

Portoferraio, Elba, Italy

The island that held Napoleon captive and still refuses to let visitors leave. Elba's capital packs Medici fortresses, turquoise coves, and genuinely good Tuscan seafood into a port you can conquer on foot.

 Mixed: pier or tender (ship-size dependent)

 Typical call: 7-10 hrs

 Euro (EUR)

 Italian

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Smaller ships dock at Alto Fondale pier; larger vessels anchor and tender to Darsena Medicea

Best For: History (Napoleon), beaches, Italian food, scenic island drives

Walk to center: Immediate — tender jetty and pier are both steps from the old town gate

Don't Miss: Villa dei Mulini (Napoleon's residence) and Spiaggia delle Ghaie

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~€10–13

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Napoleon's Elba: Villa dei Mulini & Forte Falcone** — Walk up through the old town to Napoleon's official island residence — still furnished with his library and...
 - **Spiaggia delle Ghaie — Elba's Walking Beach** — A 15-minute flat walk from the pier brings you to this postcard-perfect pebble cove with clear turquoise water in a...
- **Sansone & Sorgente Beaches** — Regularly ranked among Italy's most beautiful, these white-cliff coves sit 15 minutes by taxi from town.
 - **Island Loop: Porto Azzurro & Capoliveri** — Combine the pastel-painted fishing harbour of Porto Azzurro with the hilltop village of Capoliveri — both beloved by...
 - **Scooter or E-Bike Rental** — Rental shops cluster near the port.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to Forte Falcone via Old Town** 1.2 km | 30-40 min one-way | Steep ascent via stone steps — From the tender jetty, pass through Porta del Mare into the old town and climb the salite (stepped lanes) through the historic center.
- **Harbor to Spiaggia delle Ghaie** 0.9 km | 15 min | Flat and easy — Head north from Calata Mazzini along the harbor road, rounding the headland to reach Elba's most accessible beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	62°	54°	7d
Jun	77°	69°	5d
Aug	83°	74°	4d
Sep	77°	69°	8d
Oct	70°	63°	10d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:37AM–8:00PM · Jun 5:39AM–8:58PM · Aug 6:25AM–8:20PM · Sep 6:58AM–7:28PM · Oct 7:32AM–6:35PM

Euro (EUR)

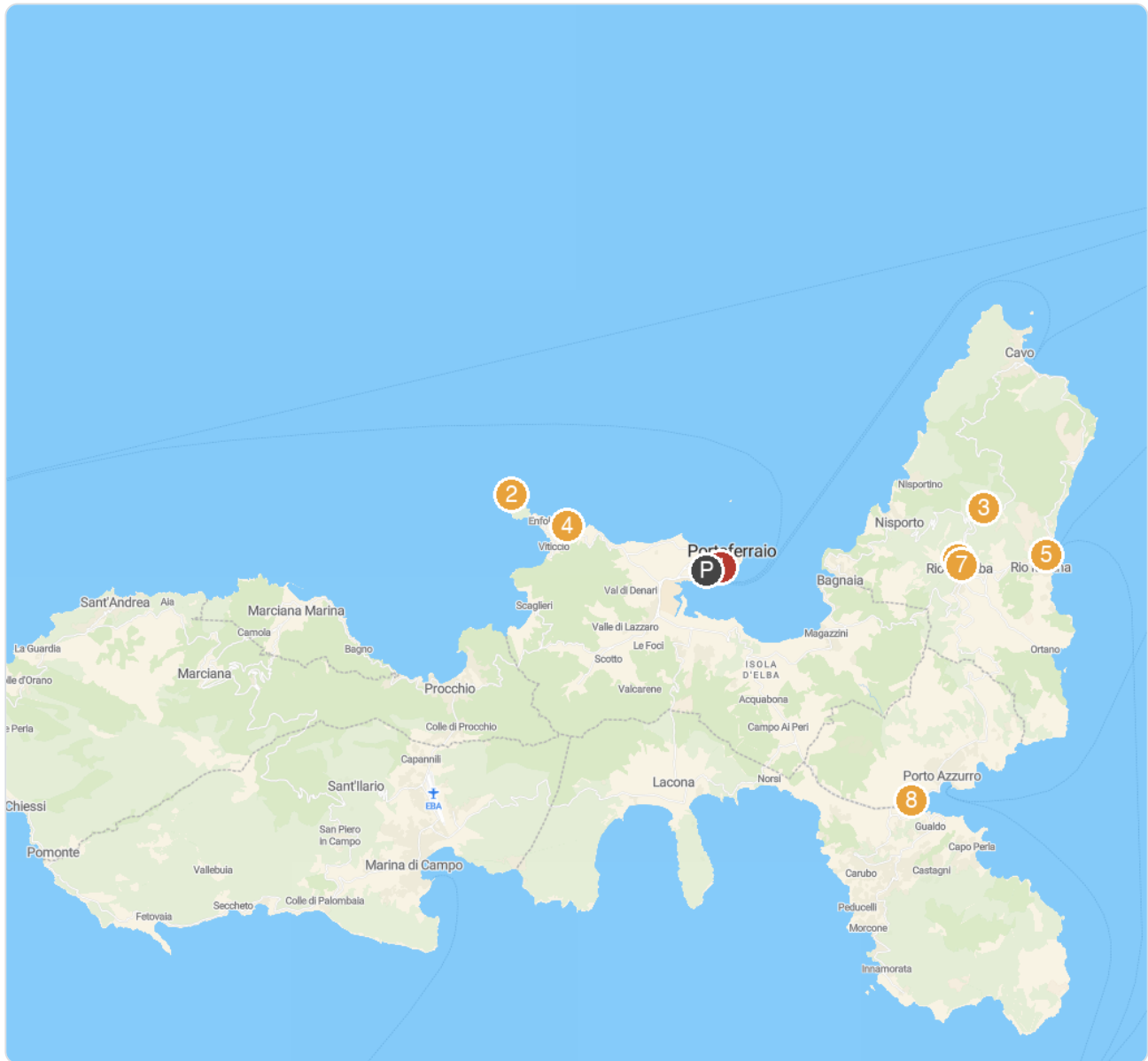
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender or dock? Check your daily program the night before. Large ships often tender here; tender lines can be long at peak mid-morning — go early or wait until noon.
- Wear proper shoes. The old town is all cobblestones and steep stone steps. Flip flops are fine for the beach, but closed shoes

Portoferraio, Elba, 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 Fortezze Medicee di Portoferraio | Historic Medici fortresses offering panoramic views of Portoferraio. | 2 Capo d'Enfola | Scenic peninsula with a unique tombolo and beautiful sea views. |
| 3 Orto dei Semplici Elbano | Botanical garden showcasing Elba's medicinal and aromatic plants. | 4 Spiaggia di Sansone | Beautiful white pebble beach with crystal-clear turquoise waters. |
| 5 Parco Minelba | Mineralogical park exploring Elba's rich mining history and geology. | 6 Lavatoio Pubblico | Historic public washhouse, a glimpse into local daily life. |
| 7 Museo civico archeologico del Distretto minerario | Archaeological museum detailing Elba's ancient mining district history. | 8 dog beach Porto Azzurro | Designated beach in Porto Azzurro where dogs are welcome. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |