

**DISCOVER  
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**MINI HIKE GUIDE  
TO  
CANDEO**

**La Maddalena Archipelago  
National Park**



## DESCRIPTION

### LET YOURSELF BE INSPIRED BY NATURE

Candeo fortress - impressive anti-ship artillery, built in early nineteen hundreds, equipped by the Navy in World War 2 - can be reached by leaving the car in the parking areas at the foot of the Arbuticci fortress.

This route runs along a winding military mule track that descends to the sea, cutting through the aromatic Mediterranean brush, from the spectacular blooms of its essences-juniper, myrtle, arbutus berry, Euphorbia and broom- who grow alternatively at different times of the year. The landscape background is of extraordinary wild beauty, in a timeless and still uncontaminated place.

Once arrived at the sea, the arrow sign points you to go deep inside the granitic maze of the fortification, a worthy example of disguised architectural technique, with lookouts and outposts so perfectly embedded in the rock, to seem integral part of it. In addition to the past building skill of the military personnel, impressive are the pink color tones of the rocks, with their irregular and yet perfect shapes they stand out against the blue background of the sea, while the rupicolous plants growing in their nooks and crevices are their natural ornaments.

Head back by taking the winding road, but not before stopping at the bay for a dive from the peer.

## TECHNICAL FEATURES

 hr 1.15

 103 m

 3,3 km

 Easy

 Panoramic/historic

 Trail marked by directional arrows and cairns

## HISTORIC FACTS

*Candeo was a military post of medium caliber that presided over the North-Eastern coast of the island in conjunction with the other anti ship post and anti aircraft of Messa del Cervo and the lookout post of Becco di Vela. Due to the extreme accuracy of execution of the various artifacts can be considered the primary example of disguised military architecture in the archipelago. It was named after Captain Antonio Candeo, who died in Brindisi during the sinking of his frigate Benedetto Brin, in September 1915. The weaponry consisted of 4 cannons 152/50 model Armstrong 1918, single unit. The good level of features and performance of the artillery, made it possible to fire projectiles weighing 49 kg up to a distance of 19.400 meters. The buildings with the guardhouse, the kitchen and a smaller water holding tank are located on the north side, by the landing peer that allowed access from the sea; on the south side we find the birthing facility for the petty officers and lower ranks personnel, the Chief of the Post housing and a small facility that served as a prison.*