

Gorgona: an Italian prison





Location

- This is a very small island, 37 km far from the coast, it's the smallest of Tuscany islands, in front of Leghorn, in the Ligurian sea. It was the dwelling of Etruscans and Romans, now it is populated by only 300 people and it is known for its prison. In 1283 it was part of the estate of Pisa that made a tour called VECCHIA TORRE and in 1406 it was occupied by a noble family, Medici. Then it was conquered by Certosini until 1777. It is full of mountains, it's rocky and covered by the Mediterranean vegetation. Luckily the bathing interdiction makes water very clear. There is a bay called Seagulls bay and a Sirocco cove, Villa Margherita, a church and a churchyard. But it is not so easy to enter it, you have to communicate all your personal details 15 days before and you can board only once a week with the only ship that is allowed to sail to it.



