



### **Camping Park Albatros**

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# Campsite Information

## Camping Park Albatros, San Vincenzo

Camping Park Albatros is perfectly located on the Riva degli Etruschi on the Tuscan coast. Situated in a pine forest, its spacious emplacements are scattered amongst tall trees that provide shade from the hot sun. There is plenty to do; here - soak up the sun on the campsite's private beach, only a short distance from the site.

### Arriving at Camping Park Albatros

On arrival you should go to the campsite reception to register. You will need to take a passport for each member of your party and your car registration number. From here, you should then go to the Canvas reception. Your Canvas couriers will meet you between 4pm and 8pm.

### Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 4pm your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 8pm and 10pm, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 10pm cannot be admitted onto the campsite, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 9am the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.

### Reception

The campsite reception is open between 9am and 8pm in low season and 8am and 10pm in high season. All facilities are paid for using a chip card which can be topped up at the reception.

### Payment System

Cash payments are not accepted on site. When you register at the campsite reception you will be given a money top up card. Credit cards are accepted in the supermarket and restaurants.

### Barrier

The barrier is closed between 11pm and 7am.

### Safety Deposit Boxes

These are available to rent in the campsite reception. A small fee is payable for this service.

### Currency Exchange

This service is not available on site, but the nearest facilities off site are the banks in San Vincenzo and Piombino.

### Telephone

There are card-operated phones on site, near the reception. Phone cards are on sale from the campsite shop.



### Web/Email Access

You can access the internet on site at the info point.

### Shopping

Camping Park Albatros has a well-stocked supermarket that offers all necessities, including bread, meat, milk, yogurt, ice cream, toiletries, wine, newspapers, cigarettes, and beach items. The shop is open daily from 8am to 12.30pm and 4.30pm to 8pm all season.

### Washing and Toilet Facilities

There are coin-operated washing machines and dryers on site (tokens are available at reception, washing and drying tokens cost €3.50 each). Irons can also be hired from reception for €3.50. Free hot showers and standard toilets.

### Post

There is a post box on site, near the reception.

### Eating and Drinking

**Bar:** The bar is situated in the reception and restaurant area. It has both indoor and outdoor seating. The bar is open daily from 7am to 11pm.

**Restaurant/Pizzeria:** The restaurant-pizzeria is modern and airy with an outdoor terrace. Meals are prepared with fresh produce and they have a great selection of pizzas, baked in a wood-burning oven. You can also try a range of good local wines. Open 7am-11pm.

**Takeaway:** During high season you can take away all dishes off the restaurant's menu during their opening times.

**Entertainment:** The campsite organises a range of animations during high season (from 1st June). The Band Show takes place next to the pool.

Please ask on site for the opening hours of all the above facilities.

### Recreation

**Swimming:** There is a large lagoon style pool with a large sun terrace and sunloungers. The pool is open daily from 9am to 7pm.

**Bicycle hire:** The campsite has ordinary bikes and mountain bikes to hire. Please ask at the campsite reception for more information.

Other on-site activities include a volleyball court, table tennis, a football pitch, mini-golf and pony rides. The campsite has a banana boat at the beach.

### Canvas FamilyExtra

FamilyExtra hosts fun filled activities for the whole family with sessions tailored to different ages. The sessions offer something to suit everyone and include activities such as Waterwalkerz, Canvas Olympics, Raft building, Tatty Bumkin for toddlers and Aqua Olympics. The whole family can join in, or Mum and Dad can relax while the children are off having fun - it's up to you. FamilyExtra is available between 17 May-3 September. Please ask your FamilyExtra couriers for details of the weeks activities.

### Rules and Regulations

- 10km/ph speed limit on site.
- No charcoal barbecues.
- Only one car per emplacement.
- No cash payments are accepted on site.



# Local Information

## Beaches

The campsite has its own beach only 500m away. Leave the campsite, cross the road, and walk through the wood to get to it. The beach is just part of the Riva degli Etruschi (the Etruscan Coast), which is mostly long sandy beaches. The road between San Vincenzo and Piombino that passes the campsite gets extremely busy in high season as Italians head for the coast. There are lots of other beaches both north and south of the Riva degli Etruschi.

## Shopping

**Supermarkets:** There is a branch of Coop in San Vincenzo, on Via Biserno. The supermarkets which are most highly recommended by customers are in Venturina. There is a Supermercato Puni SMA, a Uni Coop and a Penny Market. There are also two Coops in Piombino, one at 1, Via Pietro Gori and one on Piazza Berlinguer. For cheaper shopping, there is a Penny Market on Via Sardegna, Piombino. The nearest hypermarkets (Carrefour and Coop) are in Pisa.

**Souvenirs:** You will find a range of gift and souvenir shops in San Vincenzo and Piombino.

## Local Markets

<b>Monday:</b>	Rosignano Solvay, Castagneto Carducci and Suvereto.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Cecina.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Pisa, Massa Marittima, Marina di Bibbona and Lucca.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Castiglioncello, Donoratico, San Gimignano and Bibbona.
<b>Friday:</b>	Livorno, Vada and Follonica.
<b>Saturday:</b>	San Vincenzo (Piazza Papa Giovanni XXIII), Pisa, Lucca and Volterra, Castiglioncello della Pescaia.
<b>Sunday:</b>	Marina de Cecina.

There is a daily non-food market in San Vincenzo at Piazza Alessandro Grandi and a daily farmer's market at Piazza Antonio Gramsci.

## Facilities

**Petrol:** The closest petrol station is on the road to San Vincenzo.

**Chemist:** There are chemists in San Vincenzo - Farmacia Comunale at 10, Via Fratelli Bandiera (the closest) and Farmacia Dr. Taglierani at 37, Via Vittorio Emanuele (on the way out of town towards Pisa).

Please see your courier for opening times.

**Bank:** There are a few banks with cash points in San Vincenzo.

**Post Office:** The post office in San Vincenzo is at 32, Via Biserno (follow the directions for the Coop).

**Tourist Information:** Pick up more leaflets and get more local information from the tourist office in Via Beatrice Alliata in San Vincenzo (in the town centre).



## Distances

<b>San Vincenzo:</b>	6.5km (4 miles)
<b>Piombino:</b>	13km (8 miles)
<b>Pisa:</b>	92km (57 miles)

## Local Transport

The nearest main train station is in San Vincenzo on the Via della Stazione. From here, you can get rail links to Pisa, Rome and Florence. There is also a main-line station at Stazione di Campiglia Marittima. The Canvas reception and the campsite reception will have timetables for local transport.

## Doctor

Bonsignori Dr. Fausto Ambulatorio  
57027 San Vincenzo (LI)  
32, Via Della Stazione  
Tel: 05 65 70 17 40.

## Dentist

Cianchi Dr. Carla  
57027 San Vincenzo (LI)  
11, Via San Francesco  
Tel: 05 65 70 55 34.

## Emergency Services

There is a three-digit phone number for emergency services:

Police	112
Fire	115
Ambulance	118
Highway Rescue	116

## Eating and Drinking

You may like to try these restaurants, recommended by Canvas customers and couriers who have visited the area in previous years:

**Giardino di Giada:** In San Vincenzo. Good Chinese food for those bored with pizza and pasta. Slightly different from the Chinese food in the UK.

**I Tre Moschettieri:** In San Vincenzo. Excellent pizzas and local dishes, especially seafood.

**Podere Tuscania:** Via della Principessa. Not far from the campsite, on the road to San Vincenzo. Traditional Tuscan food in a renovated Tuscan farmhouse.

**Taverna Etrusca:** In Vetulonia. Traditional Tuscan food in a hilltop village with superb views over the Maremma.

**Osteria San Frediano:** In Lucca. Excellent local food in an osteria popular with local towns folk. Try the excellent-value menu of the day.

**L'Erba Voglio:** In Casale Marittimo. Highly recommended by previous customers for its excellent service, and food, which is beautifully cooked and presented. Included on the menu are Tuscan and international dishes, and also good fish and meat dishes.

## Out and About

**Excursions** • The campsite runs excursions during the season. Visit Rome, the islands of Elba and Giglio, the Etruscan cities of Populonia and Vetulonia, the natural parks of the Cornia valley, Florence, Pisa and Siena. See the campsite reception for more details and prices.

**San Gimignano** • Known as medieval manhattan, this is one of the prettiest medieval towns in Italy. Not far from Siena, so it may be worth trying to visit both on a day trip.

## Nearby

**Piombino** • The largest town in the area, this is a busy industrial port, serving ferries to Elba and Sardinia. The old town centre with its castle and town walls is worth a visit.

**Cecina** • A town with a seaside feel to it (although it isn't on the coast, it is close to Cecina Mare which has a gravel beach and many hotels and restaurants). Inland from Cecina is Casale Marittimo, a classic Tuscan hilltop town with ancient walls and good restaurants.

## Activities

The area around San Vincenzo is ideal for a range of activities. There are many walks near the campsite and further afield in the hills around the Cornia valley. There is a mountain bike route from the Cornia valley to Massa Marittima as well as others in the Tuscan hills and mountains. Water sports are available in San Vincenzo - see your courier, the campsite reception, or the tourist information office in San Vincenzo for more details.

# Regional Information

## Tuscany

The landscape of Tuscany is a delightful combination of hills, fields, olive groves, vineyards and medieval hill towns, sloping down to fine, sandy beaches bordering the Tyrrhenian Sea. Along the coast there are beautiful stands of pine, holly and cork oak trees. Umbrella pine forests are a peculiar feature of the area. The classic Tuscan landscape of farms atop bare hills with avenues lined with alternating pine and cypress trees can be seen in the metalliferous hills inland from site and in the hills between Cecina and Pisa.

### Eating and Drinking – Regional Specialities

Tuscan dishes are prepared simply with ingredients from the surrounding countryside. Wonderful herbs like tarragon, sage, rosemary, thyme, basil and garlic, are often used in the preparation of meals. Olive oil, wine, peppers, aubergines and tomatoes all feature in the cuisine. Tuscans are known in Italy as 'Mangiafagioli' (bean eaters), so cannellini and borlotti beans are popular ingredients. Pork, beef and poultry are the main meats consumed here.

For a starter, try the local ham, 'finocchiona' (garlic and fennel flavoured salami), or 'crostini', followed by a soup like 'acqua cotta' (literally, cooked water) or 'ribollita'. Main courses can be fish or meat, with 'bistecca alla Fiorentina' (a two-portion T-bone steak) a favourite.

### Things to do and see

\*A • an admission charge is payable for these attractions

## Family Fun

### Amusement Parks

**Acqua Village** • A water park with slides, wave pool, trampolines and games room. In Cecina Mare. (Open daily \*A).

**Magical Mondo del Cavallino Matto** • A theme park based on the character of Cavallino Matto. Particularly suitable for younger children, there are lots of rides. In Donoratico. (Open daily \*A).

**Acqua Village** • Highly recommended by Canvas customers. It has a good selection of water activities including slides, wave pools and hydro jet pools. In Follonica. (Open daily \*A).

## Places to Visit

**Populonia** • A small village in a 15th-century fortress not far from the campsite. It started life as an important Etruscan city and the ruins of this and the Roman town that succeeded it can be visited at the 80-hectare Parco archeologico di Baratti e Populonia (\*A).

**Castiglione della Pescaia** • This beautiful little coastal town is on the edge of the Grosseto Plain. The harbour holds fishing boats as well as pleasure craft, and the restaurants mostly specialise in seafood. There are fine views from the old walled town that overlooks the harbour area.

**Vetulonia** • This is another beautiful village built on an Etruscan city. Since it is on a hilltop in the hills to the east of Castiglione, it can be visited as part of a day trip. The views are superb, the streets lovely, and the Etruscan and Roman remains fascinating.

**Florence** • Since early in the 19th century, Florence has been celebrated as the most beautiful city in Italy. Situated on the banks of the Arno, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance' is so full of wonderful buildings,



paintings and sculptures, palaces and shops, that it is almost impossible to single out particular places to visit. See the information folder in the Canvas reception to help you make your choice.

**Rome** • Easy to get to by train or by campsite excursion bus, Rome was originally built on seven hills and, according to legend, founded by Romulus in 753BC. Famous for its ancient Roman monuments, the Vatican City, and its museums and restaurants, it is a 'must see'. Hand in hand with its ancient past, it also offers some of the best of Italian fashion. Noteworthy monuments include the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, the imperial palaces on the Palatine Hill and the imperial Forums. A long day out, but well worth it.

**Elba** • The largest island in the Tuscan Archipelago is still unspoilt, with turquoise waters, pristine beaches, palm trees, and sun-bleached houses. Victor Hugo spent his boyhood here and Napoléon Bonaparte spent his most famous exile here in 1814-15. Those interested in Napoléonic history should not miss the Palazzina Napoléonica de Mulini in Portoferraio, and the Villa San Martino on the road to Procchio (\*A). You can reach Elba by ferry from Piombino or take advantage of the campsite excursions.

**Lucca** • Once a Roman settlement, this historic town is surrounded by enormous tree-lined ramparts built in the 16th century. The town centre is almost traffic-free and an inviting place for a stroll. For good views over the town, follow the wide path along the top of the ramparts. On the south side of town, the Duomo San Martino (cathedral) houses some precious works of art. If you are a music lover, visit the Casa di Puccini containing memorabilia from the famous composer's life (\*A). The Piazza del Anfiteatro was once the site of a Roman amphitheatre. Medieval buildings now take the amphitheatre's oval shape. For the best view over the city, climb the tower of the medieval Palazzo Guinigi (\*A).

**San Gimignano** • This is one of the most attractive medieval towns in Tuscany. It commands wonderful views over the surrounding countryside. Known as the 'Medieval Manhattan' with its skyline of tall towers, San Gimignano is visible from afar. At the heart of the town is the Piazza Cisterna surrounded by towers and with a beautiful fountain at its centre. The adjacent Piazza del Duomo contains the town's most important medieval building. The Palazzo del Popolo now houses the Museo Civico, with a large collection of paintings.

**Siena** • Not far from San Gimignano, this is a beautiful walled city with narrow streets and a rich artistic heritage. Built on six hills, the centre of the city is

almost entirely medieval in plan and appearance. At its heart lies the vast Campo, a sloping semi-circular piazza lined with cafés and restaurants. On 2 July and 16 August every year the Campo hosts the Palio, a bareback horse race. Dating from the 14th century, the races are preceded by parades in medieval costume – a memorable sight.

**Pisa** • The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the most instantly recognizable buildings in the world. The construction of this medieval bell tower began in 1173, but work was halted due to subsidence. For the next two centuries, architects tried to correct the tilt. In the 14th century the angle was finally accepted and the tower completed (\*A). In the same square are the other religious buildings – the Duomo, the Baptistery and the Camposanto (\*A).

**Bolgheri** • Famous for the wine produced from its grapes, and renowned for the avenue of cypress trees that line the entrance, this tiny town is well worth a visit. As you enter through the single doorway on foot, you feel like you have stepped back into history. The atmosphere is peaceful and the historic centre has kept its original structure. Life is centred on the village green.

**Volterra** • Situated on a high plateau in the Tuscan hills, the largest of the ancient Etruscan cities, lies at the heart of a mining region. The town is famous for its alabaster, an easily carved white stone found in its mines.

**Vinci** • A small town on the southern slopes of Montalbano between Pisa and Florence. This is the home town of the famous Renaissance artist and scientist Leonardo. You can visit the house where he was born (\*A) and the Museo da Vinci, housed in a 13th-century castle, which exhibits machines and instruments designed by Leonardo, and a number of his drawings and paintings (Open daily, \*A).

**Prato** • Still encircled by medieval walls, Prato has been the main textile centre of Italy since the middle ages. It has enjoyed great wealth, reflected in its fine buildings and art collections. The medieval town centre is pedestrianised and full of lovely shops and cafés. The Museo d'Arte Contemporanea Luigi Pecci is one Italy's best museums of contemporary art (\*A). The Palazzo Pretoria houses the Galleria Comunale, containing art from the 14th-18th centuries (\*A).

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