

1. Itinerary from Marina di Scarlino

Discovering Elba Island



1 week



about 86 miles

Marina di Scarlino - Portoferraio	22 miles
Portoferraio - Procchio	7.5 miles
Procchio – Marciana Marina	2.5 miles
Marciana Marina – Marina di Campo	16 miles
Marina di Campo – Golfo Stella	6 miles
Golfo Stella – Porto Azzurro	11 miles
Porto Azzurro – Marina di Scarlino	21 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 – PROCCHIO

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. At a length of just under one km, **Procchio** is one of the longest and best equipped sandy beaches on the Island of Elba. It sits in the gulf bearing the same name, between Punta Agnone and La Guardiola. Procchio beach consists of: Campo all'Aia, an extra piece on the right, and, a little further along, the tiny La Guardiola beach. The view of the gulf with the green summits of Monte Perone and the Monte Capanne massif looking over it proudly is without a doubt one of the most beautiful panoramas on the island. There are many facilities on the beach that will suit everybody's needs.



DAY 3 • PROCCHIO – MARCIANA MARINA

Marciana Marina is the smallest municipality on Elba island, only 5 sqKm 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 4 • 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 beautiful 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 probably one of the most visited wrecks in Italy. It lies at a depth of just -12 metres on the south-west side of the Ogliera rock. Its proximity to the coast, the near absence of currents and the shallow depth at which it lies make the dive suitable even for less experienced divers and snorkelers.

On the eastern side of Cavoli, you can go and 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 metres). The picturesque old town with its watchtower and pine forest frame the beautiful bay.

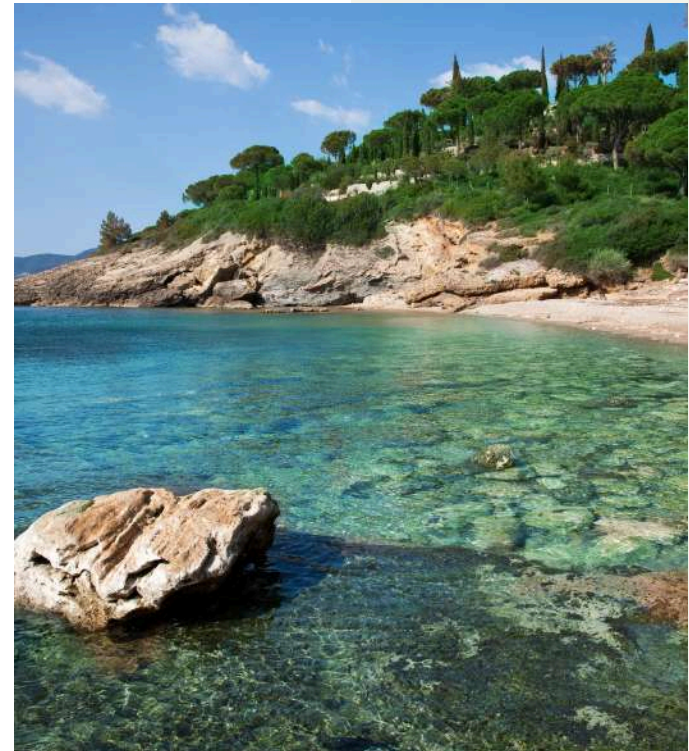


DAY 5 • MARINA DI CAMPO – GOLFO STELLA

Golfo Stella is located on a beautiful stretch of coastline on the Capo Fonza promontory, Cala di Punta di Mele can only be reached by sea. It is a pebble beach surrounded by white granites overhanging the crystal-clear sea. The cove is exposed to currents from the southern and western quadrants.

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 with a crystal-clear sea. The beach is topped by the remains of an old World War II bunker from where it is possible to admire the wonderful view. Thanks to the rocks bordering it, it is only exposed to currents from the south. 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, with its narrow, picturesque alleys, where small craftsmans' shops lie hidden, or where you can enjoy local dishes and very good wine. From June to September until 00.30 a.m., 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, Lacona and Marina di Capoliveri.





DAY 6 • GOLFO STELLA – PORTO AZZURRO

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 (or Fortress of Longone), built in 1603 on the top of the promontory that dominated the town. Today, it's a prison and can only be partially visited. The village developed at the foot of the fortress. The beautiful Piazza Matteotti, overlooking the sea and surrounded by shops and restaurants, is the perfect meeting point at any time of day, as well as the stage for cultural and entertainment events. Walking through the small streets of the historic center, you can admire the Church of the Madonna del Carmine and the adjacent Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Mary, both from the 18th century. Near to the village, about a km away from the center, 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, from the various stages of mining to the great variety of minerals obtained. The beaches are relatively small looking wild and unexplored at first sight with amazing seabed for snorkeling and diving lovers. The most popular of all the beaches within this territory, are Barbarossa and Reale. Terranera, as well as being very interesting from a geological point of view, is also one of the most suggestive beaches on the Island of Elba. What makes this area so unique is the truly beautiful Terranera lake (hence the name of the beach): a small, emerald green sulphur lake that is in complete contrast to the deep blue colour of the sea.



DAY 7 • PORTO AZZURRO – RIO MARINA – MARINA DI SCARLINO

Rio Marina was once looked upon as the Iron Capital of the Island of Elba. The mines and the port in Rio Marina were used for extracting and transporting the iron mineral that, even today, with its sparkling reddish colour it is typical of more or less the whole town; it is everywhere, on the walls of the houses, on the beaches, and even on the sea bed. All the old mines are on the eastern side of Elba. Today these mines, after the last one closed in 1981, has given way to tourism, and Rio Marina has slowly turned into a flourishing seaside resort, and the buildings that were once part of the mines have been made into museums. Inside the building that was once the Offices of the Mines there is the Museum of Minerals, Mining Art and the Historical Archive of the Mines of Elba. Return to Marina di Scarlino.