

Port of Rome - Civitavecchia

The **town of Civitavecchia** is located close to Rome, on the Northern coast of the Lazio region. The Fiumicino Intercontinental Airport "Leonardo Da Vinci" is only 60 km away. The town is well connected to the capital city: a 40-minute ride on the local train takes you to the Vatican and 1-hour ride to reach the main hub - Stazione Termini.

About 50,000 inhabitants live in Civitavecchia. The port is one of the main job opportunities for the local population as well as tourism in the summer season.

The **Port of Civitavecchia**, founded as the port of Rome by Emperor Trajan, has represented the cornerstone of exchange and contact among the people of the ancient "Mare Nostrum" for many centuries. Civitavecchia still enjoys this privileged position today, at the centre of a modern and efficient railway, road and airport network that links the capital and central Italy to the rest of the world. Thanks to the new Port Regulating Plan, the Port of Civitavecchia has increased its commercial traffic reaching a total of two million tons of bulk goods.

It is also strategic for the access to important Italian tourist destinations and important Mediterranean cruise routes. The passenger flow increase has been favoured by a long-standing policy that also witnessed the foundation, in 1991, of the Coordination of the Middle Tyrrhenian Sea that aims at increasing Short Sea Shipping between Civitavecchia and the Sardinian ports (Olbia-Golfo Aranci, Cagliari and Porto Torres).

Civitavecchia has also become leader of cruise traffic. Development works of the wharfs and passenger welcoming structures have granted the possibility of recording a significant increase in cruise liners, going from 50 ships in 1996 to 500 in 2003. Civitavecchia is proud to be one of the most important cruise ports in the Mediterranean for the tourist flow as well as trade.

We hope to welcome all guests already on December 9th for the technical tour of the port and for the welcome dinner:

- The **visit of the port** will start at 15.00 from the premises of the Port Authority and will last approximately 2 hours. The technical tour will include an insight to the cruise area, then the Renaissance fortress, passing by the new marina yachting, the historical port and the fishing boats darsena on the way to the ferry-boat terminal 'Autostrade del Mare'.
From there we will proceed to the Civitavecchia Fruit and Forest Terminal and to the new pier being built until we reach the Automobile Terminal. The port offers both historical site and modern infrastructure.
- In the evening, a **gala dinner** will be held in a restaurant overlooking the sea. A courtesy bus will pick-up guests in the various hotels at 19.30 and will accompany all participants back after dinner.

For any further information:

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