



Environmental Traveling Companions

SEA KAYAK ITALY

Join ETC in Italy for an unforgettable week of sea kayaking in the warm crystalline waters off the stunning coast of Tuscany

Dates: June 12 – 19, 2017
Cost: \$2300 per person* (€2000)

Experience the Island of Elba for 8 glorious days as we kayak the warm waters of the Mediterranean, eat fabulous food and explore this ancient and fascinating island.

This trip is an opportunity for people with and without disabilities to come together in the shared spirit of adventure. Proceeds from this trip will support ETC's outdoor adventure program for people of all abilities.

Only 10 spaces are available on this exclusive trip – reserve yours now!

Price includes:

- 7 nights hotel (single or double) in the picturesque seaside town of Marciana Marina
- 7 breakfasts and dinners featuring the fantastic local cuisine of Elba
- All kayaking gear and instruction
- 4 to 5 days of sea kayaking in the crystal clear, warm waters of Elba
- Land-based activities including hikes and car excursions to Elba's various hill towns, markets, and historic sites
- Transportation to and from the ferry to Marciana Marina

Not included:

- Airfare to Italy and transportation to Elba Island
- Lunches (picnic food and cafes are readily available)

Contact Oren at 415-474-7662 x13 with questions and to reserve your space.

*based on an exchange rate of \$1.15= 1€



More on ETC's Elba Kayak Adventure

The Etruscans were the first to discover the Island of Elba's beauty and natural resources, followed by the Romans who built sumptuous villas there. Now Elba is a favorite destination for Europeans who soak up the sun on its gorgeous beaches, bike its narrow mountainous roads, scuba dive in the clear warm waters and hike its wild and rocky mountains.

Our guide on this trip will be Gaudenzio Coltelli, one of Italy's premier sea kayakers and a native son of Elba. Gaudenzio has been paddling Elba for 30 years and was the first person to kayak from Elba to Corsica. He also is a graduate of sommalier school.

Gaudenzio will lead us on kayaking day trips around different parts of the island. On a typical day we'll kayak for a few hours; stop on a deserted beach to eat lunch, play in the water and take a siesta; paddle a while longer and stop at a beach café for espresso and gelato; then paddle home. We'll end each day with a hot shower at our hotel, followed by a fantastic dinner featuring the local wines and cuisine of Elba.

The easiest way to get to the Island of Elba is to fly to Rome, Florence or Pisa and take a train to the port city of Piombino (3 hours by train from Rome; 45 minutes from Pisa), where you board a ferry for the hour-long ride to Elba. Arriving in the medieval city of Portoferraio, you'll be picked up and driven to the lovely coastal town of Marciana Marina, our home for the week.

Things to know: The weather in Italy, as here, is a little unpredictable but it should be beautiful, warm and sunny in June, with lots of flowers. Although Italy prizes "la bella figura," Elba is a casual island where few people actually dress up. One pair of nice pants for men and a pretty shawl for women are sufficient! Our picnic lunches are generally less than \$8pp and café lunches less than \$20pp; Euros can be obtained from the ATMs at any Italian airport and there's an ATM in Marciana Marina if you need more. **Other Italy questions can be directed to Harriet Moss, ETC Board Member and Trip Coordinator, at harriet@moss.net.**

**Deadline for reservations: April 15, 2017. A deposit of \$1000 is required.
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