



Wednesday, September 28

WALKING TOUR OF PORTOFERRAIO

Departure from the hotel Hermitage at 15:00

Return to the hotel Hermitage at 19:00

Enjoy a delightful walk through the historical section of Portoferraio, Elba's capital and largest city. Founded in 1584 by Grand Duke Cosimo I, the city was guarded in the Medici days by two massive fortresses, the Forte Falcone to the west and Forte Stella to the east. The tour starts from the bottom of the Medici Fortress towards one of the main entrances to the Fortifications "Porta a Terra". On the way to the center the tour continues with a visit to the Napoleon's winter residence "**Villa dei Mulini**" where the famous French hero lived in exile for nine months. A visit to the emperor's apartments beckons you to imagine the renowned despot reading his favorite books in the library, or contemplating his conquests in the small garden. Then we reach the recently restored **Teatro dei Vigilanti**, a gift from the Emperor Napoleon to his sister Pauline: this Italian-style theatre with three orders of boxes was built by Napoleon in 1814 using transforming an old existing church.

Typical Elban style street food will be served on the small square in front of the theatre along with a glass of white wine.

VIEW OF PORTOFERRAIO



NAPOLEON'S MUSEUM – VILLA DEI MULINI



TEATRO DEI VIGILANTI - NAPOLEON'S THEATRE

