



## THE TUSCAN ARCHIPELAGO

### **The beaches of Cannelle and Caldane**

Meeting with the guide in Porto Santo Stefano and transfer by ferry to Giglio Porto. The excursion along the coast will allow us to admire enchanting panoramic views, to cross stretches of Mediterranean scrub and cliff vegetation in full bloom. We will deepen both the geological and botanical aspects of the island. Break in the two beaches of fine granite sand. Transfer to hotel and accommodation. Dinner and overnight stay. (itinerary: 5 km)

### **Along the mule tracks of Giglio**

After breakfast we will start our excursion to the medieval village of Giglio Castello, along a historic mule track paved in granite. Visit the village, perched in a panoramic position over 400 m high. We will then walk along the ridge of the island to Poggio La Chiusa, one of the most panoramic viewpoints from where the view sweeps to the other islands of the Tuscan Archipelago. Pause for a packed lunch and descent to Giglio Campese, crossing one of the most wooded areas of the island. We will dedicate time to the observation of animals: insects, birds and traces of mammals. Arrival in Campese and free time on the beach. Transfer to the hotel by bus or collective taxi, dinner and overnight stay. (itinerary: 9 km)

### **Laboratory of Marine Biology or Arenella Beach**

After breakfast transfer by bus to Giglio Campese, where we will carry out educational activities at the Laboratory of Marine Biology of Campese. Packed lunch and return by bus to the Port. Visit of the village of the Port, with the remains of the Roman *murenarium*.

Alternatively, excursion in the Mediterranean maquis to the Arenella Beach, nestled among suggestive granite slabs of rounded shapes. Pause on the beach, packed lunch and transfer to the Port. (itinerary: 4 km).

Transfer to Porto Santo Stefano and end of services.

### **Giannutri, the island of pirates**

Departure from Porto Santo Stefano to the island of Giannutri, inhabited only at the time of the ancient Romans, and then left in the hands of Barbary pirates. Giannutri appears to us as one of the wildest islands of the archipelago: in fact the absence of drinking water makes it a hostile place for man. Here, nature is still the master.

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Together with the group we will walk along a path through the park in the direction of the Capel Rosso lighthouse, important nesting place of the royal seagull, until we reach the Grottoni from where we will admire a view of the boundless sea.

### **Cala Violina, the beach that plays**

Meeting with the guide and departure towards Cala Violina. The path immediately plunges into the scrub along an ancient road: the Cavalleggeri road, built by Cosimo I dei Medici to defend the coast from pirate raids. The path continues along steep coasts and small hidden coves: first we will meet the stony Cala Martina, historical place for the Italian Risorgimento, known for Garibaldi's escape, then the beautiful Cala Violina, a beautiful quartz beach, whose grains of sand produce a strange noise similar to the sound of a violin.

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