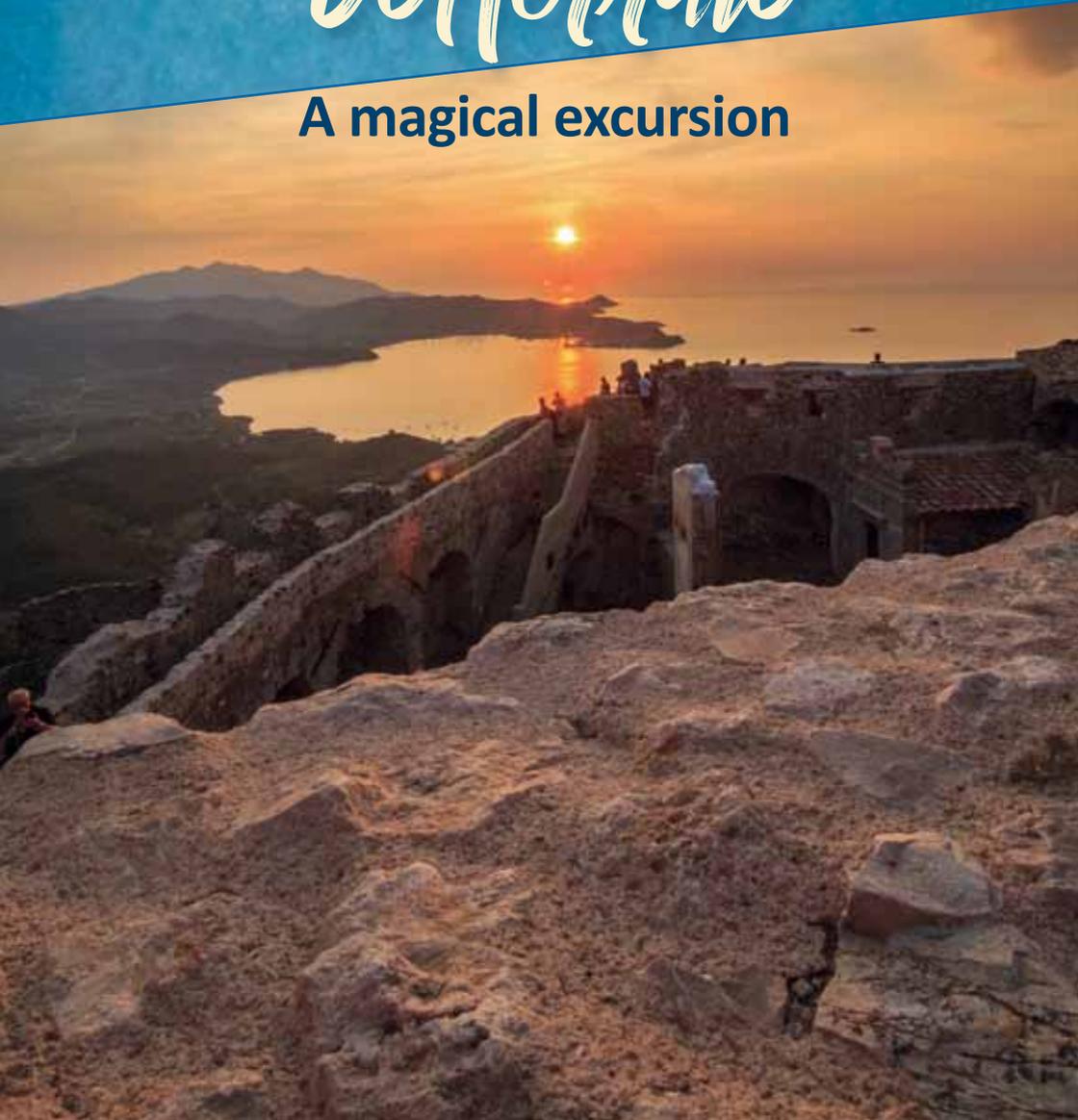


Fortezza Volterraio

A magical excursion



Visit the island's most evocative site

Restored by the National Park authority as one of the historic sites most beloved of the people of Elba, Volterraio fort can now once again be visited. Thanks to its strategic and panoramic position, Volterraio fort is perhaps the island's most evocative and magical place, above all if visited at sunset.

At 395 metres above sea level the fort was built on a rock from which it emerges as if by magic. The place was chosen by the Etruscans as the site for the island's first watchtower and, once again in the Etruscan period, it was made part of an intelligent and efficient system of fortified hill villages which, it would seem, communicated with one another via fires. The fort took on its modern form in the late 1200s, when the Maritime Republic of Pisa decided to renovate it.

An impregnable fort yesterday, an evocative terrace overlooking Elba and the other islands of the Tuscan Archipelago today. Its breath-taking panorama takes in the outlines of the eastern ridge, the slender form of Pianosa Island and the austere profile of Montecristo. Before us the central part of the island with its soft hills, wide southern gulfs and the unmistakable morphology of Portoferraio Gulf with the imposing Monte Capanne massif behind it. To the right is wild Capraia Island and, in the background, the snow-capped mountains of Corsica with Capo Corso stretching off to the north.



Programma visite guidate

JANUARY

Wednesday 2nd (meeting 10 am)
Sunday 6th, 20th (meeting 10 am)
Saturday 26th (meeting 3 pm)

FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd, 17th (meeting 10 am)
Saturday 9th, 23rd (meeting 3 pm)

MARCH

Sunday 3rd, 17th, 31st (meeting 10 am)
Saturday 9th, 23rd (meeting 3 pm)

APRIL

Sunday 7th, 28th (meeting 10 am)
Saturday 13th (meeting 4 pm)
Monday 22nd (meeting 10 am)
Thursday 25th (meeting 16 am)

MAY

Wednesday 1st (meeting 10 am)
Saturday (meeting 4 pm): 4th, 18th
Sunday (meeting 10 am): 12th, 26th

JUNE

Saturday 1st (meeting 6.30 pm)
Sunday 9th (meeting 10 am)
Wednesday 12th, 19th, 26th (meet. 6.45 pm)
Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th (meet. 6.45 pm)

JULY

Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
(meeting 6.45 pm)
Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th (meeting
6.45 pm)

AUGUST

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
(meeting 6.30 pm)
Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
(meeting 6.30 pm)

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th, 11th (meeting 5.30 pm)
Thursday 5th, 12th (meeting 5.30 pm)
Saturday 21st (meeting 5 pm)

OCTOBER

Saturday 5th, 19th (meeting 4 pm)
Sunday 13th, 27th (meeting 10 am)

NOVEMBER

Saturday 2nd, 16th, 30th (meeting 3 pm)
Sunday 10th, 24th (meeting 10 am)

DECEMBER

Saturday 14th (meeting 3 pm)
Sunday 8th, 22nd (meeting 10 am)
Thursday 29th (meeting 15 am)

Actual times will vary from season to season and visitors will be notified of these at the time of booking (mandatory at Info Park tel. 0565 908231). Public transport as far as the start of the footpath, involving around an hour's walk.

Cost: €20, concessions €10 for residents and the over 65s. Reduced €5 for residents and the over 65s. Free for local students (up to the age of 19) and children up to 12 years of age. Costs include return transfer plus entrance fee and guide. Shoes suitable for steep ground are required together with a head, or hand held, torch for the afternoon excursions.

