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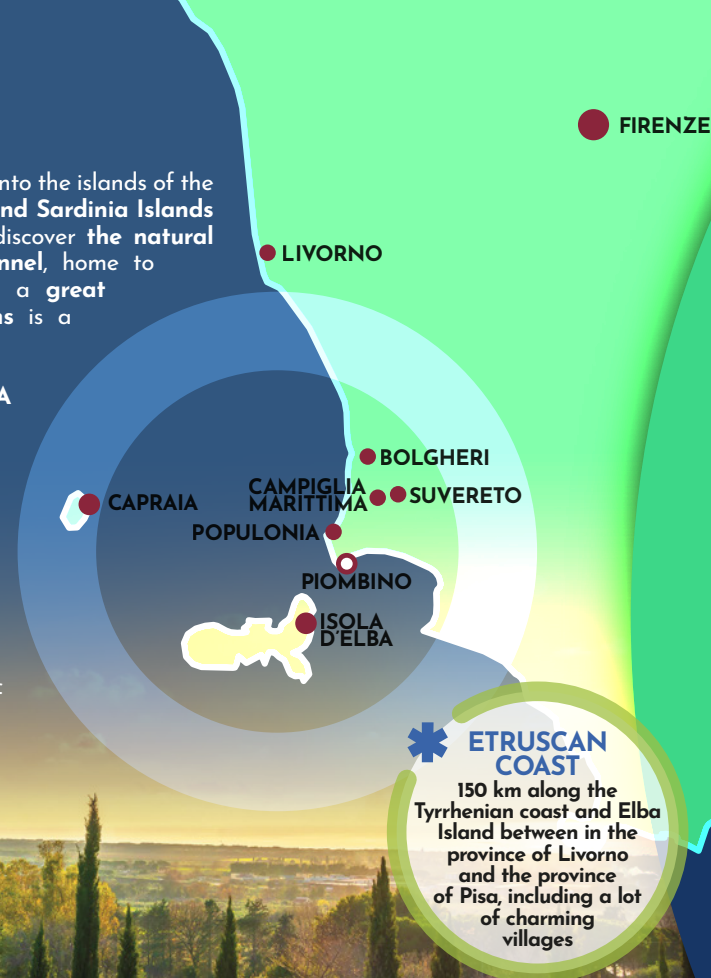
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PIOMBINO

A corner of Tuscany, along the Etruscan Coast, looking onto the islands of the archipelago, a ferry port with routes to **Elba, Corsica and Sardinia Islands** and a promising hub for the biggest cruise ships to discover the **natural beauties of southern Tuscany**. The **Piombino Channel**, home to **Pelagos Cetacean Sanctuary**, with its clear water, a **great biodiversity**, the presence of numerous **Roman ruins** is a popular spot for diving or snorkelling.

THE SURROUNDINGS OF PIOMBINO: VAL DI CORNIA

Wonderful landscapes, vast beaches with exclusive facilities and restaurant, secluded bays and coastal paths for an unforgettable experience in unspoiled nature. Watersports and outdoor activities for the more adventurous visitors and fascinating archaeological finds for history lovers. From the **Colline Metallifere** (Metalliferous Hills) and the villages of **Campiglia Marittima and Bolgheri**, in the heart of the Wine Road and Olive Oil Route, an amazing view of the valley. Against the background of the enchanting **Baratti Gulf**, vast stretches of sand up to the rocky cliffs of the Cape of Piombino along the Wine Route.



SOME SHOREX inspirations

Visit to the San Silvestro Mining Park

Place: San Silvestro (Campiglia Marittima)
Time: at least 2 hours
Types of transport available: bus

DESCRIPTION: the visit begins at the ticket office in the Archaeology and Minerals Museum and continues in the tunnel of the Temperino Mine, to discover the underground world and the evolution of copper, lead, silver and zinc exploration and extraction techniques in the Val di Cornia. After leaving the mine, in just a few minutes you reach Pozzo Earle, where the Museum of Mining Equipment and the Miners' Museum (Morteo) tell the story of the final decades of mining activities in the area. The entrance to the Lanzi-Temperino Tunnel is in front of the Morteo, the miners' old canteen and meeting place where they could chat about their lives underground. At the back of this valley stand the ruins of the medieval Rocca San Silvestro Castle.

It is also possible to go trekking, with various itineraries differing in length and difficulty

Visit to Populonia archaeological park

Place: Populonia (Piombino)
Time: 8 hours (necropolis + acropolis)
Types of transport available: bus

DESCRIPTION: the Archaeological Park of Baratti and Populonia is divided into two areas that show visitors the transformation of the landscape and the city through the centuries:
• in the lower part you can see the two Etruscan necropoleis, the calcarenite quarries and the industrial zones where hematite, from deposits on Elba, was worked to obtain iron ingots;
• in the high part you can visit the Acropolis of Populonia, with its temples, buildings, mosaics and Roman roads, as well as the ruins of the huts of the first Etruscan settlement with the walls that surrounded the city on the side facing the sea of the Gulf of Baratti.



Diving in the waters of the Etruscan coast and Elba Island

Place: Etruscan Coast - Elba Island
Time: at least 3 hours
Types of transport available: bus + rubber dinghy

DESCRIPTION: Piombino's headland is a terrace overlooking the Tuscan archipelago. This makes it a great place to dive into its wonderful waters. Probably the most convenient place to start is from the Gulf of Baratti. Both the Etruscan coast and the island of Elba can be easily reached from there. Excursions are usually organized by rubber dinghy. They last from 2 hours (for the closest sites) to 6/7 hours for full days and the most distant sites. The kinds of immersions that are usually offered are either for non-certified divers who want to try this experience (so-called 'baptism of the sea') or for certified divers with immersions to various depths.

SPA itineraries

Place: Campiglia marittima - Suvereto
Time: at least 4 hours
Types of transport available: bus

DESCRIPTION: there are a number of spas near Piombino, some dating back to Roman times. Thermal baths at these facilities can be organized, with the possibility of complete wellness programmes (massages, sauna, spa...). There are also on-site catering services.

