



Hawkeye Itinerary – Tuscan Islands



The seven Tuscan Islands are ideal cruising grounds for sailing catamaran Hawkeye. Affectionately known as the 'Seven Sisters', they are blessed by the warm, dry and breezy Mediterranean climate, beautiful crystal-clear water and seemingly endless craggy bays that are fun to explore. Shallow depths prohibit deep-draft yachts, which makes these islands a sailing charter delight. We look forward to hosting you as our guests aboard Hawkeye on a sailing adventure through what we fondly refer to as our Tuscan Islands Paradise.



Day 1: Piombino to Porto Azzuro, Elba

When you board Hawkeye, we greet you with a signature welcome cocktail and a tour of the yacht. Then we cast off on our island adventures. We set our course to the largest of the Tuscan islands, Elba. The island is most famous as Napoleon's home in exile after the Treaty of Fontainebleau.



Our first stop will be the breathtaking inlet of Straccoligno. Dive off the yacht straight into a balmy sea. Enjoy Hawkeye's water toys and gear. The snorkelling here is sensational! For dinner we anchor at Porto Azzuro. We recommend exploring on a stroll through town. Sample local fare at one of the lovely restaurants along the harbour, or on the central piazza.

Hawkeye 'Happy Highlights':

- Hawkeye's Welcome Drink-a festive mix of fruit, juice, and of course Prosecco!
- Relax and play with Hawkeye's water toys and gear
- In Porto Azzuro, check out our favorite hidden cocktail bar, *La Bodeguita*

Porto Azzuro



Day 2: Porto Azzuro to Spiaggia Norsi

We sail southwest around Elba to Spiaggia Norsi, a small, secluded beach. Here, the water is shallow quite far out, which makes it a lovely beach for children. The crystal-clear sea gradually transforms with depth, from turquoise to cobalt blue. Many grottos and clefts in the rocks are fascinating to explore with Hawkeye's snorkelling gear. The black, pebble beach is never crowded. It's a perfect spot for our champagne brunch!

Hawkeye 'Happy Highlights':

- Champagne brunch on the beach!
- Launch Hawkeye's water toys, go on a snorkelling or paddleboard adventure



Day 3: Lacona Beach and Marina di Campo

After a leisurely breakfast we head for Spiaggia Lacona, another amazing beach on Elba. This long, golden sand beach is known for its dunes, the only ones in the Tuscan archipelago. Nature enthusiasts will appreciate the ubiquitous 'Sea Lily' flower (*Pancratium maritimum*), native to the island. Enjoy beachcombing, sunning, snorkelling, or take a scuba dive excursion.

We anchor near Marina di Campo, Elba's St Tropez. This chic little town boasts the longest beach on the island. On the horizon, the Island of Montecristo is a breathtaking sight. We recommend a shopping trip and a romantic dinner on Largo Guiseppe Garibaldi. The village has a variety of restaurants and bars along with a clutch of good shops. Evening sundowners with spectacular views from Hawkeye's trampolines is charter perfection.



Hawkeye 'Happy Highlights':

- Book a scuba diving excursion at Spiaggia Lacona
- Shopping and dinner in Marina di Campo

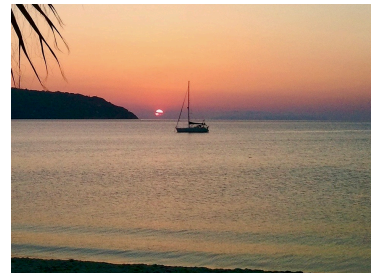


Day 4: Campese Beach, Giglio

Today we set sail for Giglio, a small island inhabited by fisherman and the occasional tourist. We drop anchor off Campese beach. The largest beach on Giglio, you will have a magnificent view of the bay with the Faraglione rock on the left and the ancient Medici tower on the right. Protected Campese beach has excellent conditions for water sports. Paddleboards are great for exploring the bay. A Western exposure allows you to bask in the sun until it sets, igniting the sky in fiery hues. After toasting the sunset, enjoy a delicious and peaceful dinner aboard Hawkeye.

Hawkeye 'Happy Highlights':

- Book a scuba diving excursion
- Rent a sailboard to go windsurfing
- Explore the bay on Hawkeye's paddleboard
- Indulge in sundowners and hors d'oeuvres on the trampoline



Day 5: Giglio Porto and Giglio Castello

Today we sail clockwise around the north of the island and anchor off of Giglio Porto. This buzzing little fishing village has a fish market not-to-be-missed! The harbour is ringed by charming shops and seaside restaurants. Stretch your sea legs. Meander along the piers and poke about the shops.

From Giglio Porto, take the narrow, winding road that climbs up to Giglio Castello. As you climb 405 meters above sea level, the pretty view is a surround of vineyards in a pastoral landscape. The oldest town on the island is surrounded by high medieval walls and towers that preserve its original, fortified appearance. A trip up to the castle is a must! Dinner in Giglio Porto is highly recommended as the fish is fresh, and the restaurants numerous and inviting.



Hawkeye 'Happy Highlights':

- Elbow your way into the fish market
- Shopping in Giglio Porto
- A trip to Giglio Castello



Day 6: Giannutri

Crescent-moon shaped Giannutri is the southernmost island in the Tuscan Archipelago. Today we anchor off of Cala Spalmatoio, a magnificent cove with a small beach that retains the remains of an ancient Roman harbor. Here the sea extends into a short fjord surrounded by steep limestone walls. It is an excellent place for snorkelling and fishing, as the craggy inlets and unique sea currents create an ideal habitat for many species of fish.

At the bottom of the fjord is a quaint, tiny village, which in winter is home to just 23 people. Take a hike over to the opposite side of Giannutri, Cala Maestra, and explore the remains of the Roman Villa. Built by the medieval Domizi Enobarbi family, it dates from the eleventh century.

Hawkeye 'Happy Highlights':

- Walk the wilderness paths of the island
- Explore the archaeological remains of the Roman villa
- Catch your own dinner on a fishing trip with Captain Richard!



Day 7: Argentario, Porto Ercole

We head back to the mainland and arrive at a beautiful destination within easy reach of the airports of Rome and Pisa. Monte Argentario is a mountain peninsula surrounded by beautiful, rocky coastline. The promontory was an island in the past, but is now connected to the mainland via three narrow strips of land. We anchor at Spiaggia Ammore, a quiet and beautiful spot for a last swim in the crystal-clear waters before heading to Porto Ercole for transport home.

Hawkeye 'Happy Highlights':

- A quick swim before leaving our Tuscan Islands paradise
- Wander the shops and cafes of Porto Ercole



We look forward to seeing you soon!

