WALKING ON THE ISLAND OF ELBA

TUSCANY: THE ISLAND OF ELBA

A relaxing walking holiday on the Island of Elba; a green oasis within the Tuscan Archipelago. Walk through picturesque fishing villages, along rugged coastlines and long sandy beaches.

The Island of Elba is the biggest of the Tuscan Archipelago and the third largest in Italy. It is famous for harboring the French Emperor Napoleon in 1814 during his exile. Today Elba is known for its crystal clear blue waters and white sandy beaches, the exquisite richness of the landscape, both land and marine, making this the perfect destination for your walking holiday.

Your holiday begins in the small town of Marina di Campo; characterised by its old, historical quarter at the end of the bay behind the small harbour, and by its seafront that comes to an end at a beautiful pine forest that runs alongside the beach. Based at a three star hotel for the first four nights of your trip you can explore all that the Island of Elba has to offer; through rocky alpine terrain, thick forest and medieval hamlets to gentle treks around small fishing harbour’s and idyllic, authentic villages.

Your last nights stay is at a three star hotel in Pisa, the perfect based to explore the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with the leaning tower and baptistery.

Your trip includes four nights accommodation in a three star hotel in Marina di Campo, one night at a three star hotel in Pisa, transfers from Portoferraio to your hotel, a delicious breakfast each morning, a detailed information pack complete with route notes, local information and maps and emergency support from our local representative.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fabulous walks through varied landscapes
- Explore historical sites, churches, fortresses, villas.
- Pisa and its Piazza Dei Miracoli and the leaning tower.
- Mouth-watering Tuscan cuisine and world-famous wines
- Exploring the small picturesque Mediterranean villages.

WHY CHOOSE A SELF GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY WITH US?

Macs Adventure is a small, energetic company dedicated to delivering adventure excellence. We are passionate about delivering outstanding walking holidays where every last detail is taken care of. Each trip we offer is unique and tailor made to meet your requirements. From your first contact with Macs Adventure you will deal with a local specialist who knows the region intimately.

Self guided walking holidays are a wonderful relaxed way to discover the magic of the Island of Elba. Free to travel at your own pace and wander off the beaten track, you will discover the beauty of the landscape, the warmth of the people and the long history of this spectacular land. We will supply you with a detailed road book with a clear map and a pre-departure information pack to guide you every step of the way so there is no need for a guide. In the unlikely event you should require emergency support our office is always more than happy to help with your queries. So, from the moment you decide to visit Tuscany and the Island of Elba you can relax and look forward to an unforgettable self-guided walking holiday. We hope that you will choose to travel with Macs Adventure soon.

SUMMARY

Tour: Tuscany: The Island of Elba
Code: WITSTE
Type: Self-Guided Walking Holiday
Price: See Website
Dates: Daily from May to October
Days: 6 Days (4 Walking Days)
Nights: 5 Nights
Start/Finish: Marina di Campo, Elba / Pisa
Grade: Easy
Closest Airport: Rome / Pisa / Florence

Is It For Me?
Island of Elba is the ideal relaxing getaway. Food, wine, sunshine, quiet trails, unique accommodation and authentic undiscovered Island of Elba. Also visit the delightful city of Pisa, a cultural icon.

What’s Included?
Accommodation: 4 Nights in a 3 hotel in Marina di Campo, Elba. 1 night is a 3 star hotel in Pisa.
Meals: 4 nights in Marina di Campo are half board, 1 night in Pisa is bed and breakfast.
Transfers: Transfer from / to harbour of Portoferraio to the hotel on arrival / departure day.
Information Pack: Detailed route notes, maps and emergency phone support from our local representative.
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Nights: 5
Overnights: 4 in Marina di Campo, 1 in Pisa

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DAY 1
Arrive in Rome, Pisa or Florence

Arrive in Rome, Pisa or Florence and take the train to Piombino. You can then relax and enjoy the ferry to Portoferraio on Elba. At the port, a transfer will take you to your hotel in Marina di Campo, where you stay for 4 nights.

Overnight: 3 star Hotel Barracuda Marina di Campo.

The Barracuda hotel is a 3 star hotel just 200 metres from the best beach on the island and 500 metres from the town. Renovated in 2003 the hotel has a fresh water swimming pool, jacuzzi, grill bar in the garden, palm garden and relaxation areas and all rooms have private en-suite bathrooms and air-conditioning.

DAY 2, 3 & 4
A selection of walks from Marina di Campo

For the next three days you have a selection of walks you can choose from.

Marina di Campo round walk - 8.6km / 5 miles
This is a gentle walk and a pleasant introduction to Marina di Campo, along the harbour and through the steep streets as you slowly climb higher. Every now and then you will be surprised by panoramic views of the island. You end your walk with a gradual ascent and descent along forest trails and a stroll back to the centre of Marina di Campo.

Pomonte round walk -11km / 6 miles
This walks travels along old mule trails, once used by pre-Roman rural dwellers. You can enjoy the scented aromas of the lavender as you climb the valley of ‘dei Mori’ and splash along the waterfalls and stream of Fossa Barione. The trail then crosses the Villanovan settlement of Le Mure as you make the steep descent back to Pomonte.

Marciana & Madonna del Monte Santuario round walk - 7km / 4 miles
Marciana is situated on the slopes of Monte Capanna, the history of this ancient village dates back to the Roman Empire. You travel on winding trails offering breath-taking views of the rocky coastline and tiny harbours. The trail leads you to the most important chapel of Elba ‘Madonna del Monte Santuario’ then a exhilarating walk across the alpine terrain of Monte Capanna. Your walk ends with a descent over flowing streams back to Marciana.

Monte Capanne to San Ilario walk - 9.5km / 5 miles
An exhilarating start to this walk as you climb to the top of Monte Capanne and savour the incredible 360 degree view of the island, Corsica and mainland Spain. Your descent takes you along rocky paths, through alpine vegetation and thick forests with panoramic views.

San Ilario to Procchio walk - 6km / 3 miles
A relaxing start as you take the bus to San Ilario, this beautiful medieval town is the starting point for a steady and easy walk of 6km over good paths and trails.

San Martino to Procchio walk - 7 km / 4 miles
Another walk that begins with a bus ride. This time to the French emperor Napoleon’s summer residence; Villa San Martino. Inside you will find the Demidoff Gallery with its glorious collection of statues. Continue along the trail meandering to the beach resort of Procchio and among oak forests, small hamlets and remote ruins.

San Pietro in Campo to Seccheto walk - 7 km / 4 miles
The walk allows you to explore the Mediterranean landscape during a gentle walk. The walk starts in the small village of San Piero in Campo, after a short climb through the village the track climbs along the mountain slopes, the descent is very gradual as well, first along small trails through the garrigue and the last section along roads to Seccheto.

DAY 5
Transfer to Portoferraio and wave goodbye to the Island of Elba as you take the ferry to Piombino. You then catch the train to the world famous Tuscan town of Pisa, where you will spend your last night. We recommend you visit the Piazza dei Miracoli and the leaning tower.

Overnight: 3 star Hotel Ariston Pisa.

The three star Hotel Ariston is located just 50 yards from the leaning tower of Pisa, most of the hotels 32 rooms have the unparalleled privilege of a direct view of the Tower. The hotel has a relaxing TV lounge, reading room and bar. All rooms have private bathrooms and air-conditioning.
The trip ends after breakfast.

TRIP INFORMATION

Additional Nights and Extensions
We can book you additional nights at any point along the walk.

Grade & Fitness
This tour is graded easy. The walks are along well trodden, although sometimes uneven trails, footpaths, mule tracks and asphalt roads. The walks are suitable for families and children aged 6+. In summer it is hot but walking distances are generally short between 6 and 11km.

Navigation
Some of the walks on this trip are way marked but many are not and you will need to follow the route notes and maps supplied.

Accommodation
Your first four nights are at the 3 star Hotel Barracuda Marina di Campo. The Barracuda hotel is a 3 star hotel just 200 metres from the best beach on the island and 500 metres from the town. Renovated in 2003 the hotel has a fresh water swimming pool, jacuzzi, grill bar in the garden, palm garden and relaxation areas and all rooms have private en-suite bathrooms and air-conditioning.

Your last night is at a 3 star Hotel Ariston Pisa. The three star Hotel Ariston is located just 50 yards from the leaning tower of Pisa, most of the hotels 32 guest rooms have the unparalleled privilege of a direct view of the Tower. The hotel has a relaxing TV lounge, reading room and bar. All rooms have private bathrooms and air conditioning.

Alternate accommodation
During high season you might be booked into a different accommodation which is not listed in the description. Any alternative accommodation will be of the same or better standard as those described. We will let you know if this is the case on confirmation of your booking.

Meals
In Marina di Campo a delicious savoury breakfast and evening meal is included each day. In Pisa a continental breakfast is included.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Getting there and away
Rome - Fly into one of its two airports; Fiumicino ‘Leonardo da Vinci’ major international airport, or Ciampini, smaller and serviced more by low cost European airlines. There are regular bus’s and trains which go to Rome train station, from where you take the train to Piombino.

Pisa - There is a direct train from airport to Pisa central station, from where you take the train to Piombino.

Florence - Take the bus from the airport to Santa Maria Novella train station and then the train to Piombino

Detailed public transport information from Rome, Pisa or Florence to Marina di Campo or Pisa is included in your pre-departure information pack.

Travel Insurance
It is a condition of booking with us that you have suitable travel insurance that covers you for cancellation, curtailment, illness or injury.

M.A.C.S Responsible Travel
We operate holidays in some of the most beautiful areas of the world and try to operate in an environmentally aware and sustainable manner. We do this by following our M.A.C.S. Responsible travel policy. The full policy is available online and the cornerstones of this policy are:

- Minimise Impact & Maximise Benefit
- Action & Advocacy
- Carbon & Communities
- Sensitive & Sustainable

Availability
This walking holiday is available between May and October. You can start on any date subject to availability.

Price
Detailed up to date prices for all trips are available on our website here

Included
- 4 nights on a half board basis in a good 3 star hotel in the town of Marina di Campo, Elba.
- 1 night on B&B basis in a 3 star hotel in the centre of Pisa.
- Transfers from Portoferraio port on Elba to the hotel on arrival.
- Detailed road book, maps and pre-departure information pack.
- 24-hour assistance by phone

Excluded
- Flights and public transport.
- Ferry from Piombino to Portoferraio (payable locally).
- Travel insurance
- Entrance fees of any kind
- Personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, extra transfers, tips, etc.
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the program.
Optional Extras
- Single room supplement(s) if applicable
- Airport arrival and/or departure transfers
- Guided tour of Pisa with a local private city guide.
- Additional nights during the holiday.

How to Book
Once you have read all the information in this factsheet or our website, you can then book online at www.macsadventure.com or by phone on +44 (0) 141 530 8886 or USA Toll Free +1-866-355-1037

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There is no requirement for Financial Protection of day trips, and none is provided. This insurance is only valid for packages booked that do NOT include flights.

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