

3. Itinerary from Marina di Scarlino

Elba and Giglio islands



1 week



about 140 miles

Marina di Scarlino - Portoferraio	22 miles
Portoferraio – Marciana Marina	7 miles
Marciana Marina – Marina di Campo	16 miles
Marina di Campo – Porto Azzurro	14 miles
Porto Azzurro – Giglio Porto	34 miles
Giglio Porto – Porto Santo Stefano	11 miles
Porto Santo Stefano – Marina di Scarlino	36 miles





DAY 1 • MARINA DI SCARLINO – PORTOFERRAIO

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. Behind and to the sides of the dock of Portoferraio, there are still ancient Medici fortifications and splendid walls that surround the town. Forte Falcone is the most imposing structure, Forte Stella with its lighthouse is the most romantic, and Torre della Linguella or del Martello is the symbol of the port, as it welcomes sailors arriving on the island. The discovery of the Medici fortresses not only offers the sight of fortifications kept in excellent condition, but also breathtaking views of Portoferraio and the whole inlet on which the port town rises. If you prefer overnight in midstream you can reach the beaches: Le Ghiaie, Sansone or La Biodola.

DAY 2 • PORTOFERRAIO – MARCIANA 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 3 • MARCIANA MARINA – MARINA DI CAMPO

In the stretch between Marciana Marina and **Marina di Campo** you can admire the east coast, with small fishing villages such as Chiessi, with beautiful cliffs and beaches such as Cavoli beach or the famous Fetovaia. We recommend a stop in Pomonte at the wreck of the Elviscot: located about 150 mt. from Pomonte beach, is one of the most visited wrecks in Italy. It lies at a depth of just -12 mt. on the south-west side of the Oglieria rock. Its proximity to the coast make the dive suitable even for less experienced divers and snorkelers. On the eastern side of Cavoli, you can discover the splendid Grotta Azzurra. Accessible only by boat or pedalo, it is a sight not to be missed. The beach at Marina di Campo is the longest on Elba island (1300 mt). The picturesque old town

DAY 4 • MARINA DI CAMPO – PORTO AZZURRO

There are interesting places to see along the south coast. Here are some of them: Cala di Punta di Mele lies between Ripa Nera and Cala dell'Ongio and it can only be reached by sea. It is a pebble beach surrounded by white granites overhanging the crystal-clear sea. Cala di Punta della Contessa is a small beach nestled between the more famous Laconella and Lacona. It is composed of dark gravel and is set inside an inlet between rocks. 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 intact some dunes. There are many bathing establishments and water sports facilities on the beach. We recommend a visit to Capoliveri, a small town that sits high up on the hill. The town's unusual and characteristic architecture makes you feel as though you are in a medieval town. From June to September there is a bus service connecting the town of Capoliveri with the beaches of Naregno, Straccoligno, Madonna delle Grazie, Morcone, Pareti, Innamorata, Lido di Capoliveri and Marina di Capoliveri. The charming fishing village of **Porto Azzurro** is in the center of the Gulf of Mola, the most welcoming bay on the east coast of the Elba Island. In Porto Azzurro, you will find the mighty Fortress of San Giacomo built in 1603 on the top of the promontory that dominated the town. Today, it's a prison and can only be partially visited. Near to the village you can visit the Little Mine, a small-scale reconstruction of the mine and the activity that once took place there. Once at the site, a small train takes you on a 250-meter route in a tunnel to observe the interesting elements of life in the mines. The beaches are relatively small looking wild and unexplored at first sight with amazing seabed for snorkeling and diving lovers.



DAY 5 • PORTO AZZURRO – GIGLIO PORTO

The island of Giglio is known above all for its natural beauties: the crystal clear sea, with rich and fishy seabed, are the setting for a 90% untouched nature where the low Mediterranean vegetation still reigns with its colors and perfumes.

Beautiful sandy beaches and isolated coves, ancient paths immersed in a rich nature, breathtaking views, a picturesque port and the charming medieval village of Giglio Castello make of Giglio island a treasure to be discovered. Giglio Porto, the small picturesque port, with its multicoloured houses, is bathed by crystal-clear water that is an absolute rarity for port areas. In its narrow streets full of life, one finds numerous shops of all kinds alternating with restaurants, bars and ice-cream parlours. On the left-hand side of the port you can visit the Saracen Tower, a beautiful watchtower dating back to the 16th century. Moving on, there is the pretty Saraceno cove, with the remains of the walls of a Roman villa cetaria. On the other side, there is a small beach, the Scallettino.

Giglio Porto is the starting point for discovering the island both by land and sea.





DAY 6 • GIGLIO PORTO – PORTO SANTO STEFANO

Tour of the island by sea.

For those wishing to visit Giglio Castello from the port, a bus service is available. The picturesque village of Giglio Castello stands on the heights of Giglio Island and is an ancient medieval hamlet whose atmosphere has remained intact over time. The narrow streets, often surmounted by arches, and the beautiful panoramic views of Tuscan Archipelago make Giglio Castello an evocative destination with a unique charm.



DAY 7 • PORTO SANTO STEFANO – MARINA DI SCARLINO

Porto Santo Stefano, the main town of Argentario, is a picturesque seaside village and holiday resort that was already popular at the time of Imperial Rome. The inhabited centre of Porto Santo Stefano develops along two harbours. The commercial harbour, the larger one, is the first one you come to on entering the town; fishing boats moor there and ferries to the islands of Giglio and Giannutri dock. The small port of the Pilarella, on the other hand, is the place for strolling and relaxing in Porto Santo Stefano. You get there by walking along the seafront promenade where the tables of the bars and small restaurants overlook the sea and allow you to taste the local cuisine.

The town's beaches are also beautiful. Of course, explore the Argentario and its magnificent coves as much as possible, some of which can only be reached by boat.

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