

# Marina di Carrara, Tuscany, Italy

Gateway to the snow-white Apuan Alps, where Roman emperors and Renaissance sculptors sourced the world's finest marble — and Pisa is just a 40-minute train ride away.

Docked (pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Euro (€) Italian Ships up to 295 m LOA

## MY DAY IN PORT

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| Ship/Date: _____ | Arrive: _____ | All aboard: _____ |
| Excursion: _____ | Notes: _____  |                   |

## GETTING ASHORE

**Docking:** Direct pier — Tagliercio or Eugenio Chiesa quay; no tender

**Walk to center:** Marina di Carrara town ~2 km (25 min walk or free shuttle)

**Best For:** Marble quarry 4x4 tours, Pisa & Leaning Tower, Cinque Terre

**Don't Miss:** Lardo di Colonnata in the quarrymen's village of Colonnata

Getting around: Taxi €6–€14 · Rideshare not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Marble Quarries 4x4 Jeep Tour** — Bounce up into the Apuan Alps in an open jeep to see the blinding white excavation faces where Michelangelo himself selected stone.
- **Pisa & the Leaning Tower** — A 40-minute train ride brings you to Pisa Centrale, then a 20-minute walk or bus to the Campo dei Miracoli — the Leaning Tower, Cathedral, and...
- **Cinque Terre Villages & Portovenere** — The five colorful cliffside villages of Cinque Terre sit just up the Ligurian coast.
- **Lucca & Pisa Combo** — Lucca's Renaissance walls are so wide you can cycle along the top.
- **Historic Carrara & Cathedral Walk** — The city of Carrara is 6 km inland — a short taxi ride to Piazza Alberica, the 12th-century Duomo di Carrara, and the Accademia di Belle Arti.

## BEST WALKS

- **Marina di Carrara Seafront Stroll** 2 km one-way · 25 min · Flat · Paved promenade — Turn left out of the port gate and follow the coast road into the seaside resort of Marina di Carrara.
- **Port Perimeter Walk** 2.5 km loop · 30 min · Flat · Industrial scenery — A short walkway runs around the port perimeter offering views of the Apuan Alps rising dramatically behind the town — the same mountains filled with billions of euros of...

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

| CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS) |      |     |      | DAYLIGHT & MONEY                                                                                  |  |
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| Mon                           | High | Low | Rain | Apr 6:36AM–8:03PM · Jun 5:36AM–9:04PM · Aug 6:23AM–8:23PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:29PM · Oct 7:34AM–6:35PM |  |
| Apr                           | 63°  | 49° | 10d  | Euro (€)                                                                                          |  |
| Jun                           | 77°  | 64° | 8d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Aug                           | 83°  | 69° | 7d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Sep                           | 76°  | 63° | 9d   |                                                                                                   |  |
| Oct                           | 69°  | 57° | 12d  |                                                                                                   |  |

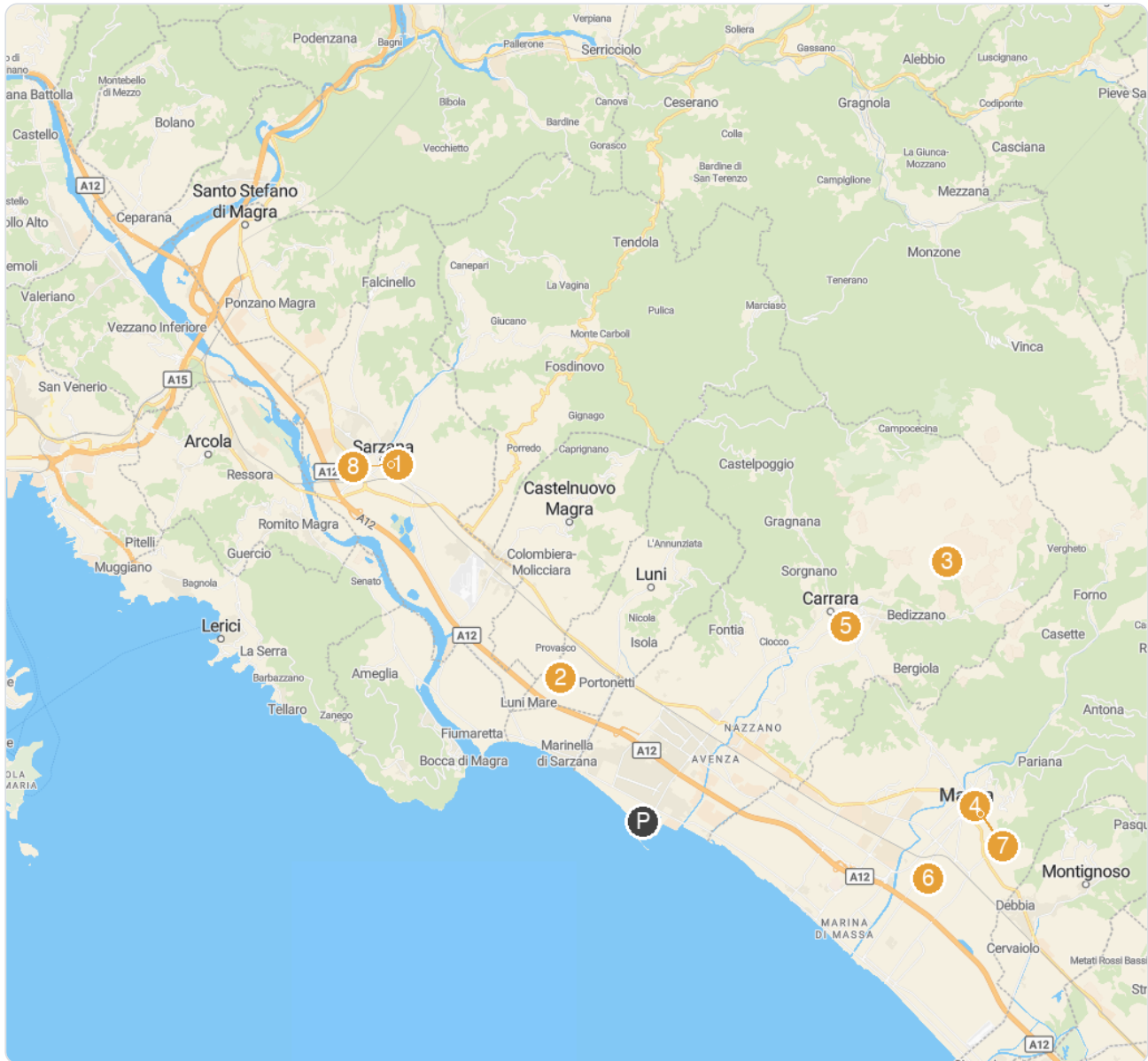
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Train is king for Pisa. Taxi to Carrara-Avenza station (€7, 5 min), then hourly direct trains to Pisa Centrale (40-50 min, ~€6-10). Far cheaper than a tour bus.
- Book quarry tours in advance. The 4x4 marble quarry jeep tours are the top experience here and sell out — reserve online before your cruise.
- Siesta is real. Many shops and small restaurants in Carrara and nearby towns close 12:30–15:30. Plan your lunch timing accordingly.
- Try Lardo di Colonnata. This cured pork fat aged in marble basins is a local delicacy with IGP status — best eaten in Colonnata village on a quarry tour, not a supermarket.
- Free shuttle from many lines. Check your ship's daily program — most cruise lines offer a complimentary shuttle from the industrial pier to the port gate or Marina di Carrara town center.
- Wear sturdy shoes for the quarries. The marble quarry terrain is rough and slippery white rock — sandals won't cut it. Bring sunglasses too; the glare is intense.

# Marina di Carrara, Tuscany, Italy — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Fortezza Firmafede                  | A historic fortress in Sarzana, now a cultural center.          | <b>2</b> National Archaeological Museum and Archaeological Area of Luni | Ancient Roman city ruins and museum showcasing Luni's history.          |
| <b>3</b> MarmoTour Fantiscritti              | Tour an active Carrara marble quarry, see extraction.           | <b>4</b> Palazzo Ducale di Massa                                        | Historic ducal palace in Massa, now a government building.              |
| <b>5</b> Palazzo Cucchiari                   | Historic palace in Carrara, hosts contemporary art exhibitions. | <b>6</b> I Giardini della Rinchiostro                                   | Beautiful historic gardens in Massa, perfect for a stroll.              |
| <b>7</b> RAM Anti-aircraft refuge of Martana | Underground WWII anti-aircraft refuge, a historical war site.   | <b>8</b> Sarzana Cathedral Santa Maria Assunta                          | Sarzana's main cathedral, featuring Romanesque and Gothic architecture. |
| <b>P</b> Cruise port / terminal              |                                                                 |                                                                         |                                                                         |