



### **ETC in Italy June 12-19, 2017**

#### **Sample Itinerary (Note: all paddle days are weather-dependent)**

**Monday, June 12:** Take the ferry from Piombino, arrive an hour later in Portoferraio, Elba's major port town, fortified by Cosimo de Medici in the 1500's. You're met by our guide and driven to Marciana Marina and your hotel. Group dinner at a local restaurant, introductions, general week overview.

**Tuesday, June 13:** Street market today! After breakfast at the hotel, spend the morning at the market and exploring the town of Marciana Marina. After lunch meet at Sea Kayak Italy's offices to get fitted with kayaking equipment and go for a short paddle up the coast. Back in time for cocktails overlooking the sunset and dinner.

**Wednesday, June 14:** Breakfast at the hotel. Paddle to Isoletta Paolina and beyond. Picnic on beach, swim, kayaking practice (for those who want it - the rest of us will nap). Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Thursday, June 15:** Breakfast at hotel. Meet on the beach and kayak to the clear, turquoise waters of Sant'Andrea where we lunch at a beach café, swim, kayak around the rocks and nap on the sandy beach. Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Friday, June 16:** Breakfast as usual. Put the kayaks on the trailer and paddle the island's west coast, dominated by the coves and cliffs of the Monte Capanne National Park. Perhaps we'll see mountain goats or dolphins. Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Saturday June 17:** Breakfast as usual. Visit and explore two historic hilltowns of Elba: Marciana Alta (the original "Marciana," way up the mountain where people lived in order to avoid the constant pirate raids along the coast) and Capoliveri (in the old days, any criminal who could reach Capoliveri was "home free"). Dinner at a local restaurant.

**Sunday, June 18:** Breakfast as usual. Some people can paddle today; others may want to stay and shop in Marciana Marina. Dinner in Marciana Alta at "Il Noce," one of the best restaurants on Elba.

**Monday, June 19:** Breakfast as usual. Pack up, drive to the ferry.