

Porto Ercole, Tuscany, Italy

A sun-gilded Tuscan resort tucked between Spanish fortresses and sapphire coves, Porto Ercole rewards cruise visitors with old-town charm, the Caravaggio legend, and some of Italy's most pristine beaches.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Euro (€)

 Italian

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in the bay; short boat ride to the marina

Best For: History, beaches, hiking, upscale Italian atmosphere

Walk to center: You land at the marina; Old Town 5–10 min on foot

Don't Miss: Forte Stella panorama and Feniglia Beach nature reserve

 Getting around:  Taxi  €10–€15

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Spanish Fortresses of Porto Ercole** — Explore Forte Stella and Forte Filippo, 16th-century Spanish fortifications that once guarded the State of the Presidi.
- In Caravaggio's Footsteps** — The Baroque master died here in 1610, fleeing a murder charge and hoping for a papal pardon.
- Feniglia Beach Nature Reserve** — A 7 km stretch of golden sand sheltered by a pine forest reserve on the Tombolo di Feniglia.
- Coastal Boat Tour to Giannutri Island** — Charter or join a boat tour from Porto Ercole to Giannutri Island, the southernmost isle of the Tuscan Archipelago...
- Orbetello Lagoon & Town** — A short drive away, the Orbetello Lagoon is a protected reserve where flamingos wade in brackish water.

BEST WALKS

- Old Town & Borgo Antico Loop** 1–2 hrs | Easy to moderate | Free — From the marina quay, follow the lungomare north, pass through the Spanish gate into the Borgo Antico, visit the Church of Sant'Erasmo...
- Feniglia Beach Walk** 1.5–3 hrs | Easy | Free — Head south from the tender quay along the flat path to the Tombolo di Feniglia nature reserve.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	51°	7d
Jun		80°	66°	6d
Aug		85°	71°	3d
Sep		78°	65°	7d
Oct		71°	59°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:34AM–7:56PM · Jun 5:37AM–8:53PM · Aug 6:22AM–8:15PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:28AM–6:32PM

Euro (€)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check tender schedule early. Tender queues can build up on busy port days. Get ashore early to see the forts or beach before the midday heat.

Porto Ercole, Tuscany, Italy — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Roman Town of Cosa | Ancient Roman ruins and museum with stunning views. | 2 Argentario Aquarium | Small aquarium showcasing local marine life. |
| 3 Spiaggia libera | Public, free access beach for swimming and sunbathing. | 4 Fort Stella | Historic Spanish star-shaped fortress with panoramic views. |
| 5 Pista Ciclabile di Orbetello | Scenic cycling and walking path around Orbetello lagoon. | P Cruise port / terminal | |