European Junior Open Water Swimming Championships 2016

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Welcome to Piombino

Stretched out on the sea, on a promontory facing the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago, rich in history and with a preserved and protected natural environment, Piombino is, in the Etruscan coast, one of the places where you can discover charm and beauty. An Etruscan motherland, preserving splendid examples of it in the Archaeological Park of Baratti - Populonia, and an important Medieval and Renaissance location, for a certain time governed by Elisa Bonaparte, Napoleon’s sister, Piombino is the place where ancient traditions coexist with the modernity of a dynamic and efficient town.

Wonderful is the context that hosts it: kilometers of coast on a crystalline sea, nature parks, a campaign full of products, where the Wine Road of the Etruscan coast runs and where the Val di Cornia DOC was born. Here you can practice all water sports and travel routes in the nature, ideal for walking, cycling and horse riding. The seafood and the hinterland food have the flavours and aromas of this land. Hotels, campsites, holiday cottages offer a hospitable and full of warmth welcome all year round.
Sport experience

In the sport field, Piombino is showing its organisational ability and for it, it is admired for national and international sports events. The most important events are:

- European Open Water Swimming Championship 2012
- 5th stage start of “Giro D'Italia” 2011: Piombino – Orvieto
- Italian Open Water Swimming Championship 2011
- LEN Euro Cup 2008
- 27th Etruscan Marathon (10 km open water swimming)

Piombino has a great organisation thanks to the Sport Department, that has got knowledge and a qualified staff, motivated from the tireless major Massimo Giuliani (head coach of Open Water Swimming Team of Italian Swimming Federation.)

The specific experience and ability of Sport Department derives from cooperation with voluntary and sport associations.

Sport, environment and tourism are three important areas that have always worked together for the organisation of Open Water Swimming competitions.

Our sea and our beautiful coast will be again at the centre of an important swimming competition. Our location is characterized by a unique feature, Piazza Bovio, the only square in Italy that is an example of natural shelf reaching to the sea from which it is possible to follow the entire competition.
Mindful of the experience acquired in the important events listed above, the city develops a veritable Organising Committee, already run-in and counts on the individual experiences so far accumulated by each state.

The Organizing Committee is made by:

- The **FIN (Italian Swimming Federation)** with the Open Water Sector, and all the technical facilities activated.
- The **town of Piombino** with the Department of Sport and all the technical facilities activated with the help of Police and the Departments of Tourism - Productive Activities and Public Works.
- The **SNP (Swimming Company of Piombino)** with all the management staff chaired by the President, and by the technical staff of coaches - instructors and lifeguards.
- The **Italian Naval League, The Centro Velico Piombinese (Sailing Center), the Yachting Club Marina di Salivoli and the Water Fishing Clubs (Porticciolo, Baratti, Stellino, Pontedoro)** with their boats, facilities, diving sectors, canoe sector and numerous volunteer staff, in charge of specific services directly from the Organizing Committee.

The Racetrack
The tourist resort “Orizzonte”, an excellence of Val di Cornia and Piombino east coast, is an accommodation open all year round, include a huge area (100,000 mq) with buildings, lots of green spaces, parking and sports equipments.

In this natural oasis, there are 200 two-room apartments (made with typical tuscan architecture), a restaurant, a hash house, a market and a café. For guest entertainment, there are three pools (two of them 25 x 12.5 metres), a recreation area, two tennis court and two beach volley fields.
But the most important thing is the sea, that is far from there only 900 metres, accessible also with two shuttle bus.

The beach has a beautiful white sand and the water is so clear that is possible to see the sea bottom for several metres of depth.

Prices for full board and service
(per person a day)

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The price includes:

- Full board with breakfast
- Transfer from the resort to the competition area
- Transfer from/to Pisa and Florence airports for athletes