

5. Itinerary from Marina di Scarlino

Corsica, La Maddalena and Elba Island



2 weeks



about 311 miles

Marina di Scarlino - Porto Azzurro	18 miles
Porto Azzurro - Marina di Campo	13 miles
Marina di Campo - Porto Vecchio	84 miles
Porto Vecchio	
Porto Vecchio - La Maddalena	26 miles
La Maddalena (Caprera)	7 miles
Caprera - Lavezzi	18 miles
Lavezzi - Bonifacio	7 miles
Bonifacio - Ile de Cavallo	6 miles
Ile de Cavallo - Solenza	31 miles
Solenzara - Marciana Marina	69 miles
Marciana Marina - Marina di Scarlino	32 miles





DAY 1 • MARINA DI SCARLINO – PORTO AZZURRO

The enchanting seaside village of **Porto Azzurro** lies in the centre of the Gulf of Mola, the most welcoming bay on the east coast of the Island of Elba. Porto Azzurro is home to the mighty Fortress of San Giacomo, built in 1603 on top of the promontory that dominates the village. Today it is a prison and can only be visited in part. Near the village you can visit the Piccola Miniera, a small-scale reconstruction of the mine and the activity that once took place there. A small train takes you on a 250-metre tunnel tour to observe the interesting elements of life in the mine. The beaches are relatively small with surprising depths for snorkellers and divers.



DAY 2 • PORTO AZZURRO – 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 Oglieria 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 3 • MARINA DI CAMPO – PORTO VECCHIO

The sailing route between Marina di Campo and **Porto Vecchio** offers an unforgettable sailing experience with breathtaking views and the opportunity to explore crystal-clear waters.

Departing from Marina di Campo, a charming natural harbour, you sail south-west, leaving behind the rugged coastline of Elba. The first stretch can be characterised by moderate north-westerly winds, ideal for sailing.

Crossing the Corsica Channel, it is possible to spot dolphins and, with a bit of luck, even whales. The route continues towards the east coast of Corsica, dominated by impressive cliffs and secluded bays. The arrival in Porto Vecchio is impressive: its well-equipped harbour welcomes yachtsmen with a mix of tradition and modernity.

DAY 4 • PORTO VECCHIO

Once moored in **Porto Vecchio**, there are plenty of activities not to be missed. Explore the old town with its cobbled streets, ancient fortifications and lively piazzas. Enjoy local cuisine in one of the typical restaurants, savouring Corsican specialities such as brocciu and lonzu. For those who love the sea, the nearby beaches of Palombaggia and Santa Giulia are not to be missed, with white sand and turquoise waters. Finally, a hike in the surrounding mountains offers spectacular views and nature trails.

DAY 5 • PORTO VECCHIO – LA MADDALENA ARCHIPELAGO

With its 180 km of coastline, the **La Maddalena Archipelago** is home to some of the most famous and picturesque beaches in the Mediterranean. Particularly noteworthy are the Spiaggia Rosa (Pink Beach), the Cavaliere beach on the island of Budelli, the beaches of Cala Cuticciu, Cala Napoletana and del Relitto in Caprera, Cala Corsara and Cala Granara in Spargi. Suggestive on the island of La Maddalena are Bassa Trinita, with its white sand dunes, Monti da Rena or the cliffs of Punta Tegge. Take your pick!





DAY 6 • LA MADDALENA ARCHIPELAGO (CAPRERA)

Caprera, part of the Maddalena Archipelago, is an ideal destination for those arriving by sailboat. Moor in sheltered bays such as Cala Coticcio, often called 'Tahiti' for its turquoise waters and white sand. Explore the island on foot along the many paths that lead to breathtaking viewpoints. Don't miss the Garibaldi Museum, dedicated to Giuseppe Garibaldi, who lived here for many years. Finally, enjoy snorkelling and relaxing in a protected and unspoilt natural environment.

DAY 7 • CAPRERA – LAVEZZI

Lavezzi is a wild jewel of the Bocche di Bonifacio archipelago. The archipelago consists of granite islands surrounded by crystal-clear waters, ideal for swimming and snorkelling. Moor in sheltered bays such as Cala Lazzarina or Cala di Giunco for a unique experience. Explore the main island on foot, admiring unspoilt landscapes and the famous shipwreck cemetery of the 'Sémillante'. Enjoy a relaxing day among white sandy beaches and extraordinary seabed, surrounded by a protected nature reserve.

DAY 8 • LAVEZZI – BONIFACIO

Arriving in **Bonifacio** by sailboat is a spectacular experience thanks to its natural fjord leading to the harbour. Once moored, explore the historic centre perched on the cliff, with its medieval streets, houses overlooking the sea and the famous King of Aragon's Staircase. Visit the citadel and enjoy breathtaking views from the Bastion of San Remigio. Don't miss a boat trip to the Sea Caves and the surrounding cliffs.



DAY 9 • BONIFACIO

Bonifacio is also a unique marina, sheltered from all winds around a deep inlet. It is a starting point for exploring sea caves, beaches and archipelagos of islands.

70 km of coastline skirt the town of Bonifacio, which is home to magnificent beaches and coves with fine sand and protected wilderness perfect for relaxation and snorkelling.

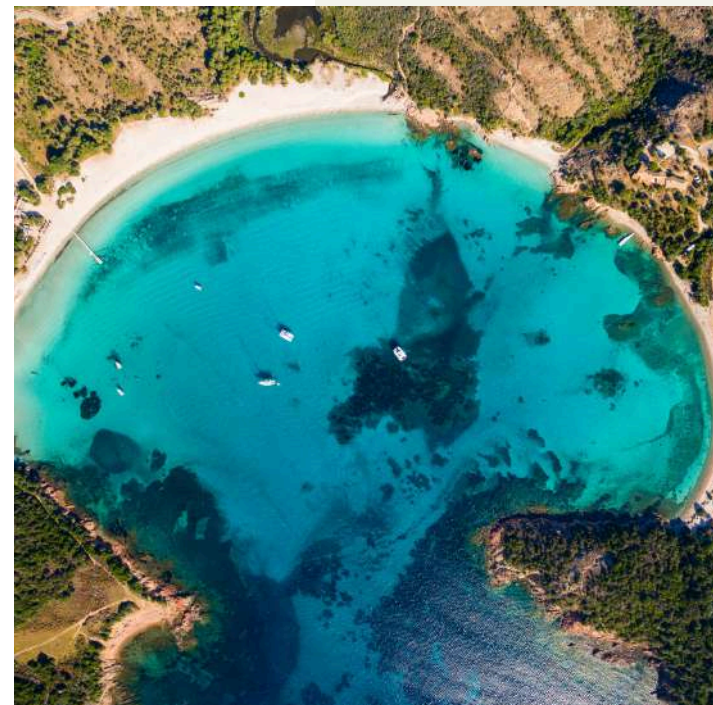
Here are the destinations not to be missed: Rondinara, Le Calanche di Fazio, Tonnara (with restaurant), Piccolo Sperone.

DAY 10 • BONIFACIO – ILE DE CAVALLO

L' **Ile de Cavallo** is a small island of sand and granite in the extreme south of Corsica, discovered in the 1960s by the Central European elite, who have since made it an inviolable paradise. One of the most beautiful seas in the world: the colours of the water in Cala di Zecio Cala di Palmà are as beautiful as those of a coral lagoon. Today, the island is no longer an inaccessible place: there is the possibility of arriving by boat and mooring on the jetties of the small harbour over looking the beautiful Double Plage.

DAY 11 • ILE DE CAVALLO – SOLENZARA

Situated 40 km north of Porto Vecchio, **Solenzara** is a small village full of charm with its pretty little harbour. This area is particularly unspoilt and offers endless golden sandy beaches and quiet coves such as Canella beach, a long stretch of fine sand with turquoise waters, surrounded by abundant Mediterranean vegetation: a little corner of paradise.





DAY 12 • SOLENZARA – MARCIANA MARINA

Marciana Marina is the smallest municipality on Elba island, only 5 kmq 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, from those overlooking the waterfront to those that characterize the old streets. Marciana Marina is a recommended harbor for a quiet night.



DAY 13 • MARCIANA MARINA – PORTO FERRAIO – MARINA DI SCARLINO

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, Scirocco in primis, making the water as flat and transparent as possible. Must-see places in **Portoferraio** certainly include its historic center with colorful buildings bordering the dock; Boutiques, little shops, fish restaurants, lounge bars: you will certainly find something for you. Return to Marina di Scarlino with a stop for a swim at Cala Violina.