

**CAPRAIA ISLAND** 

Capraia is situated to the north of Elba and just east of Capo Corso (Corsica). It is a beautiful place wild and mostly untouched by man. It is mountainous with a 1200 ft. ridge which creates two entirely diverse slopes: the one facing east gentle with valleys and coves, the west one with sheer walls, caves and ravines.

The inhabited part is limited to the small port and bay and the dominating promontory where the village of Capraia rises, the rest of the island is uninhabited. There are paths from the village leading inland providing visitors with trails to walk in complete solitude with breathtaking views. To really appreciate the beauty of the island one can rent a small boat or canoe and swim in the ancient coves overlooked by towers, islets with nesting seagulls, row to Cala Rossa (the red cove), the remains of an old crater made up of red rock and dive to experience the abundant variety of marine flora and fauna. The island has been slated to become a natural park by the Italian Government.