

# Elba, Italy

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## Port information

Currency

The currency used is Euros however debit and credit cards are widely accepted. Banks and ATM machines are available in the centre and currency exchange is also available at reception on deck 4.

Language

The official language is Italian however most locals will speak broken English.

### Getting around

Distance to town centre

We will be tendering in to the Alto Fondale terminal.

Main highlights

**Getting About** 

Almost all of Portoferraio is accessible on foot. Once off the tender, head to the right hand side and you'll find a few souvenir shops, pavement cafes and also the main square, Piazza Della Republica with cafes and gelaterias. During the summer, from the end of May to the end of August, there's a tourist train on wheels that offers a sightseeing tour costing approximately 2 to 4 Euros.

Taxis

Taxis are available in the town centre, should you wish to make your way around the island

independently.

Local Buses

There is a public bus service in Elba that covers the entire island. The buses provide connections with all the major towns nearby.

Napoleon was exiled to Elba for 8 months and 22 days so you can visit the house where he spent his sentence. It is a bit of a climb to reach the **Villa dei Mulini** but well

worth the leg work. It is approximately 5 euros entrance and also allows you access to big Cordens

to his Gardens.

Just outside the town, the Villa di San Martino was turned into a Napoleonic museum by the emperor's nephew-in-law. Fortezze Medicee is a stunning crenelated fortress that was built in the mid-1500's when Elba was under the governance of Spain. The fort proved its worth in 1553 when, sent by the French to try to capture Elba, the Turkish pirate Dracut decided that the port was impenetrable and departed. It is approximately 5 euros to enter or for 7 euros you can also gain entrance into the Teatro-dei Vigilanti and the Torre del Martello.

### Essential information

Tourist information

Internet access

A lot of the restaurants and bars in the town will have WIFI access for all paying customers.

Nearest beaches

The nearest beach is just a short walk away from the tender point.

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE: As with all cities always please keep a close eye on valuables The shops along the marina are quite upscale but there are also a handful of shops that will sell Portoferraio souvenirs. The main export of Elba is minerals, so you can also purchase jewellery made with stones mined from Elba.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Elba

There can be last minute changes. Please check Cruise News for the latest information before you go ashore.