



We have finally found the time to write a newsletter, the first since May. Our 2014 season is almost finished and from mid-November we close the [Lemon House](#) for the winter. We'll be opening again from March 2015 (first day for bookings: Saturday March 14 2015) and already have bookings for April and

May 2015. In September and the first three weeks of October we often had to tell people enquiring about bookings that the first date we had free rooms was from the 25th October ...**so book early!**

This newsletter contains the most important new developments over the summer and autumn for [walking](#), [climbing](#) and [mountain biking](#), which over the 2014-5 winter we'll incorporate into our [website](#). We publish day-to-day news (lots of great photos, comments and even a quiz!) about the Lemon House and what guests are up to on our public (i.e. you don't need a Facebook account to see it) [Facebook page](#) and on [Twitter](#). We write in English, German or Italian according to the native language of who'll be reading the post. English and German native speakers each make up 42% of the bookings in the Lemon House, so we normally write half and half in English and German, and only occasionally in Italian (4% of bookings). In the same way, [Tripadvisor](#) presents reviews according to the country you select so English speakers see first our reviews written in English (see right) and only afterwards automatically translated reviews.



**The Lemon House**

TripAdvisor Traveller Rating



Based on 85 traveller reviews

TripAdvisor Ranking

#1 of 5 D&Ds in Lotzorai



**Most Recent Traveller Reviews**

9 Oct 2014: "Unusual Gem"

8 Sep 2014: "The Lemon House Is Superb"

13 Aug 2014: "Active Holiday."

20 Jul 2014: "The Lemon House is Great!"

18 Jul 2014: "Make our trip!"

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**Walking**



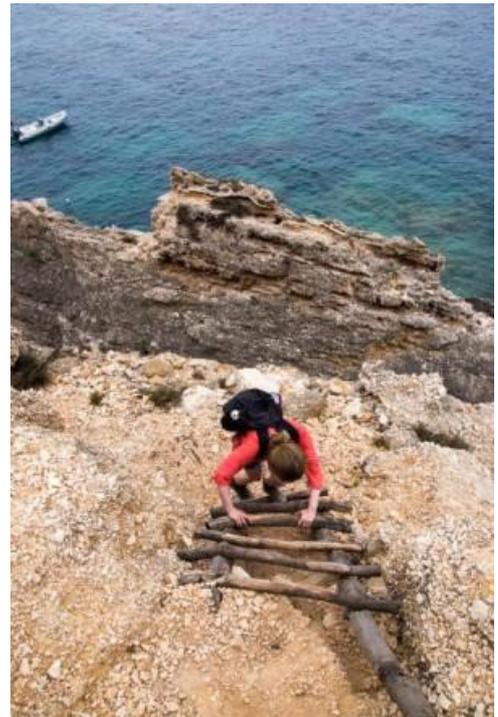
We have lots of walks to recommend to guests that aren't yet described in any published walking guides. For many guests the walk to Sardinia's highest point, Punta La Marmora (see photo right) from the Arriunas-Nuraghe is one of the highlights of their holiday. With good weather you can see the sea on the east coast (photo above).



When we walked in December 2007 to the southern end of the Gole di Gorroppu, to the confluence of 3 rivers called "Sa Giuntura", we would have needed to have brought a rope and abseiled to proceed beyond the point with Anne in the photo on the right. The canyoning guidebook described 5, 6 and 10 m abseils. These sections have now been equipped with fixed ropes so



that you don't need to abseil or get your feet wet ☺ and you can follow short "via ferrata"-like sections. In the photo on the left: Ronja one the most difficult section, belayed by Peter. Description of this walk "[Top Treks of Sardinia](#)", 6 hours, 2 cars necessary



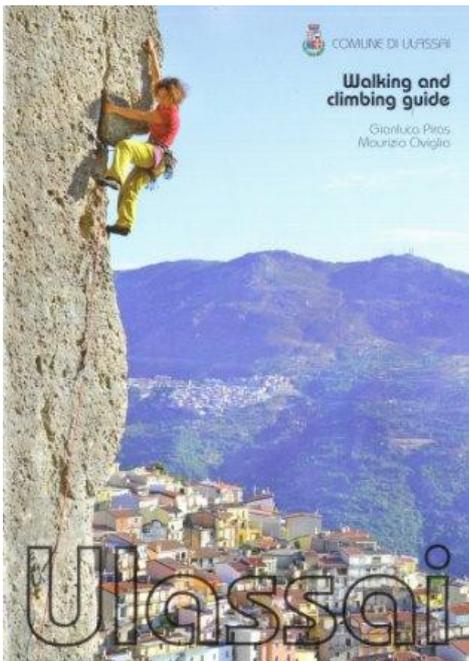
The Baunei Comune (Municipality) has improved the paths and installed descriptive signs at the starting points of the walks to Cala Biriala (photo above) and Cala Mariolu (photo right). Until now these had been difficult to follow for non-locals. The paths to Cala Goloritzè and from Santa Maria Navarrese to Pedra Longa and Us Pigiùs, already described in many guidebooks, have been similarly improved. Our tip: in summer forget the walks to Biriala and Mariolu. The walks themselves are great, but you'll be disappointed when you find the beach packed with up to 1,000 tourists who arrived by boat!

### [Mountain biking](#)



During 2014 Peter checked 22 of "his" 28 rides in the [Mountain Bike Sardinia](#) guidebook, to update descriptions and take better photos. Only one ride – Monte Elini, Tortolì – is overgrown and not rideable any more. Lots of Lemon House guests kindly acted as "models". In the photo on the left: Stefan, Tine and Frank on the Monte Tricoli Tour, Lago Alto Flumendosa in the background. Fatbiker Harald wasn't staying with us but wanted to do some technical rides and Peter had a good tour for him: the descent of the "Cengia Giradili" from Us Pigiùs to Pedra Longa (in the background in the photo on the right as Harald does an endo turn). Bikers have the Comune of Baunei to thank for the renovation of this shepherds' path which has transformed this trail from unrideable in March 2011 (see this [YouTube-Video](#) when we tried) into a wonderful mountain bike descent

## Climbing



The new "Ulassai Walking and climbing guide" published at the start of October 2014 and translated by Peter into English (see photo left) represents an important contribution to the development of climbing in Ogliastra. 45 minutes from [The Lemon House](#), Ulassai is particularly good for climbing in the summer. Compared to the 2011 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Pietra di Luna guidebook, the number of routes in Ulassai overall and in the Canyon has doubled!

Sector / Number of routes	Pietra di Luna 2011	Walking and climbing guide October 2014
Canyon	48	104
Cascata Lecorci	48	62
Cave of Dream	15	21
Marosini	First developed 2013!	21
Torre dei Venti	10	12
	<b>121</b>	<b>220</b>

Nome Peter Kofoid			Nome Tom Newell		
Categoria		Grado	Punti	Categoria	
Nome Via	Grado	Punti	Nome Via	Grado	Punti
Cattolico deserto	7a	5	Tolu	5b	9
Tasmasse 6a	6a	3	Tomo King	5c	10
Nori Luogu	6b/c	1	Gianfranco	5b	9
			Le Donne	5c	10
<b>Totale</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>Totale</b>		<b>38</b>

More than 50 teams received a copy of the new guide when they took part in an Endurance competition. You got points for each route climbed cleanly and the scoring system was particularly innovative. If you had climbed 7b or more in the last year (like Peter) you were in the 3rd category and got only 5 points for a 7a. Those whose maximum leading grade was 6a+ or lower were in the 1<sup>st</sup> category and received 10 points for a 5c!

So for 1<sup>st</sup> category Tom (in the photo on the right, climbing outdoors for the first time!) and Peter (whose max onsight grade is 7a) the strategy was clear. Tom had to lead as many routes as possible, Peter put in the draws for him! This way they managed to pass the 20-point threshold to enter the prize draw (Peter: 9 points, Tom: 38 points).

See you soon from the still-sunny Sardinia! Peter & Anne <http://www.peteranne.it/>