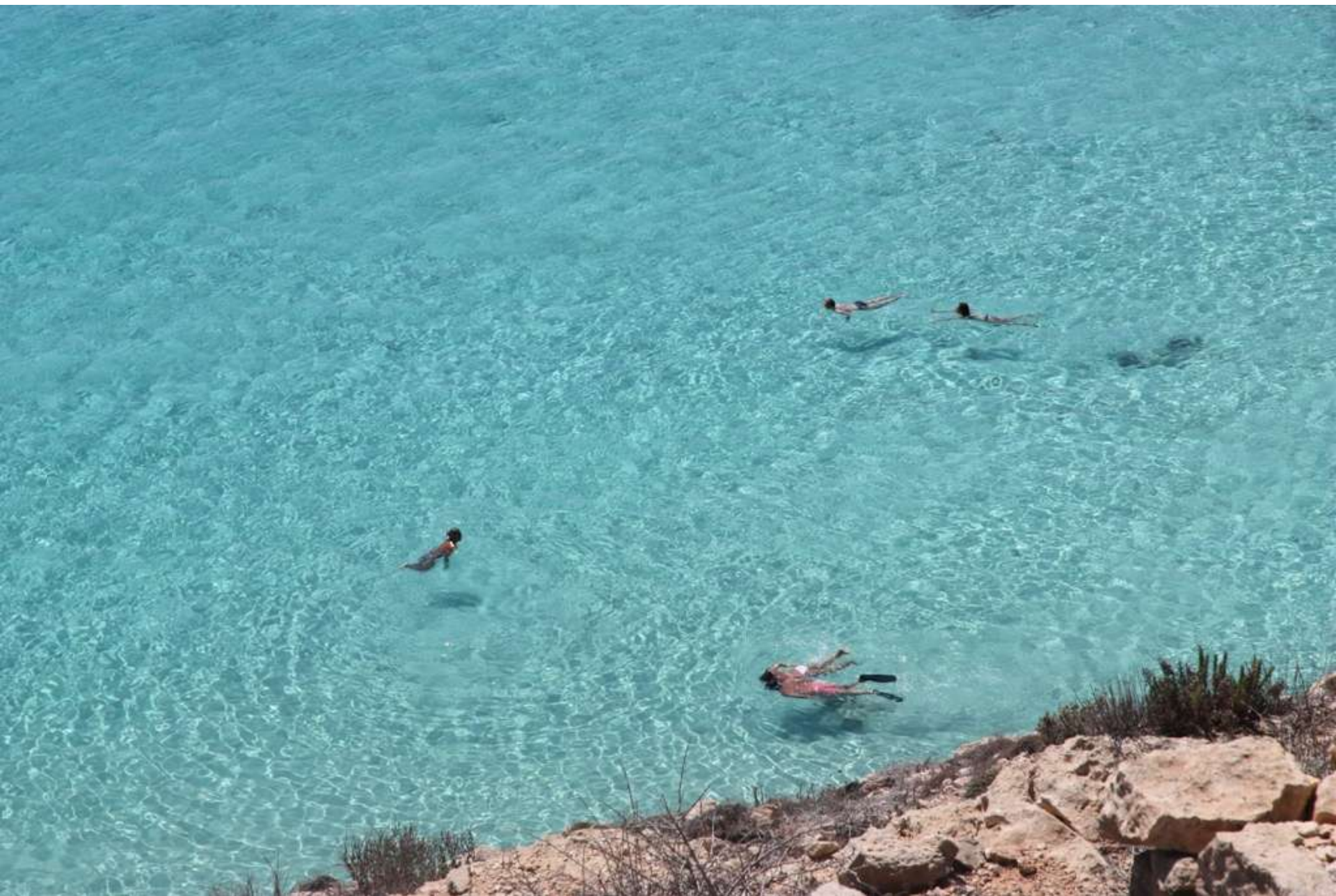








## Transparent Waters







Domenico Modugno's Villa



Man from Atlantis







## Spiaggia dei Conigli







Panelle 1 porzione  
Patatine 1 porzione

€ 2.00  
€ 2.00

Melone 1 porzione  
Frullati

€ 2.00  
€ 4.50

## BIBITE

Acqua piccola  
Acqua grande  
Coca cola  
Fanta  
Lemon soda  
Sprite  
Thè limone  
Thè pesca  
Acqua tonica  
Chinotto  
Vino 200 ml.  
Red bull  
Gatorade  
Latte di mandorla  
Granite  
Caffè  
Cappuccino  
Cornetto

€ 1.40  
€ 2.00  
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€ 1.20  
€ 1.80  
€ 1.50

## SUCCHI DI FRUTTA

Ananas  
Ace  
Pera  
Pesca  
Banana  
Albicocca  
Pompelmo  
Mela verde  
Arancia  
Arancia rossa

€ 2.00  
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## BIRRE

Birra Nastro Azzurro  
Birra Beck's  
Birra Heineken  
Corona

€ 2.50  
€ 3.50  
€ 3.50  
€ 4.00  
€ 4.00  
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*Panineria*

**ONDA BLU**

Kiosk at Spiaggia  
dei Conigli

a azzurra

**OLEGGIO**

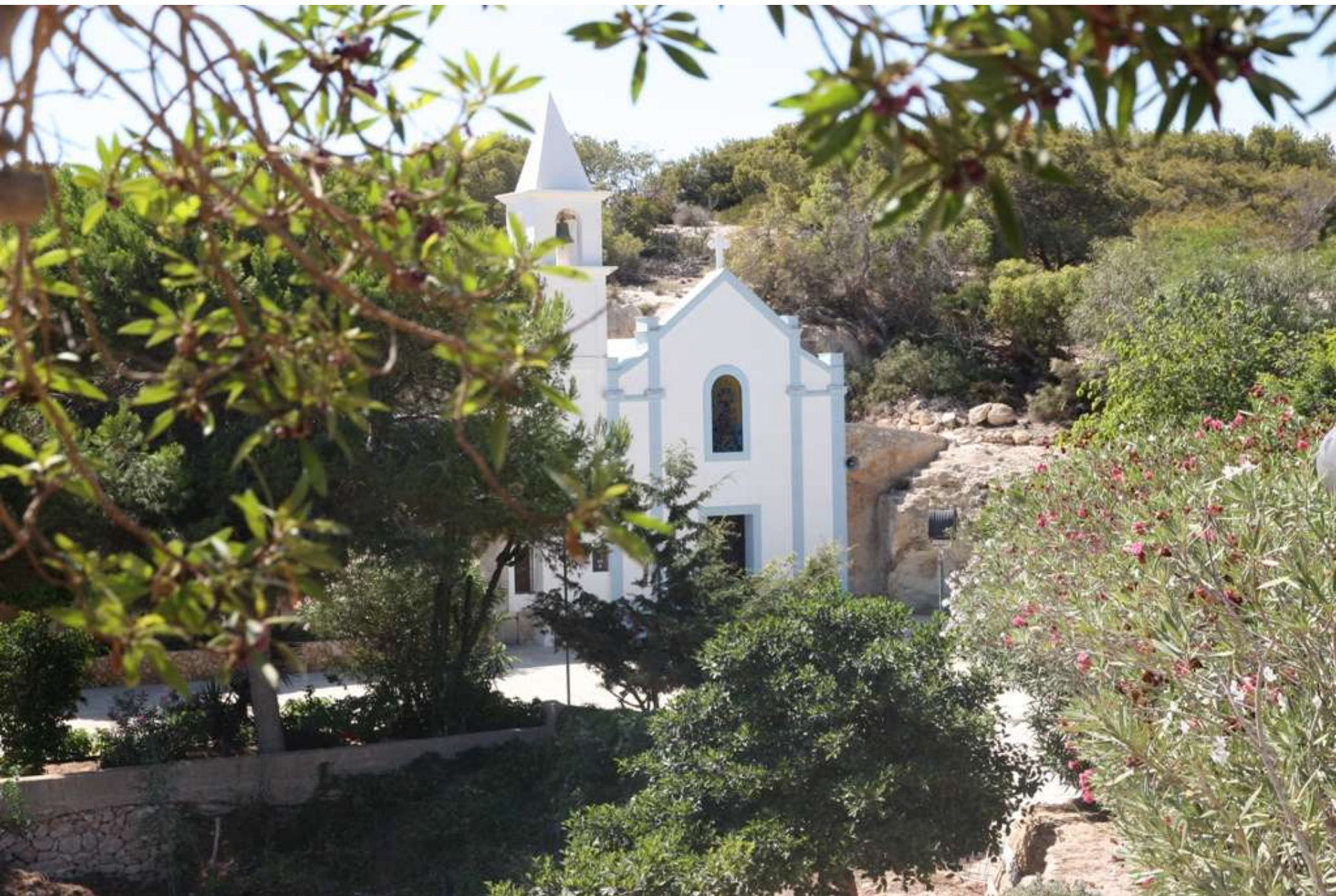
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Santuario della Madonna di Porto Salvo











Madonna di Porto Salvo





Via Roma by night









VW Beetle outside wicker shop in Via Roma





La Tabaccara





Boats at anchor at La Tabaccara





... including Miss Sophie





Transparent waters ...





... full of life





Cala Pulcino









Miss Sophie at anchor – Cala Guitgia





... and Bonaire anchoring at Cala Guitgia

Porto turistico, Lampedusa – do not venture









Bonaire at Molo della Madonnina next to a German boat





## Weekly delivery of fuel from Italy – Cala Guitgia



Only bit of  
shade near  
Mare Morto





Mare Morto









More transparent waters



Bus stop at  
Mare Morto





# Lampione



# Lampione

- Lampione is the smallest of the Pelagie Islands measuring 700m X 180m
- Situated 10NM west of Lampedusa
- Very arid and rocky
- Only building at summit (40m) is an automatic lighthouse
- And, of course, there are no human inhabitants
- ..... but the surrounding waters are said to be populated by sharks



Back to Linosa



## Houses of Linosa







Supermarket!!!





Fruit, vegetables and ...



Bright colours

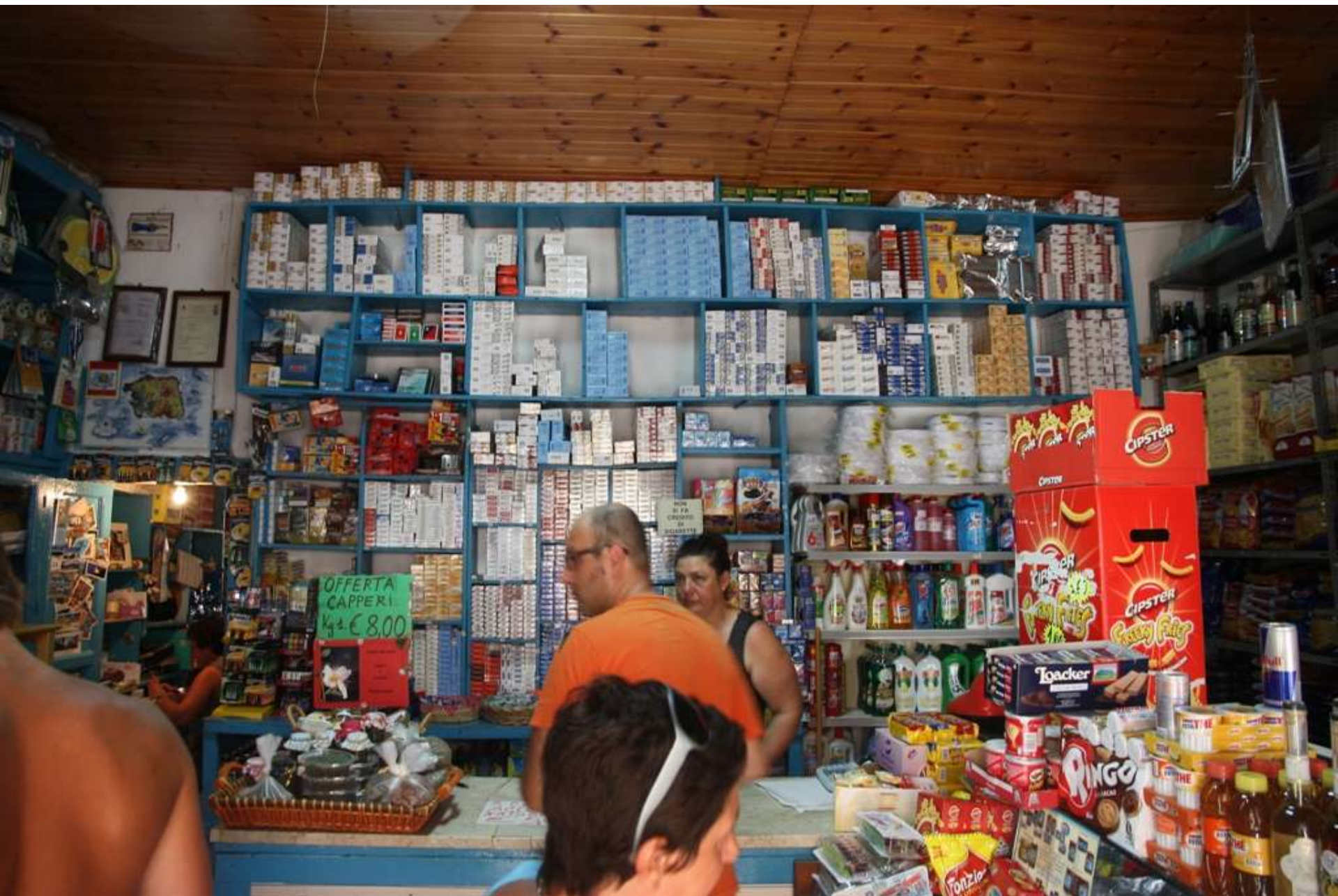








Typical shop





More colours







Very well kept



Church of Linosa





Fossa del Cappellano Crater





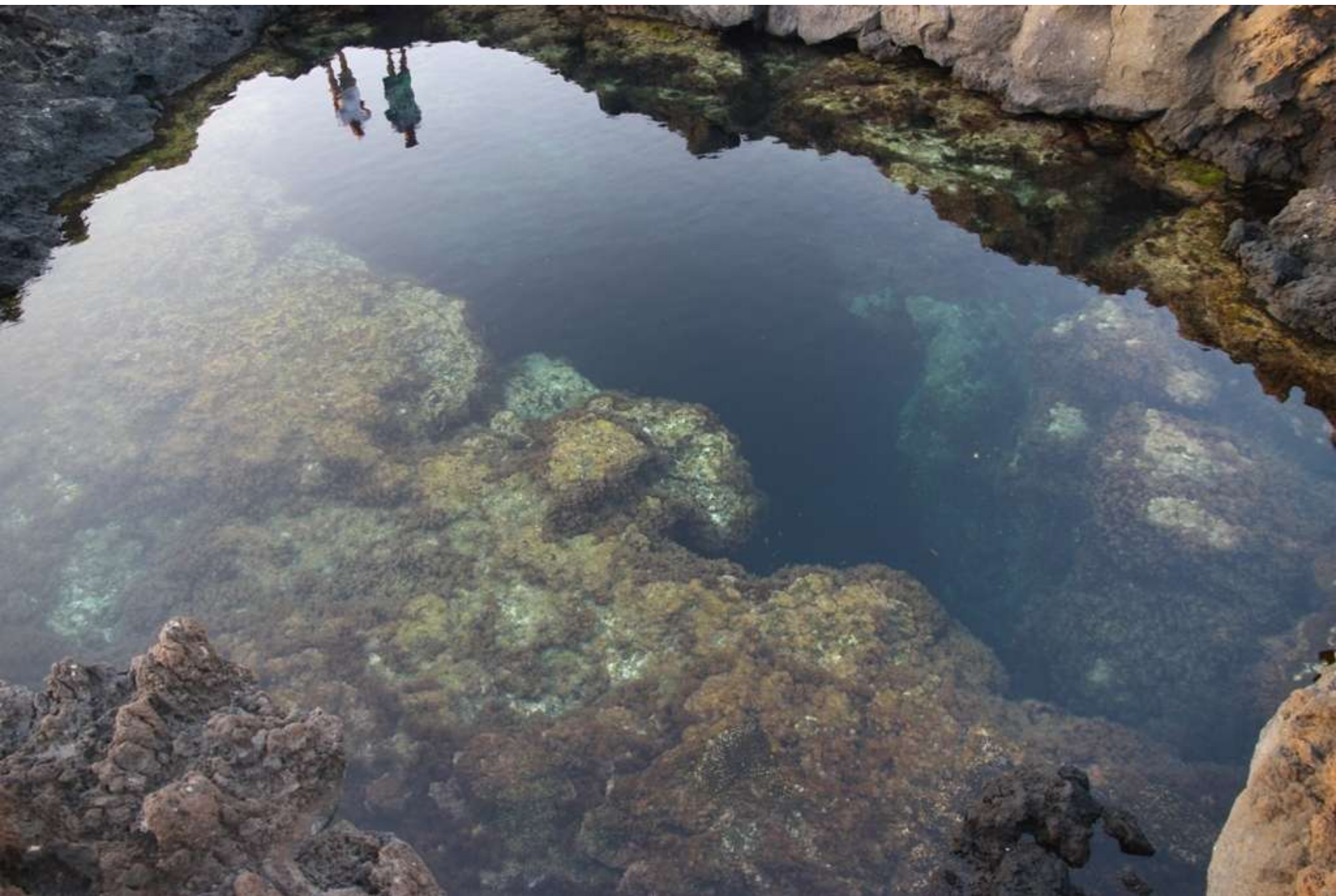




Coast near Faraglioni



Piscina Naturale – leading underwater to the open sea





Last sunset at Linosa





Bonaire at anchor in Cala Pozzolana di Ponente



Leaving Linosa en route to Malta



And what did  
the crew of Miss  
Sophie do on  
the way back?

