

## Sennariolo

Thanks to a mild climate for most of the year, leisure time in Sennariolo is lived in the open air.

From activities for children, who here can still afford the luxury of playing in the streets, and who can still count on several green areas dedicated to recreational activities, sports activities, with the presence of a soccer field, and hiking activities outside the town, to discover the local natural heritage, to be done on foot or by bicycle, the possibilities offered by the place are quite varied.

The territory allows you to choose to take pleasant walks, more or less hard, or opt for excursions on the pedals, in search of authentic corners, where the presence of man is still little present.

For example, taking the country road surrounded by a chessboard of fields and pastures, which connects the village to the hill of Santa Vittoria, on whose top stands the church of the same name, just 5 km away, can offer an experience of direct contact with nature, and arrived at the top, after a fairly demanding climb, the effort is rewarded by the breathtaking view you can enjoy, from the coast that goes from the Sinis Peninsula to the promontory of Capo Marrargiu, the mountain range of Montiferru, the plain of Planargia with all its villages.

A true example of sustainability to live in the open air.

### *Eating, sleeping, shopping*

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## Live Sennariolo



Sennariolo is a centre with an agro-pastoral vocation, the local economy is based mainly on the resources deriving from agriculture and livestock farming and on the activities connected to them.

The centre is well known for the production of high-quality olive oil, cheese and honey.

In recent years, tourism has been an additional and fundamental resource for the country.

The beauty of the village, the short distance from the sea and the most important centers of the area, the clean air, the particularly attractive location, the hospitality of the people, the strong appeal for the presence of genuine products and quality, and finally the increase of various activities such as farms, restaurants and various accommodation facilities, make possible a stay of excellent quality at affordable prices.

[www.comune.sennariolo.or.it](http://www.comune.sennariolo.or.it)

# Live Sennariolo

The village of Sennariolo rises on the slopes of the western side of the Montiferru mountain range, at an average height of about 274 metres above sea level.

With a density of 12 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup> and a surface area of 15.61 km<sup>2</sup>, it is one of the smallest municipalities in the province of Oristano, of which it is geographically part, and one of the smallest in Sardinia.

The inhabitants are called "sennariolesi", and currently there are 168 residents (as of 30.06.2019).

From a toponymic point of view, the first documented attestation on the village of Sennariolo would be that relating to the year 1388, where the form Silanus is found, while in the first documents of the archives after this year, the use of various other forms is attested, from Salamor, to Sinariolo (1550/1554), to arrive at the almost current variant of Senariolo (1627, 1671, 1751).

There are several theories regarding the origin of the name of the country: the most accredited is the one that would see its name derive from the Sardinian terms "ena" ("vein") and "riolu" ("stream").



Therefore, "s'ena 'e riolu" literally means "the source of the stream". This study would accredit the theory provided in 1922 by Pietro Lutz who declared that he accepted the etymological origin of the name of Sennariolo advanced by the local poet Bachisio Canu, who claimed that the name derives from "S'Ena 'e Rios" ("the vein of the waterways"): in fact, the presence in the territory of several small streams could legitimize this theory.

Historical sources report that in the Middle Ages the villa of Sennariolo was first part of the Giudicato of Torres and then of the Giudicato of Arborea.



After the Aragonese conquest of the island, the towns of Montiferru were enfeoffed by Alfonso V, and granted to various noble families including the Montagnas, Brungeno, Aymerich and Zatrillas.

In 1720, following the end of the Spanish hegemony on the island, the whole of Sardinia was incorporated under the jurisdiction of the Savoys.

In 1848, with the issuing of the Albertino Statute by Carlo Alberto, the Kingdom of Sardinia was freed from the feudal system, and the village of Sennariolo became part of the province of Cagliari, then in 1927 it passed to the province of Nuoro and finally in Oristano since 1974. Sennariolo is one of the "Authentic Villages of Italy" and is part of the Union of Municipalities of Montiferru-Alto Campidano, and the "Comunità Ospitali" Network.

The municipality has a rich natural and archaeological heritage.

Starting from the Church of St. Andrew the Apostle (parish church), located in the center of the country, with its bell tower (the tallest building in the village) that stands out unmistakably in the panorama of the country characterizing the city skyline, the country churches of Santa Vittoria (located on top of a hill about 5 km from the town), and San Quirico, whose ruins are preserved, which church will soon be affected by a project of recovery and redevelopment.

It is worth noting the presence of several nuragic sites scattered throughout the Sennariolo countryside, including some nuraghi (Murcu, Liortinas, Nugari and Fromigas), the sepulchral monument "Sa Copelcada", the domus de janas of Sadala, just to name a few.

The most important tourist attraction is the presence within the town of several murals, reflecting the history and local traditions, made by the Sardinian artist Pina Monne, in the years between 2002 and 2009.

The historical centre, completely paved, the ancient buildings, some decorated with architectural elements of a certain importance, the alleys and squares, offer, to those who go to the discovery of Sennariolo, a unique experience, which transports the visitor into a dimension in which time seems to have stopped.

