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**USEFUL
NUMBERS**

1 • THE WET DOCK (The Darsena) - Was the very core of the ancient roman town of Centumcellae (the latin name of the city after its foundation in the 2nd century AD) The navy of the Roman Empire would be docked in this basin!

2 • THE MEDIEVAL STRONGHOLD (The Rocca) - Was built in the 11th century on the previous roman warehouses in order to protect the city and the port from the Pirates' attacks coming from the sea.

3 • THE ROMAN WALLS - The 2nd century AD Walls of the Roman Warehouses are visible and separate the little wet dock from the main port's basin. In the Roman Warehouses, the goods coming from the sea commerce would be stored.

4 • LIVORNO GATE - This 17 hundreds arched gate connects the port with the downtown and was commissioned by Pope Clement XIII in 1761. It was the starting point of a road which went northwards, towards the tuscan port in Livorno.

5 • THE ANCIENT HOSPITAL - This light yellow building facing Calamatta Square, was built in the 16th century as an enlargement of the previous medical infirmary built by the Knights of Malta. Nowadays it is the seat of the Town's Library.

6 • THE CORNER TOWER - Is one out of the three towers of the medieval fortification system which still survives and would surround the tiny medieval centre.

7 • THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY OF THE PRAYER AND DEATH - Was built at the end of the 16 hundreds. Inside, paintings are outstanding while the choir's balcony was the balustrade from the stern of the flagship of the Papal Fleet.

8 • THE LITTLE ARCH (The Archetto) - This tiny Arch, located at the buttom of a small tower, was the gate which would connect the little town of Civitavecchia with the countryside right outside the city walls in Medieval times.

9 • THE VANVITELLI FOUNTAIN - This white Fountain made of travertine was commissioned by Pope Benedict XIV to the important architect Luigi Vanvitelli in the 17 hundreds and boasts the expressive sculpted face of a Faunus.

10 • THE CRENELLATED PORT CITY WALLS - Faced with bricks, were commissioned by the Barberini Pope Urban VIII. Nowadays, a panoramic stroll can be enjoyed along the promenade which is right on top.

11 • THE CHURCH OF THE STAR - Is a tiny gem. Built in the Renaissance, It houses a beautiful 15 hundreds wooden statue of Mary with the Child and the statues carried during the Procession of the Good Friday. Through its transparent floor, it's possible to see some ancient roman walls of the 2nd century town.

12 • THE CATHEDRAL - Beautifully restored after the WW2 but dating back to the second half of the 17 hundreds, the Cathedral is dedicated to Saint Francesco from Assisi. It houses the statue of Saint Fermina, the city Patron Saint and a 15 hundreds painting representing the Nativity by Domenichino.

13 • THE TOWN THEATRE - Its name is TEATRO TRAIANO, so named after the Roman Emperor who founded the city in the 2nd cent. after Christ. Its beautiful 18 hundreds neoclassical facade survived the WW2 bombings.

14 • THE NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM - Housed in the Papal Custom Office building commissioned by Pope Clement XIII in the 17 hundreds, this tiny Museum displays roman and etruscan findings and sculptures unearthed in Civitavecchia and the surrounding territory.

15 • THE WORLD WARS MEMORIAL - This bronze monument was inaugurated in front of the italian king Victor Emanuel III in 1924 to commemorate the locals who died in the WW1 and was dedicated also to those who died in the WW2, afterwards.

16 • THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CONCEPTION - Built at the end of the 17 hundreds, has been proclaimed a Sanctuary: in 1854, the painting representing the sweet face of Mary moved the eyes and looked at the kids who were praying in front of it, before receiving their first Holy Communion. Lots of people witnessed the event which took place for 3 months.

17 • THE MICHELANGELO FORTRESS - Was projected by Donato Bramante, one of the main architects of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, in the early 15 hundreds and commissioned by Pope Julius II della Rovere. A misinterpretation of some ancient historical documents has led to the tradition according to which the project was by Michelangelo Buonarroti.

18 • THE SAMURAI STATUE - On the high pedestal, represents the first eastern Ambassador who disembarked in Civitavecchia: Hasekura Tsunenaga. He left from Japan and arrived in the Port of Civitavecchia in 1615 in order to meet Pope Paul V in Rome.

19 • THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY JAPANESE MARTYRS - Is a rare example of painted decorations by the Japanese painter Lucas Hasegawa (1950s). The paintings refer to the tragic martyrdom of 26 Christians in 1596. The portrait of the Madonna with the kimono is outstanding.

20 • THE PYRGO - Is the southern narrower stretch of the seafromt promenade, characterized by an artificial little island surrounded by the sea water and connected to the seashore by means of an arched pedestrian bridge. Lots of good restaurants and pubs by the sea makes it a cool and lovely place to enjoy.

21 • THE LAZZARETTO TOWER - A small round shaped tower surrounded by the sea, has been standing there since the early second century after Christ. It was one of the two watching towers of the ancient roman port.

22 • THE CITY MARKET - Is my hometown's vibrant heart! The city Market was founded in the late 18 hundreds and it's the place where the locals buy fresh food products every day! Not to be missed, the bustling Fish Market displays the wide local variety of fish.

















23 • THE MARINA - Is the beautiful Waterfront which stretches from the wide area next to the Michelangelo Fortress to the narrower southern part named "the Pirgo". The Marina is a beloved meeting place for nightlife lovers while it's quiet during the day. All concerts and events are arranged here.

24 • THE THERMAL BATHS OF TRAJAN - Named after the Emperor who founded the city, this archaeological treasure was built in the first century b.C. and completed in the 2nd cent. AD. Mosaics, floor tiles, walls in opus reticulatum and opus sectile are well preserved. The Baths are immersed in a gorgeous mediterranean vegetation.

25 • THE FICONCELLA BATHS - This little outdoor rustic Spa rises close to the archaeological site of the Baths of Trajan and still exploits the natural hot thermal water springs once exploited by the Romans and, before them, by the Etruscans. Its three pools dug in the rock in a panoramic position overlook the Thyrranian Sea.

(THEY ARE LOCATED 5 KM FAR FROM THE PORT UPHILL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE)

▪ LEGEND ▪

	Meat Based Menu Restaurant		Bar
	Pizzerias		Ice Cream Shop
	Fish Based Menu Restaurant		Pastry shop
	ATM		Port's free shuttle buses to the cruise ships.
	Pharmacy		City's Shuttle Bus "Train Station - Cruise Ships" (ticket's price: 6€ per person, per ride, at the time of writing)
	Change Office		Train Station
	Post Office		Police Station
	Laundry		Cab Station

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