

4. Itinerary from Marina di Scarlino

Tuscan Archipelago and Capo Corso Region



1 week



about 186 miles

Marina di Scarlino – Marciana Marina	27 miles
Marciana Marina - Capraia	22 miles
Capraia - Centuri	26 miles
Centuri - Saint Florent	18 miles
Saint Florent - Macinaggio	27 miles
Macinaggio - Marina di Campo	39 miles
Marina di Campo – Marina di Scarlino	28 miles





DAY 1 • MARINA DI SCARLINO – MARICANA MARINA

The northern side of Elba Island has about 30 beaches that differ in terms of seabed and geological conformation: golden sandy shores, small coves of smooth white pebbles with black drops, and granite cliffs. The beauty of these beaches can be felt especially when the southerly winds blow making the water as flat and transparent as possible. **Marciana Marina** is the smallest municipality on Elba island, only five square km developing around the seafront. Being located on the slopes of Monte Capanne, it is surrounded by a rich forest. Excursion to Monte Capanne possible with a nearby cableway. Famous is the quality of the restaurants scattered throughout the town centre. Marciana Marina is a recommended harbor for a quiet night.

DAY 2 • MARCIANA MARINA – CAPRAIA

The **Island of Capraia** is in the Strait of Corsica, and, since it measures 19 square kilometres, it is the third largest island in the Tuscan Archipelago. The island has about 300 inhabitants, and at a distance of 54 km, the furthest from the mainland, is actually nearer Corsica than Italy. There are two populated areas on the island: the port and the small town, that is also the oldest part, behind the Fort of San Giorgio. Capraia is considered geological paradise because it is the only volcanic island in the Archipelago. The sea bed in Capraia is much loved by snorkelers and deep sea divers, because there is a great amount of Posidonia rich in groupers, dentex and gilthead bream. There are also many cetaceans in this area, and for this reason the Pelagos International Sanctuary of Marine Mammals has been created, and is the largest protected sea area in Europe.



DAY 3 • CAPRAIA – CENTURI

After passing Cape Corso on the western side of Corsica, you will reach the small village of **Centuri**. Centuri is considered to be one of Corsica's most beautiful villages. Of Roman origin, this charming fishing village is a true jewel of the Cap Corse. Built around a handful of houses, the village finds its fulcrum in the colourful harbour, thanks to the multicoloured nets of the fishermen, who have been perpetuating the ancestral tradition of lobster fishing for centuries. A lunch break is therefore a must in one of the harbor restaurants to enjoy this delicious local dish. Authentic, relaxed and romantic at sunset and in the evening, Centuri is a magical place that will remain in your memory.

DAY 4 • CENTURI – SAINT FLORENT

Saint Florent, an ancient Genoese citadel, is a famous and popular seaside village. The quays of the marina, excellent for strolling, are lined with numerous restaurants and cafés. The pier along the marina offers a beautiful view of the Genoese citadel and the colourful houses of the old town.

Saint-Florent is the starting point of the Agriates Coastal Path, a beautiful footpath located between the sea and the Agriates Desert.

Various water sports activities are offered by the Roya beach: jet skiing, water skiing, paddle boarding, seaplane, kayaking...

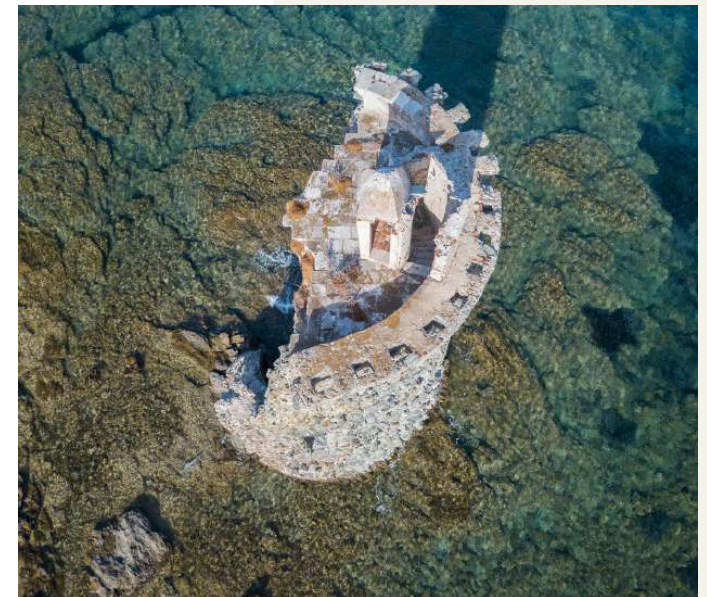
Within the Agriates Desert are some of the most beautiful beaches in Corsica, first and foremost the beach of Saleccia. This wonder can be reached from the village by a 12 km. walk or by sea. Nestled between Aleppo pines and golden dunes, Saleccia looks like a tropical painting.



DAY 5 • SAINT FLORENT – MACINAGGIO

Macinaggio is considered the liveliest centre on the Cap Corse peninsula, frequented mainly by yachtsmen and sailors who use its marina. Old traditional fishing boats still dock here and a small auction is held in the morning where fresh fish is sold. The village is most famous for one of the region's most precious gems, the Tamarone beach. This long ribbon of fine white sand encloses a magnificent, crystal-clear Caribbean sea, which deserves to be enjoyed in total relax.

If you like walking, we recommend walking part of the Sentiero dei Doganieri, in particular the section from Macinaggio to Barcaggio (4 hours). The route is suitable for everyone, presents no technical difficulties and is very well signposted. There are no refreshment points. Along the way along the coast you will come across many bays and small beaches where you can swim or relax. This section of the Sentiero dei Doganieri succeeds masterfully in combining a passion for walking with a passion for the sea.





DAY 6 • MACINAGGIO – MARINA DI CAMPO

at **Marina di Campo** we recommend a stop at Pomonte at the Elviscot wreck: located about 150 metres from Pomonte beach, it is probably one of the most visited wrecks in Italy. It lies only 12 metres deep on the south-west side of the Ogliera rock. The proximity to the coast, the almost absence of currents and the shallow depth make the dive suitable for even the most experienced divers and snorkellers. On the eastern side of Cavoli, one can explore the splendid Grotta Azzurra. The beach at Marina di Campo is the longest on the island of Elba (1300 metres). The picturesque old town with its watchtower and pine forest frame the beautiful bay.



DAY 7 • MARINA DI CAMPO – MARINA DI SCARLINO

There are interesting places to see along the south coast. Here are a few: Cala di Punta di Mele is located between Ripa Nera and Cala dell'Ongio and can only be reached by sea. It is a pebble beach surrounded by majestic white granites overlooking the crystal-clear sea. Cala di Punta della Contessa is a small beach nestled between the more famous Laconella and Lacona. The beach is topped by the remains of an old World War II bunker. Lacona is a long beach of fine golden sand, unique in the entire Tuscan Archipelago, which has preserved some dunes intact. There are numerous bathing establishments and water sports facilities on the beach. We recommend a visit to Capoliveri, a town with unusual and characteristic architecture and narrow, picturesque alleys. From June to September, there is a bus service connecting Capoliveri with the beaches of Naregno, Straccoligno, Madonna delle Grazie, Morcone, Pareti, Innamorata, Lido di Capoliveri, Lacona and Marina di Capoliveri. Return to Marina di Scarlino.