Circumnavigate the Island of Elba with ICOYC

The 2014 Cruise will be in the Mediterranean, around the beautiful Italian island of Elba, with a brief visit to nearby Corsica. The cruise takes seven days, starting and finishing in Portoferraio, the capital of Elba. We have chosen a period when the weather should be good (although the water will still be cool) and before the harbours become too full with summer holidaymakers.

ICOYC Cruises are open to all members of ICOYC Member Clubs

The cruises are a great opportunity to sail in waters that are well known to the sponsoring club. Participants in previous cruises -- the Danish Islands, Pacific Northwest, Southern England, and New Zealand -- know how enjoyable the cruises are and how they provide opportunities to meet other members of like-minded yacht clubs in wonderful environments. Take a look at the cruise reports on the ICOYC website in On the Water/Past Cruises section.

How Do I Participate?

There are three ways for ICOYC club members to join the Cruise:

1. Charter a yacht in Elba (or nearby) and bring your friends. Arrangements have been made for suitable charter yachts to be available locally. This is the preferred method.

2. Sign on for a berth or berths on a chartered yacht. YCI and ICOYC will help to arrange crew grouping to your satisfaction.

3. Bring your own yacht from elsewhere in the Mediterranean. This is the alternative way to build up the cruising fleet and you may want to offer unfilled bunks to others in the cruise.
**Provisional Programme**

Each leg of the Cruise will be between 20 and 30 nautical miles. An outline of the cruise is shown below, but every skipper will be able to vary his or her route, joining up with the rest of the fleet for special events during the week.

**Saturday 21st June.** Board your charter yacht, provision, and settle in. Explore Portoferraio and enjoy a welcome dinner with the group at La Stella Marina after the cruise briefing.  

**Sunday 22nd June** We sail to Capraia Island, north of Elba. This unspoiled island has volcanic rocks, stunning views, and a lovely small port built below a 16th century castle. There are a few small restaurants along the harbor, and more when you climb to the castle. A very nice walkabout town.

**Monday 23rd June** We sail to the French Island of Corsica. Moorings have been arranged in Macinaggio, near Cap Corse in the north of the island. Good walking tour for an hour or two on nearby beaches and the town. A well rated restaurant near the port is Osteria di u Portu.
Tuesday 24th June  Optional – stay in Corsica, or sail back to the west coast of Elba where there are interesting harbors or anchorages for the night, or continue to our next stop below, to assure time shopping on market day.

Wednesday 25th June  Marina di Campo, Elba. The fleet will rendezvous in this natural harbor with extensive beaches on the south coast of Elba. Wednesday is ‘market day’ in Marina di Campo.  Map

Thursday 26th June  We sail on to Porto Azurro, at the east side of Elba - another beautiful harbour and picturesque town. Here we will gather for a grand farewell dinner at Il Delfino Verde, just off the beach.  Map

Friday 27th June  We return to Portoferraio in the evening, possibly to gather for a reminiscence cocktail or dinner together nearby. Charter yachts will check in this evening, but may stay aboard until morning.

Saturday 28th June.  The chartered yachts will be returned and everyone heads home, or into Italy for an extended holiday. Nearby Tuscany or Rome are excellent choices!
Cruise Costs

Chartering a **yacht cabin** for two people in Elba costs about €600 per person (based on full occupancy of the yacht’s cabins), plus any additional expenditures ashore. The charter fees generally include linens, dinghy and outboard, port fees and moorage, fuel for the entire cruise, and taxes. Provisions aboard, if desired, are not included.

**Please see ‘Charter Information’ below for more details!**

Additional charges will be made for the welcome dinner on June 21, and for the farewell dinner on June 26. The prices for the dinners will be set later. There will be no advance costs for shore events as each boat or individual will be asked to pay at the time – an approach that worked well during the Danish Isles cruise in 2013.

Travel to Elba

For many of the cruisers, the trip to Italy can be the start of a summer holiday in Italy since our cruise base is conveniently located on the western edge of Tuscany.

Mainland Launching Town

To reach the beginning of the cruise, everyone passes through the mainland town of Piombino. From here a one hour ferry takes foot passengers and autos to the Elba town of Portoferraio where the cruise begins and ends.

Ferry Service

The ferry trip between Piombino and Portoferraio takes one hour and several ferry services are available:

- **Elba Ferries** - [http://www.elba-ferries.co.uk/](http://www.elba-ferries.co.uk/)

Hotels

Overnight stays in either Piombino or Portoferraio may be necessary, depending upon your travel plans. Each cruiser is responsible for his/her accommodations. Both towns have hotels within walking distance to the ferry terminals.

Air Travel

Travelers on international flights generally arrive at Rome, (250 km south) of Piombino. European travelers can fly into Milan (380 km north), Bologna (255 km), Florence (161 km) or Pisa (110), the closest.

Trains to Piombino

The Italian national railway, **Trenitalia**, operates routes to Piombino Marittima station, most with a change of trains at nearby Campiglia Marittima station. Trains from Rome take between 2.5 and 3.5 hours, while trains from Milan make more stops and take between 5 and 6 hours. The train from Pisa is the shortest, taking between 1.5 and 2 hours, with several departing from the Pisa airport itself.

Car Rental in Piombino

For those who decide to rent an auto, several agencies have offices in Piombino, some near the ferry terminal, including Avis.

Yacht & Charter Information

YCI has arranged with Mondovela Yachting & Vacanze, Milano, Italy, [http://www.mondovela.it/index_eng.html](http://www.mondovela.it/index_eng.html), to provide yacht charter services for the cruise, including port clearance, moorings, technical assistance if needed, and other logistics. Each yacht must have a licensed skipper aboard. The RYA ICC is accepted for this purpose in Italy. For those seeking berths ICOYC will work to arrange acceptable crew groups of individuals. The company has yachts in the range of 36 – 50ft (11- 15m), generally Beneteau or Bavaria models. See **Contacts** below for more information.

**NOTE:** As of March 1, charter yachts are becoming difficult to find, but not impossible. We will work with you.

There are numerous other charter companies in the area, **Our port clearance, moorage, and other logistical details have been pre-arranged through Mondovela, so for private yachts and charters arranged elsewhere, there is a Service Package which must be purchased for 800EU. Those with their own yachts or yachts chartered from other companies will need to purchase the Mondovela Service Package at €800.** The Package includes port fees and
moorings (except Portoferraio, where only Mondovela yachts have moorings), assistance during the cruise by Mondovela staff in a dinghy, with moorings and port entrance along the route, slight yacht breakdowns as far as possible, as well as cruise administration and organization.

**Reservations**

If you are interested in taking part in this Cruise, please advise YCI promptly so we can make advance reservations. The fleet size will be limited as some of the harbours are small and charter yachts are in short supply.

Download the Registration form in Adobe PDF format or in MS Word format (you may have to do a download and Save the Word document before editing it). NOTE: copies of the registration form can be found on www.icoyc.org in On The Water/Upcoming Cruises/2014 Elba & Corsica. Fill the form out and fax or scan it to Stefania Rocca at Yacht Club Italiano (see Contacts below).

*All individual bookings after 01 March 2014 are subject to confirmation. ICOYC and YCI will make best efforts to find accommodations.* Full yacht charter and own-yacht bookings may be made up to end-April 2014 and will be accepted subject to fleet size limitations.

YCI and the ICOYC will not be responsible for the safety of participants, individual bookings, travel arrangements, harbour fees, etc., but we will assist participants as much as possible.

**Contacts**

- **Information from the cruise coordinators:** Paolo Caffarena Yacht Club Italiano, paolocaffa@alice.it
- **John McNeill** President of the ICOYC, president@icoyc.org

**Registrations for the cruise:**

- **Cruise Concierge** Stefania Rocca E-mail stefania.rocca@yci.it, Yacht Club Italiano, www.yci.it Porticciolo Duca degli Abruzzi - 16128 Genova Tel.: (+39) 010 2461206, Fax: (+39) 010 2461193

**Yacht Charters:**

- **Charter Coordinator** Roberta Pastorino E-mail r.pastorino@mondovela.it, mentioning “ICOYC/YCI Elba” Mondovela Yachting & Vacanze, www.mondovela.it/index_eng.html Via Washington 7, 20146 Milano, Italy Tel: (+39) 02-481-9071, Fax: (+39) 02-468369

**Web Links**

In addition to the links in the Itinerary above, the below may be of some help>

Elba: [www.google.com/webhp?hl=en&q=&tab=iw#hl=en&q=elba](http://www.google.com/webhp?hl=en&q=&tab=iw#hl=en&q=elba)
Porto Azzurro: [www.google.com/#q=porto+azurro](http://www.google.com/#q=porto+azurro)
Portoferraio: [www.google.com/#q=portoferraio](http://www.google.com/#q=portoferraio)
Capraia: [www.google.com/#q=capraia+island](http://www.google.com/#q=capraia+island)
Corsica: [www.google.com/#q=corsica](http://www.google.com/#q=corsica)
Macinaggio: [www.google.com/#q=macinaggio](http://www.google.com/#q=macinaggio)
Yacht Club Italiano: [www.yachtclubitaliano.it/en/club](http://www.yachtclubitaliano.it/en/club)
Yacht Charter Company - Mondovella Yachting & Vacanze, [http://www.mondovela.it/index_eng.html](http://www.mondovela.it/index_eng.html)

**Spread the Word**

Please share information about this cruise with all members of your club. It is a very exciting event that will be great fun. The cruise could appeal to racing sailors as well as to cruising skippers.
ICOYC Elba/Corsica Port Information

**Portoferraio** > [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g194861-Portoferraio_Elba_Island_Province_of_Livorno_Tuscany-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g194861-Portoferraio_Elba_Island_Province_of_Livorno_Tuscany-Vacations.html)
Map> [http://goo.gl/maps/XgTKP](http://goo.gl/maps/XgTKP)
Mooring> [http://www.marinadiportoferraio.it/](http://www.marinadiportoferraio.it/)
Phone +39 0565 944024 e-mail info@marinadiportoferraio.it

**Capraia Island** > [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g1729102-Capraia_Isola_Province_of_Livorno_Tuscany-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g1729102-Capraia_Isola_Province_of_Livorno_Tuscany-Vacations.html)
Map> [http://goo.gl/maps/GC4kp](http://goo.gl/maps/GC4kp)

**Macinaggio** > [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g776024-Macinaggio_Haute_Corse_Corsica-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g776024-Macinaggio_Haute_Corse_Corsica-Vacations.html)

Map> [http://goo.gl/maps/JYkT2](http://goo.gl/maps/JYkT2)
Harbor Facts> [http://www.cruiserswiki.org/wiki/Marina_di_Campo#Berthing_Options](http://www.cruiserswiki.org/wiki/Marina_di_Campo#Berthing_Options)

**Porto Azzurro** > [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g194855-Porto_Azzurro_Elba_Island_Province_of_Livorno_Tuscany-Vacations.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g194855-Porto_Azzurro_Elba_Island_Province_of_Livorno_Tuscany-Vacations.html)
Map > [http://goo.gl/maps/dafKf](http://goo.gl/maps/dafKf)

http://www.cruiserswiki.org/wiki/Elba

----- Maritime Offices

> Portoferraio - 0565.91.40.00
> Rio Marina - 0565.96.21.09
> Porto Azzurro - 0565.95.195
> Marina di Campo - 0565.97.79.80

----- Municipal Police

> Marciana - 0565.90.11.63
> Marciana Marina - 0565.99.002
> Porto Azzurro - 0565.96.24.07
> Porto Azzurro - 0565.96.24.07
> Rio Marina - 0565.96.20.09

----- Emergency

> Police - 112
> Portoferraio - 0565-91.64.45 / 0565.91.40.02
> Porto Azzurro 0565-95005
> Rio Marina 0565-92.42.23
> Cable 0565-93.10.71
> State Forestry - 1515
> Pharmacy Porto Azzurro - 0565.95.095
> Guardia di Finanza - 117
> Police - 113
> Fire Brigade - 115
> Emergency Medical Service - 118
> Local Health Unit - 0565.95.77.57
> Hospital Portoferraio - 0565.92.61.11
> Doctor Toll - 800.06.44.22
> Doctor Tourist - Portoferraio, Rio Marina, Rio Nell'Elba - 0565.91.42.12
> Capoliveri, Porto Azzurro - 0565.96.24.07
> Carabinieri Porto Azzurro - 0565.95.005
> Police - 0565.91.89.50
> Breakdown - 116
> Traffic Police - 0565.91.32.74
> Fire brigade - 115

----- Company management docks mooring

**Porto Azzurro**

> Company D 'Alarcon - 0565.95.263
> Brokers Mediterranean - 0565.95.82.67 - 95.82.68
> Porto Luna S.r.l. -0565.95.82.67 - 95.82.68
> Balfin S.r.l. - 0565.92.11.02

----- Tourism, Leisure and Transport

> Airport (Marina di Campo) - 0565.97.78.85
> Tourism Agency - 0565.91.46.71
> Aquarium of the Elbe - 0565.97.78.85
> Ferry Booking - 0565.91.60.73