



TUSCAN
ISLANDS



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A vintage and elegant Italy

The itinerary through the Tuscan islands is truly beautiful, a vintage and elegant Italy without the glitz of Sardinia, but still fascinating and varied. Starting from the Cinque Terre, the last piece of Liguria that joins Tuscany with the Lunigiana area, there sits a little-known part of the peninsula which is rich in history, culture and excellent cuisine. The area also offers villages overlooking the sea and ravines among the rocks where you can moor and do a little diving.

With our father we used to drive from Milan to Sarzana and on to Viareggio. We went to view boats under construction for our best customers, and the finest craft workshops.

We truly love Giglio and Giannutri, located right in front of the Argentario. Beautiful sea, Roman ruins and joy springing from the summer islands are always on offer. The scent of the Mediterranean scrub is surprising, strong and hypnotizing.

Each stage of this itinerary includes places that are well-frequented, more for work than for vacation. Being a good Broker means having a deep understanding of the best destinations to recommend and we strongly feel that you'll find the best here.

Aloisa & Isabella Moncada

OUR TIPS

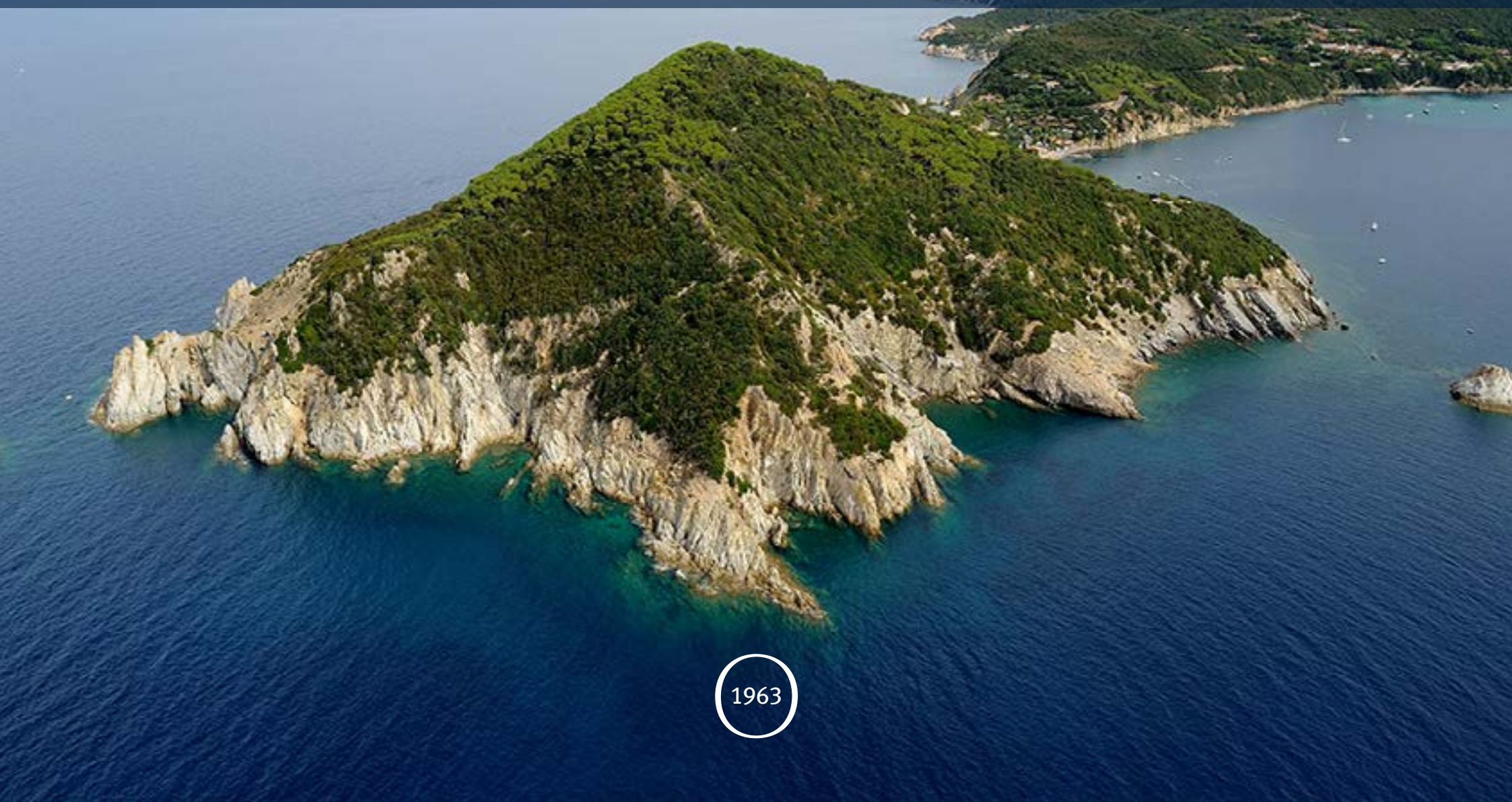
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“The Creator made Italy from designs by Michelangelo.”
Mark Twain

The mythical origins of this extraordinary archipelago tells us the story of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty and how seven pearls fell from her necklace into the Tyrrhenian Sea. These gems became the seven islands of the Tuscan Archipelago, now a National Park: Gorgona, Capraia, Pianosa, Montecristo, Giglio, Giannutri and the main island Elba, where the Etruscan legacy is overshadowed by Napoleon's exile. Day after day, discover the temperament and beauty of each island: from the glamorous nightlife of Elba, to the breathtaking seabeds at Capraia, to the mysterious nature reserve Montecristo, that only has two permanent inhabitants.



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The sea on one side, the white peaks of the Apuan Alps on the other, who hasn't seen this classic image of Viareggio? Stroll along the city center's charming streets, eat a gelato on the Passeggiata or in the shade of a pine forest, look out to the sea on the Darsena or, further out, toward the even more uninhabited beach, the Lecciona, near Torre del Lago; eat fish in one of the typical seaside restaurants and enjoy a relaxing day surrounded by the salty smell of the ocean: Viareggio has been all this and more for centuries.

You will join the yacht at Viareggio on the mainland; the nearest airport is Pisa, just 32 kilometres away. You may find your crew has opera crooning from the speakers on your arrival – this is the birthplace of the man who wrote Madame Butterfly, La Bohème and Tosca. Giacomo Puccini lived and worked in nearby Torre Del Lago and his home is open to the public. Head for the town, a health and seaside resort since the early 1900s, with art nouveau buildings and 10 kilometres of beach.

DAY 1

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VIAREGGIO

Lucca is a kaleidoscope all of the best things in Tuscany; the city is near Pisa and is called the city of a hundred churches with its overwhelming number of religious structures. Lucca is known throughout Italy for its magnificent medieval city walls encircling the historic old town.

Before heading for the islands, soak up the local colour and culture of Tuscany. Lucca is surrounded by a ring of massive walls over 4 kilometres long enclosing impressive medieval and Renaissance architecture, antique markets and great dining spots. After a day in this lovely city depart for La Spezia to spend the night at Porto Lotti Marina.



DAY 2

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VIAREGGIO - LA SPEZIA



Manarola, built on a high rock 70 metres above sea level, is one of the most charming and romantic Cinque Terre villages. Picturesque multicolored houses face the sea looking over a tiny harbour, a small piazza with seafood restaurants to savour local specialities.

La Spezia is right in the middle of an enchanting stretch of the Ligurian Riviera and is the ideal base for visits to Cinque Terre – five petite villages perched on the cliffs over the sea that can be reached only by boat or a small train that rumbles between them. Hike the Via dell' Amore (Lovers' Lane) that links Riomaggiore and Manarola. At Porto Venere, the harbor is lined with tall, vibrantly painted, 12th century houses fronting narrow alleys that lead to the castle. Overnight, cross to Elba, arriving for breakfast.

DAY 3

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LA SPEZIA TO CINQUE TERRE AND
PORTO VENERE



The island of Elba is a mix of nature and culture with magnificent scenery. Elba, together with the other pearls of the archipelago and the sea that surrounds them, is protected by the Tuscan Archipelago National Park. A real treasure of nature and beauty with an amazing history.

This is the infamous island where Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled in 1814, but with crystal waters and coastal cliffs, it seems like a great place to be stranded. Four miles inland, you'll come to the Villa San Martino, Napoleon's residence. Elba is now a destination in itself, with some charming restaurants and hotels. Explore one of the gorgeous bays before the yacht departs for Isola del Giglio.

DAY 4

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ELBA TO ISOLA DEL GIGLIO

Montecristo is an island of mystery and one of Tuscany's hidden gems. It is a state nature reserve and contains the ruins of a 13th century monastery that was abandoned in 1553 after having been destroyed by pirates. The island was made famous thanks to the novel The Count of Monte Cristo (1844) by Alexandre Dumas Père.

Those yearning to relax on a golden beach will enjoy the pristine shores of Isola del Giglio. The town is dominated by a stone watchtower built by the Medicis. Further west is the small, pyramid shaped, grey-pink granite island of Montecristo. From here, it's a short hop to Porto Ercole on the Argentario peninsula.



DAY 5

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ISOLA DEL GIGLIO - MONTECRISTO

Porto Ercole is a delightful seaside town on the Argentario promontory on the Tuscan coast. The promontory is a paradise of rugged green hills, hidden coves, and natural harbours. It is actually an island connected to the mainland of Tuscany by three isthmuses. Named for Heracles, the mythical son of Zeus, it has a history that reaches back to the Phoenicians, the Etruscans and the Romans.

Porto Ercole is a small gem of a city surrounded by a blanket of beautiful sand and rock beaches. It makes a great base for playing with the yacht's water toys or touring nearby Siena. Take a picnic lunch to the beach and, in the afternoon, you can anchor off the small island of Giannutri, the southernmost in the archipelago, stopping for the night before the cruise to your final port, Rome.



DAY 6

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PORTO ERCOLE



Pull into Roma Marina Yachting, the new marina in the historic port of Civitavecchia that is set against the backdrop of an ancient fort.

Head into Rome to scour the city for the best in Italian shopping on tree-lined boulevards dotted with outdoor cafes and fountains before catching a flight back home.

DAY 7

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CIVITAVECCHIA (ROME)

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MEDITERRANEAN SEA

ITALY

3. Elba

5. Montecristo

4. Isola del Giglio

6. Porto Ercole

7. Civitavecchia

International airport
Embark:
Pisa Int.Airp.
Disembark:
Rome-Fiumicino

Language
Italian

Currency
Euro

Average air temperature
22°C - 30°C
May- October

Average water temperature
18°C - 25°C
May October

Distances
Day 1: Embark
Day 2: 23 nm
Day 3: 85 nm
Day 4: 36 nm

Day 5: 25 nm
Day 6: 38 nm
Day 7: 32 nm

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