

CAMPING EUROPA ***
Località Lido di Capoliveri, 57031 – Capoliveri (LI) – Island of Elba
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Camping » information

The **camping Europa** is situated at the ninth km on the main road that connects the two towns of Portoferraio and Porto Azzurro. The camping site extends over a surface of 36.000sqm., is situated on a hill that slopes directly down until the sea and is lying in the natural beauty of the typical island landscape that can be admired in various panoramic spots of the **island of Elba**.

Situated on the **beach of the Lido of Capoliveri**, the camping Europa is expecting you for a relaxing vacation under the shadow of century old trees, far away from all noise and stress.

Inside our camping we have **caravans** and **maxi caravans on rent**, fully furnished with 4 bed sites, covered veranda with table and chairs. Units can host max 4 persons.

The **camping** disposes of 3 sanitary groups equipped with free warm water and washing machines, a large parking area and inside you can find a bar, a small shop, newspapers, two infirmaries "where one can find a doctor every day", a bowling row, a games room with billiard, a mini-soccer field, videogames and table tennis, a restaurant/pizzeria and free animation during summer.

Outside of the camping, in the neighbourhood, there are restaurants, pizzerias, supermarkets, tennis courts, scooter/mountain bike and car rental, while on the beach of Lido you can find windsurf schools, rubber dinghy and pedalo rentals, and Talas diving center.

The camping Europa is just a few steps away from the bus stop for Portoferraio (9 km), Porto Azzurro and Capoliveri (3 km), the main commercial towns of the island, which can be reached in around 10 minutes. The nearest supermarkets are just 1 km far away.

Camping » rates 2012

Daily rates - camping				
	A	B	C	D
	01/04-24/05 10/09-31/10	24/05-22/06 02/09-10/09	22/06-27/07 25/08-02/09	27/07-25/08
Adults	€ 9,00	€ 9,50	€ 11,50	€ 15,00
Children 2/7 years	€ 6,00	€ 7,50	€ 8,00	€ 10,00
Tent	€ 1,00	€ 3,00	€ 14,50	€ 17,00
Canadian or Igloo tent	€ 1,00	€ 3,00	€ 9,00	€ 11,00
Caravan	€ 1,00	€ 3,00	€ 14,50	€ 19,00
Camper or car tent	€ 1,00	€ 3,00	€ 16,50	€ 20,00
Car	€ 3,00	€ 3,00	€ 3,50	€ 4,00
Motorcycle	€ 2,10	€ 2,10	€ 2,50	€ 2,60
Trailer	€ 2,10	€ 2,10	€ 3,00	€ 3,50
Dog	€ 4,50	€ 4,50	€ 5,00	€ 5,00
Electricity	€ 2,50	€ 2,50	€ 2,50	€ 2,50
Daily rates - maxicaravan and caravan for rent				
Maxicaravan	€ 65,00	€ 80,00	€ 110,00	€ 150,00
Caravan	€ 55,00	€ 65,00	€ 85,00	€ 100,00

Final cleaning for maxicaravan and caravan on rent € 45,00; deposit € 100,00.

Animation without any extra charge. Warm water in the showers and bathroom sinks is included in the price.

In the rental of the Maxicaravans and the Caravans linen is not included. Bed linen and towels available at € 10,00 per person.

Please, leave the site within 12 A.M., otherwise another night will have to be paid. For Maxicaravans and caravans for rent departure 10 A.M. - arrival 4.00 P.M.

Booking formalities

Booking request must be sent by fax or e-mail. The acceptance of a reservation is subject to availability. A reservation will be considered accepted only after the guest has signed the reservation form and has received a written confirmation of availability from Camping Europa and has sent, within 5 days, a confirmation down payment of Euro 100,00 for a place on the camping and 30% of amount for the rental of a Maxicaravan or Caravan.

Delays and early departures

In case of late arrival or early departure guests are obliged to pay the full amount of the booked and confirmed period.

Unless an arrival delay is properly communicated accommodations and campsites will be left to the guest's disposal until 12.00 P.M. of the booked arrival date.

Cancellation of the booking

In case of a cancellation, 50% of the deposit will be refunded if a written notice arrives to the Camping Europa at least 45 days before the date of arrival. No refund will be given if the notice is received later than the fore mentioned terms.

POSTAL ORDER

Address: Camping Europa, Loc. LIDO - 57031 Capoliveri - Isola d'Elba (LI) - Italy

It is obligatory to specify your booking reference as the reason for the credit transfer. I.e. booking deposit from John Smith, arrival 15th July, departure 30th July (you must enter the name under which the booking was made).

Camping » how to reach us

The camping is situated in the locality **Lido di Capoliveri**. If you get of the ferry at **Cavo or Rio Marina**, just follow the indications of Porto Azzurro and than Portoferraio. After the crossing for Capoliveri, just continue straight and after 2 km turn left, direction Lido.

If you come from **Portoferraio**, follow the direction of Porto Azzurro. After the crossing for Lacona, continue straight and after 1 km you find a road to the right, direction Lido.

Camping » the beach of Lido di Capoliveri

The **Lido di Capoliveri beach** is 500 meters long and 20 meters large. The shallow sandy ground is ideal for families with children. The southern direction assures a warmer temperature than on other beaches of the island.

Services: windsurf schools, Talas diving center, rubber dinghy rental, umbrella rental, pedalo rental, bar, 2 restaurants. Our camping disposes **mooring boyes** for the boats of our guests. On the left side a cliff separates the main beach from a smaller, less crowded beach.

Island of Elba » sport & free time

The Island of Elba offers the opportunity to practice numerous sports, especially all water sports.

On the beach our guests can find 2 windsurf schools, 1 diving and, 2 km far, an important sailing and hobie-cat school. Nearby different diving schools and centers.

The Island of Elba, because of its landscape, is the ideal place for the mountain bike and horse riding fans.

In fact, the island hosts numerous excursions on asphalt and dirt roads, easy trails, difficult uphill and steep downhill. It is not for nothing that Elba hosts since years the mountain bike world championship.

From the top of the hills and mountains you can admire the whole coastline of the island as well as all the other islands of the tuscan archipelago. You can discover various and always changing landscapes, beautiful beaches, chestnut and pine forests, mediterranean macchia vegetation, bizzare and beautiful rock formations and you will always have the sea as background. Come and enjoy the beauty of the National Park of the Tuscan Archipelago.

Our camping lies in the center of various excursions, like the one from Monte Calamita to Capoliveri, from Monte Orello to Portoferraio or the one the leads to Cavo passing the Monte Strega and Porto Azzurro.

Island of Elba » information

The island offers a marvellous variety of scenery, from small hidden coves to long sandy beaches; each corner of Elba holds its own special surprise for visitors. The island is washed by crystal clear water in every shade of blue - a paradise for divers and snorkellers.

Its wooded hills make it ideal for hikers, its panoramic roads so popular with mountain bikers. Those in search of culture will find its ancient churches and museums a pleasant alternative to seaside activities.

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT ELBA ISLAND

The Island of Elba is the third largest Italian island after Sicily and Sardinia and is the largest in the Tuscan Archipelago.

It has recently become part of the Tuscan Archipelago's National Park together with the islands of Pianosa, Capraia, Montecristo, Giglio and Giannutri.

Elba has a coastline of 147 km: its main mountain (Monte Capanne) is 1019 metres high, accessed via pathways or by a panoramic cable car.

Measuring 224 square kms, the island is situated 10 kms from the mainland with an excellent ferry boat service taking only one hour from Piombino to Portoferraio (the island's main town).

Elba has approximately 30.000 inhabitants, of these, 11.000 live in Portoferraio. The island is divided into 8 administrative "Communes".

It has an asphalt road network of 160 km and 80 km of panoramic "macadam" roads.

The climate is always mild with a middle annual temperature of ca. 16°; the medium in the winter is about 10° degrees, 14° in spring, 23° degrees in summer and 17° degree in autumn. The medium water-temperature of April is always about 19° degrees, 20° in May, June about 24°, 26,8° degrees in July, in August 27,3°, September 25,5° degrees and October 23,1° degrees.

Already in ancient times Elba's destiny was always determined by two factors: its strategic position and the richness of its mineral resources. Due to these characteristics, it was often the object of conquest for the various powers along the Mediterranean. For the Etruscans and the Romans Elba represented an inexhaustible source of riches and the iron from Elba contributed to the prospering of their civilization.

During the Medieval period Elba was dominated by Pisa. The remains of some important and striking defensive structures testify to the importance of possessing the island. The Appiani Lordship followed, as did the attentions of Cosimo de Medici, who built "Cosmopoli" on top of the ruins of the Roman city of Fabricia - now the capital Portoferraio - and had it surrounded with the impressive walls that saved the inhabitants from many pirate raids.

The Spaniards settled in Porto Azzurro and they too made sure to construct defences on their territory - the imposing San Giacomo Fort still dominates the pleasant landscape.

In the more recent history, the period that made this island famous and placed it on the world map was the brief exile of Napoleon, who stayed here for 10 month prior to his 100 days adventure which was finished in Waterloo. Bonaparte left a significant mark of his short reign: Important reforms and buildings like his Townhouse "Villa dei Mulini" in Portoferraio and his impressing summer residence "San Martino" - which are now museums and can be visited.

The island first opened to tourism soon after 1950 but has managed to preserve its waters, flora and fauna thanks to its local administration and inhabitants.

A tiny airport services the island, permitting only small planes to land from a few privileged european cities. Most visitors arrive by car, others by train travelling to Piombino Marittima station which is very close to the ferry departures.

Island of Elba » reaching the island

During summer season car ferries leave from Piombino to Portoferraio almost hourly. There are also daily ferries for Cavo and Rio Marina. The shipping companies are **Toremар**, **Blu Navy** and **Moby**. The crossing Piombino-Portoferraio takes one hour.

A hydrofoil service (no cars), which arrives only in Portoferraio, takes 35 minutes.

• By car:

From the North of Italy: from Milano take the A1 motorway, change to the A15 at Parma Ovest to join the A12 Genova-Livorno exit later at Rosignano. Continue on dual-carriageway as far as right-hand sign to "Venturina/Isola d'Elba". Continue on the main road until you reach Piombino Marittima/Portoferraio.

- **From the North -East:** Take the A1 motorway Bologna-Firenze-Pisa-Livorno exit later at Rosignano and continue as above.

Alternatively: take the S.G.C. (not a motorway but a very good road) Firenze-Pisa-Livorno, exit at Firenze Scandicci and follow the main road as far as Collesalveti. At Collesalveti re-join the motorway and exit at Rosignano, then dual carriageway as above down to Piombino.

From the South: Take the A12 Roma-Grosseto, continue on the main road "the Aurelia": exit at Venturina-Isola d'Elba then follow as above for Piombino.

- **By plane:**

During the summer Elba is connected by many flights by Italian and foreign companies from the following airports: Milano, Pisa, Zürich, Bern, Friedrichshafen, München. The airport is located in La Pila, approx. 14 km from our camping.

- **By train:**

The train station of Piombino Marittima is 50 meters far to the ferries departures (see www.trenitalia.it)

Island of Elba » Porto Azzurro and Capoliveri

Capoliveri

Sitting on a small hill, Capoliveri lies in a strategic position with, on one side the Porto Azzurro Gulf and on the other side the Stella Gulf with an enchanting view over the Monte Capanne.

It is the youngest municipality of the island: it was born in 1906 when it detached itself from Porto Longone, today Porto Azzurro. Its name has Roman origins. It probably comes from Caput Liberum (Capo Libero=free head) referring to the presence of the outcasts that could move freely inside of the city walls.

The city was born as an Etruscan fortress, but it probably has even older origins, as Greek and Fenician navigators visited the island already much earlier because of its rich iron mines.

The oldest shape of the city was a regular geometric form typical of the Latin constructions. As during the medieval period the fortified city groups around the central market place and the actual Via Roma, from where, like in a fish bone, depart all the small roads, alleys and stairs.

Capoliveri is an old fortified castle of the 12th. century. The S.Michele church dates of the middle ages, but the few reminders can easily be recognised as a rare example of Pisan architecture. The story tells that Pope Gregorio XI, transferring the Holy Siege from Avignon to Rome, celebrated a holy mass in this church after having climbed up to the church having been surprised by a strong tempest.

On the southern hill side of Capoliveri lies the Grazie Sanctuary.

The most important traditional celebration is the one of the 'Innamorata', celebrated on 14th. of July.

Market day: Thursday

Porto Azzurro

In the beginning of the 16th. century, it was the Spaniards, who, under the recommendation of the Genoese admiral Andrea Doria, planned to build a fortification on the eastern side of the gulf in order to close the bay.

Together with the fortress 'Focardo' on the other side, this became the defensive system of the gulf, base of Filippo III's fleet. This defensive system was made to contain the military raise of the grand duke of Tuscany, who, with the fortifications of Portoferraio, owned a strategic stronghold in the Tyrrhenian Sea, from which he was able to seriously endanger the Spanish interests in this part of the Mediterranean Sea. The city was attached to the reign of Naples in 1714 until 1801, when it was left to the French who occupied the whole Tuscany.

In 1815, after the fall of Napoleon, it was again attached to the grand duchy of Tuscany, until the unification of Italy.

During the 18th. and 19th. century, together with Portoferraio and Marciana Marina, **Porto Azzurro** was one of the main fishing centers of the island, with a strong immigration of fishermen from Naples, Ponza and Genoa.

The small town center is very beautiful with its narrow roads, stone houses, enchanting angles, corners and squares, and the large, vivid main square directly on the sea and the harbour.

To visit are: the Church of Madonna di Monserrato, built during the 17th. century by the Spanish governor Leon.

The image of the Virgin still conserved in the church, is said to be an identical copy of the one one can see in the church in Spain with the same name. The fortress of S. Giacomo, the prison's headquarters, a Spanish fortress built during the 17th. century: sales of very interesting handicrafts. The Spanish Church (Chiesa Spagnola) with a marble statue of the general Diego D'Alarçon.

In the territory around the city, a part of vivid tourism, exists today a non neglectable agriculture (fruits and wine) and in the surroundings one can admire beautiful cultivated fields, specially in the valleys of 'Mola', 'Monserrato' and 'Reale'.