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the North Tyrrhenian Ports



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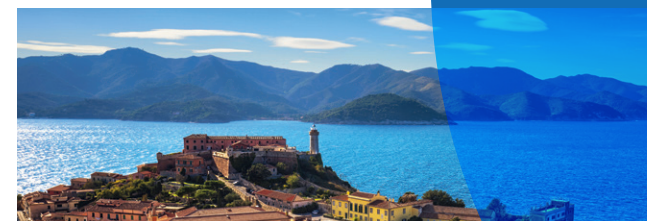
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Livorno, Piombino, Portoferraio:
the three North Tyrrhenian Ports
handling cruise traffic



A major hub in the national and international passenger traffic scene, both for ferries going to the Islands of Sardinia, Corsica, Sicily and Capraia and for the leading cruise lines, the **Port Network of the North Tyrrhenian Sea** since 2016 comprises the ports of Livorno, Piombino, Portoferraio, Rio Marina, Cavo and Capraia. While the last three are mainly

ferries ports, **Livorno, Piombino and Portoferraio** also handle cruise traffic (Livorno and Piombino being also commercial ports). **The three ports' infrastructure includes around 10 quays dedicated to cruise traffic, totalling approximately 5 km in length, connected to the rail and road network and served by two major international airports** (Pisa and Firenze).



Another Tuscan Renaissance beyond Odyssey 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic has produced a dramatic time of transformation in world consumptions patterns, particularly as regards the touristic and cruise sector. International, national and local restrictive measures have been taken in order to tackle the health crisis. Tuscany and its ports, reacting with the animosity of their ironic people, being sometimes bitter, brilliant, elegant and rude at the same time, reopened since summer 2020 the doors and territories in the sign of a real new Renaissance.

LIVORNO

the so-called "little Venice", created in the seventeenth century as an island, with its system of canals and bridges and within walking distance from the city

center, where it is possible to visit: the antique market, small Cantinas alongside the canals, various museums and art exhibitions.



Livorno is the natural gateway to Tuscany, only 70 minutes from Firenze and 20 from Pisa by car/bus/train. It is mainly a destination port, but partial turn-around calls are constantly increasing.

Porto di Livorno 2000 is the company privatized in 2019 (Onorato Group and MSC Cruises 66%, North Tyrrhenian Port Network Authority 17% and the

Chamber of Commerce 17%) that operates the cruise and ferry terminal in the port of Livorno, concessionaire of piers and areas.

The Passenger Port is located in the heart of the Medicean Port, near the Old Fortress, a 16th century monument where cultural and artistic events happen. It is also next to the old **"Venezia" District**,



We learned to feel once again the center and measure of all things

Livorno is not only a transit area for going to the islands (Capraia, Corsica, Sardinia and Sicily), a port for cruise ships or ferries. Livorno is the city that the **Medici** wanted to be designed with an imposing system of ditches and ramparts, a city fortified around its origins,

the world. The starting point for an itinerary through the XVI century is the **Old Fortress**, an ancient outpost on the sea, built in 1534 and designed by Antonio da San Gallo. From the warehouses and old underground prisons, you can climb up to the wonderful circular



so that it could be a strategic access to the sea for the principality of Florence. Until it became a meeting point and crossroads of the routes between East and West, an open and cosmopolitan commercial centre, an emporium of colours and perfumes from all over

tower, from where you can admire the islands of the Tuscan archipelago. A short walk and you'll arrive at the **New Fortress**: it stands in the middle of a large water basin and is connected to the city by a small bridge and some mobile docks built in recent years.



A second fully equipped terminal (at the Alto Fondale quay) can receive the megaships, while the luxury ships berth in the Medicean Port. The excellent connections through Pisa Airport make Livorno the ideal port for turnarounds. World famous vineyards in Bolgheri village, beaches, natural parks, Etruscan and Roman ruins represent interesting alternatives to classic Tuscany tours to the art cities of Pisa, Firenze, Lucca, etc.. **Passengers can also use the port of Livorno shuttle bus service from the berth to the city centre, passing through the old town.**

PIOMBINO

Ro-Ro with Sardinia.

This medium sized port boasts a modern ferry terminal. The port is also able to host the biggest cruise ships,

offering the possibility to discover the natural beauties of southern Tuscany (such as Baratti, Populonia, St Silvestro Archeo-Mineral Park, etc.).



Piombino is located in Alta Maremma and is part of Val di Cornia, extending along the Tuscan coast. A corner of Tuscany looking onto the islands of the archipelago, while the area is home to **Pelagos Cetacean Sanctuary**, characterized by a high

biodiversity and inhabited by marine mammals. Piombino has a long-standing tradition as ferry port with routes to **Elba, Corsica and Sardinia Islands**. Its increase in passenger numbers is largely due to the development of **Elba** and the addition of interchange



**Life, like the sea,
finds a way to unite
people**

Val di Cornia is suitable for every traveler: vast beaches, secluded bays and coastal paths make it possible to immerse yourself in unspoiled nature; the more adventurous visitors can enjoy watersports and outdoor activities, while history lovers can discover the fascinating

Piombino Channel separates the city from the Island of Elba. As rays around the lighthouse of **Piazza Bovio**, the islands of the Tuscan archipelago look like a constellation in the sea, allowing you to admire the contours of **Elba Island**, the solitary **Montecristo** and

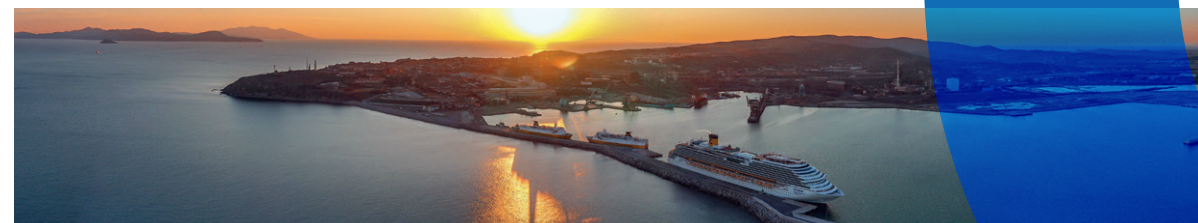
The Piombino Channel is a popular spot for diving or snorkeling. Being the point where the Tyrrhenian and Ligurian Sea meet, the currents guarantee clear water and a seabed with an ecosystem that has great biodiversity and numerous marine species. Also,

the presence of numerous **Roman ruins** makes the Channel's waters an interesting spot to be discovered. To carry out safe marine explorations and discover submerged treasures, local professional instructors and school centres along the coast are available.



archaeological finds featured around the Piombino's area. Last but not least, for a more comfortable day at the beach, there are plenty of bathing establishments offering exclusive beach facilities and restaurants where you can taste the delicious local cuisine.

Capraia Island. On days when the North wind clears the horizon, you can also see Corsica's East coast.



Originated next to the Etruscans Fuflluns - now Populonia - the only Etruscan city located on the coast, Piombino was often the target of pirate raids as the land is rich in minerals, and its port has been an important trade centre in the Mediterranean since ancient times. Over the centuries Piombino has had both dark and glorious days, until modern times when it became the heart of the Italian steel sector: trains run all over Italy on tracks built in Piombino.

PORTOFERRAIO

This has been skilfully restored and is now a favoured venue for important international cultural events. Napoleon also left two magnificent residences, both of which have become national museums that are

destinations for thousands of visitors every year: **Villa dei Mulini**, with period furnishings and furniture, signed letters and numerous paintings and his summer residence at **San Martino**, about 6 km from Portoferraio.



Portoferraio is the capital of Elba, the largest island in the **Tuscan archipelago** and **the third largest of Italy's islands, after Sicily and Sardinia**. It covers an area of 224 sq km and has 147 km of coastline. The Deepwater quay, where cruise ships call, is close to the historic centre, with its elegant shops and typical restaurants just a stone's throw from places evocative

of Napoleon. Indeed, **Napoleon Bonaparte** was exiled on the island from 1814 to 1815 and still bears witness to the influence of his stay during which he had roads built, re-organised the mining industry, increased the production and exportation of local wines and had the charming **Teatro dei Vigilanti** built on the ruins of an old church.



**The sea
is free to be,
to go and to return**

The **Romans** called the site of modern-day Portoferraio **Fabricia** and over the centuries the town grew thanks to the development of iron and steel industries, as well as island's granite quarries and vineyards. The town of Portoferraio was founded in 1548 by

Elba's coasts consist of uncontaminated natural spots: from jagged coasts to beaches of rock and sand and to mountain landscapes of the inland, with extensive sporting and leisure facilities (i.e golf, horse riding, scuba diving, water-skiing, etc.).



Cosimo De' Medici as a fortified city which he called Cosmopoli. The walls have stood the test of time and the imposing Medici fortifications still surround the history centre.



Visitors coming to the island can also immerse themselves in the history of the Roman Villas of Le Grotte and Capo Castello. The former overlooks the entire gulf of Portoferraio and is decorated in opus reticulatum, whose perfection of style can be admired even today. The second one is located on the top of Capo Castello Promontory, near Cavo Village.

RIO MARINA



Rio Marina is Elba Island's second busiest port for traffic, both ferry and commercial, while there is also a marina for pleasure craft. The port was originally built to serve the iron mines and was used to ship nearly all the island's iron ore.

This bay is protected by an L-shaped breakwater, with piers that are 1 m above sea level; at the end of the harbour there is a small rocky island that is the foundation for a tower with a passenger waiting room at its base **with a bar for light lunches and a seafront forecourt** of about

1,500 sqm for vehicles waiting to board. A pier runs for 70 m from the cliffs, it has a slipway for putting boats into the water and a beach that is a natural consequence of the port silting up. The breakwater starts at the end of the beach at the end of which there are berths for about 100 pleasure craft. Today the port is only used by ferries to and from Piombino. These moor at the end of the 80 m long breakwater.

The port of Rio Marina covers an area of about 12,000 sqm and has a draught of about -6 m.

CAVO



PORTS OF RIO MARINA AND CAVO

Piloting services are provided by **Portoferraio pilots and linesman are on hand for mooring operations from the Gruppo Ormeggiatori e Barcaioli dell'Elba (on call and operational 24/7)**

The port of **Cavo** comprises three piers that are mainly used for traffic with Piombino and for some commercial business. It has moorings for scheduled high-speed vessels (hydrofoils) stops on the **Piombino-Cavo-Portoferraio** route and in summer months also welcomes ferries on the Piombino-Cavo line. In addition, it has about 200 berths for pleasure craft traffic. The open pier, measuring about 180 m long and 12 m wide at its end, has a 20 m ramp for the mooring of ferries and a mooring on the opposite side for hydrofoils. The draught varies from -4.5 to -7 m.

CAPRAIA ISLAND

Genoese from the Banco di San Giorgio garrisoned a fort and chain of towers along the coast. From 1873 to 1986 it was a prison island, and the port was mainly used for commercial traffic that supplied the penal colony. Once

the prison was closed there was an increase in recreational yachting, which, combined with trawling, passenger traffic as well as the supply ships for the island's tourist and accommodation services led to an increase in maritime traffic.



Another port in the Tuscan Archipelago that is managed by the North Tyrrhenian Port Network Authority is that on **Capraia Island**. It is in a reasonably well-sheltered bay on the isle's North East coast. It comprises a series of inlets of variable depth between the Punta di Porto Vecchio (Tip of the Old Port) to the North and the Punta del Fanale (Lighthouse point) to the South East.

Capraia port offers a 115 m quay with 3,750 sqm embarkation area for passenger traffic. This is the only island of volcanic origin in the Tuscan Archipelago and was called **Aegylon** by the Ancient Greeks. It has provided shelter for the most ancient of mariners and was also a Roman settlement. Capraia was also raided by Saracen and Turkish pirates. In the 16th century the



"Marina di Capraia" is managed by the company SO.PRO.TUR. that uses 4 pontoon piers with a total of 103 berths. The East of the harbour has a buoy field for the mooring of pleasure craft.

DESTINATION INFORMATION

Must see tourist attractions, apart from the artistic cities
(Pisa, Lucca, Florence, St Gimignano, Siena)

Livorno

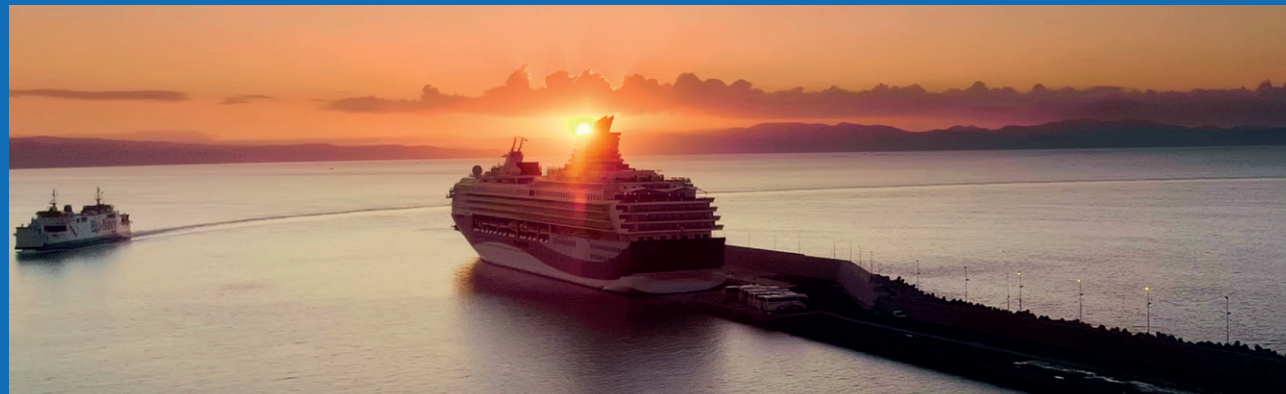
- Old and New Fortress
- Livorno Mascagni Terrace and Promenade & Aquarium
- Montenero Sanctuary
- Livorno Venezia District

Piombino

- Citadel & Archeological Museum of the Territory of Populonia
- Populonia and Baratti area
- Campiglia Marittima and the St Silvestro Archeo-Mineral Park
- Bolgheri and the Etruscan Coast's wine and oil road

Portoferraio

- Tour and wine tasting
- Portoferraio Medicean Fortress, Napoleon's Residences
- Hiking Mounts Capanne
- Beaches, diving and snorkelling



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Local Population:

Livorno: 160,000
Piombino: 33,500
Portoferraio: 12,000

Time (GMT +/-):

+1

First Language:

Italian

Currency:

Euro (€)

Banking Hours:

(morning): From 8:15 am to 1:30 pm / (afternoon): From 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Credit Cards:

Accepted

Accepts Traveller Cheques:

Yes

Shopping hours (morning):

From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Shopping hours (afternoon):

From 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Public Holidays:

January 1st and 6th – Easter –
April 25th – Saint Crispino (April
29th only in Portoferraio) – May
1st – Saint Anastasia (8th May
only in Piombino) – Saint Giulia
(May 22nd only in Livorno)
– June 2nd – August 15th –
November 1st – December 8th,
25th and 26th

Shops are open on Saturdays:

Yes

Shops are open on Sundays:

Yes

PORTS DETAILS

Maximum ship dimensions for berth

- Length:
Livorno: Old Passenger Port: 250mtr,
Alto Fondale 46/47 and commercial piers:
no restriction
Piombino: no restriction
Portoferraio: 200mtr
- Draught:
Livorno: Old Passenger Port: 34ft,
Alto Fondale 46/47 and commercial piers: 39ft
Piombino: 39ft
Portoferraio: 41ft

Anchorage

- Available:
Livorno, Piombino, Portoferraio: yes
- Ship tenders allowed:
Livorno: NO
Piombino, Portoferraio:
yes, if certified for tendering
- Pilotage compulsory: Livorno, Piombino,
Portoferraio: yes
- Tugs available:
Livorno, Piombino, Portoferraio: yes
- Tidal movement/range:
Livorno: 0.3-0.4mtr
Piombino, Portoferraio: 0.2-0.4mtr

Quays

- Total number of quays:
Livorno: 9 specialised for cruise vessels/2
commercial piers
Piombino: 4
Portoferraio: 7
- Total length of quays:
Livorno: 1,700mtr passenger port, 2,300mtr
commercial piers

- Length:
Piombino: 1,000mtr
Portoferraio: 850mtr
- Quay depth:
L: 27mtr or more
Piombino: 25mtr or more
Portoferraio: 15mtr or more
- Passenger terminals:
Livorno: 1 at Pier Deposito Franco #59 (3,000sq
mtr) and 1 at Pier Alto Fondale #46 (4,500sq mtr)
Piombino, Portoferraio: NO

Distances/Transportation

- City centre:
Livorno: 500mtr passenger terminal,
1.5km Alto Fondale
Piombino: 1km
Portoferraio: in the centre
- Airport:
Livorno: Pisa 15 km, Florence 80 km
Piombino: Pisa 95 km, Florence 180 km
Portoferraio: M. di Campo 15 km
- Shuttle service to city:
Livorno, Piombino: yes
Portoferraio: not necessary

Traffic

- Total cruise passengers 2019:
Livorno: 832,121
(of which 10,580 disembarking & embarking)
Piombino: 24,377
Portoferraio: 31,848
- Total cruise calls 2019:
Livorno: 379
Piombino: 18
Portoferraio: 80
- Turnaround port:
Livorno: yes, mainly interporting



**The sea serves
as a reminder that
we are part of a much
larger plan**

Port Network Authority of the North Tyrrhenian Sea

Ports of Livorno – Piombino – Portoferraio – Rio Marina – Cavo – Capraia Island

Port of Livorno
Port of Capraia Isola
Port of Piombino
Port of Portoferraio
Port of Rio Marina
Port of Cavo

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