

WEDNESDAY EXCURSION

The contribution the excursion is €15,00.
It includes transports, visits to the Ginevro Mines and wine tasting at the Ripalti Estate

h. 14:30 - Departure from the Hotel Hermitage

h. 15:00 – Arrival to Capoliveri

The tour brings you to a very special area of the island: the east coast with the picturesque village of Capoliveri and a superb estate Costa dei Gabbiani with 450 hectares of pines, fruit orchards, Mediterranean maquis and cultivated field. An exclusive location where time has stopped and where visitors can relax and enjoy the beauty of the surroundings.

First stop is the mining area "Ginevro" where you will experience the visit of the old iron mines. Mining exploitation has two times: from 1928 to 1969 at open air, from 1969 to 1981 in gallery as deep as m.54 under the sea. You'll walk in the first km of the gallery starting from the sea level.(very easy)

h. 17:30 – The tour continues to Costa dei Gabbiani and the Ripalti Estate

In the last decade of the 19th Century Count Tobler, a Swiss nobleman who loved Italy, created the Ripalte Estate by reclaiming the Southern point of the Island, 450 hectares of Mediterranean maquis The Estate Farm was famous for its animals, fruit, oil and especially for its magnificent wine.

The Estate was then transformed into a hunting reserve and in 2002 the estate owners decided to re-cultivate the celebrated vine growing areas and now 10 hectares of new vineyards occupy the finest coastal fields.

More than half of the crops are Aleatico grapes, coming from the most prestigious grapevine grown on the island. The wine itself is a complex, sweet, pleasurable passito wine.

The vines are planted on very difficult soil. Due to the fact that the soil is stony and does not retain water the grape production is reduced but the quality of the grapes is very good.

A new wine cellar is currently being built and its main function will be grape fermentation, wine-making and product ageing. It will allow visitors the chance to observe the complex production process. The whole project is the work of the architect Tobia Scarpa.

h. 19:15 - Back to the Hotel Hermitage

