

Genoa, Liguria, Italy

Italy's great port city wears its seafaring past openly — a labyrinth of UNESCO-listed caruggi (medieval lanes), magnificent Renaissance palaces, and a waterfront reinvented around one of Europe's finest aquariums. Add the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and the invention of pesto, and a day here earns its keep.

⚓ Docked — cruise terminal ⌚ Typical call: 8-10 hrs 🇪🇺 Euro (€) 🇮🇹 Italian

🗝 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Stazione Marittima, right in the city centre — no tender

Best For: UNESCO old town, world-class aquarium, Italian street food & pesto

Walk to centre: 5-10 min walk to the Old Port (Porto Antico) and historic lanes

Don't Miss: Via Garibaldi palaces, Acquario di Genova, pesto trofie at a caruggi trattoria

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ €10–€18 · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚏 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ City Sightseeing Genoa

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Portofino & Santa Margherita Ligure** — The postcard Italian Riviera village of Portofino is about 35 km east.
- **UNESCO Via Garibaldi & Ducal Palace Walk** — Via Garibaldi (Strada Nuova) is lined with 16th-century palaces — several are open as museums (Palazzo Rosso, Palazzo Bianco, Palazzo Tursi).
- **Acquario di Genova** — One of Europe's largest aquariums, right at the Porto Antico beside the cruise terminal.
- **Caruggi Food & Pesto Experience** — Wander the tangle of medieval lanes (caruggi) sampling Ligurian street food: focaccia fresh from the oven, farinata (chickpea flatbread), and trofie...
- **Cinque Terre Day Trip** — The five cliff-hung villages of Cinque Terre are about 90 km southeast — reachable by train (change at La Spezia) or organised tour.

BEST WALKS

- **Porto Antico to Via Garibaldi** 2.5 km · ~45 min · Easy–moderate — Start at the Acquario di Genova on the waterfront, walk through the Piazza Caricamento to the medieval Palazzo San Giorgio, then head inland up Via San Luca to the...
- **Caruggi Loop — Cathedral & Columbus** 2 km · ~40 min · Moderate (cobblestones & inclines) — From the port, duck into the medieval caruggi.
- **Castelletto Viewpoint (Lift)** Short walk + lift · ~30 min — Take the Ascensore Castelletto (a public lift) from Piazza del Portello up to the Spianata Castelletto (Belvedere Montaldo) for panoramic views over the old town...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇮🇹 DAYLIGHT & 🇪🇺 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:40AM–8:08PM · Jun 5:39AM–9:10PM · Aug 6:27AM–8:28PM · Sep 7:03AM–7:34PM · Oct 7:39AM–6:39PM	
Apr	64°	50°	11d	Euro (€)	
Jun	78°	65°	10d		
Aug	83°	70°	10d		
Sep	77°	64°	10d		
Oct	68°	57°	12d		

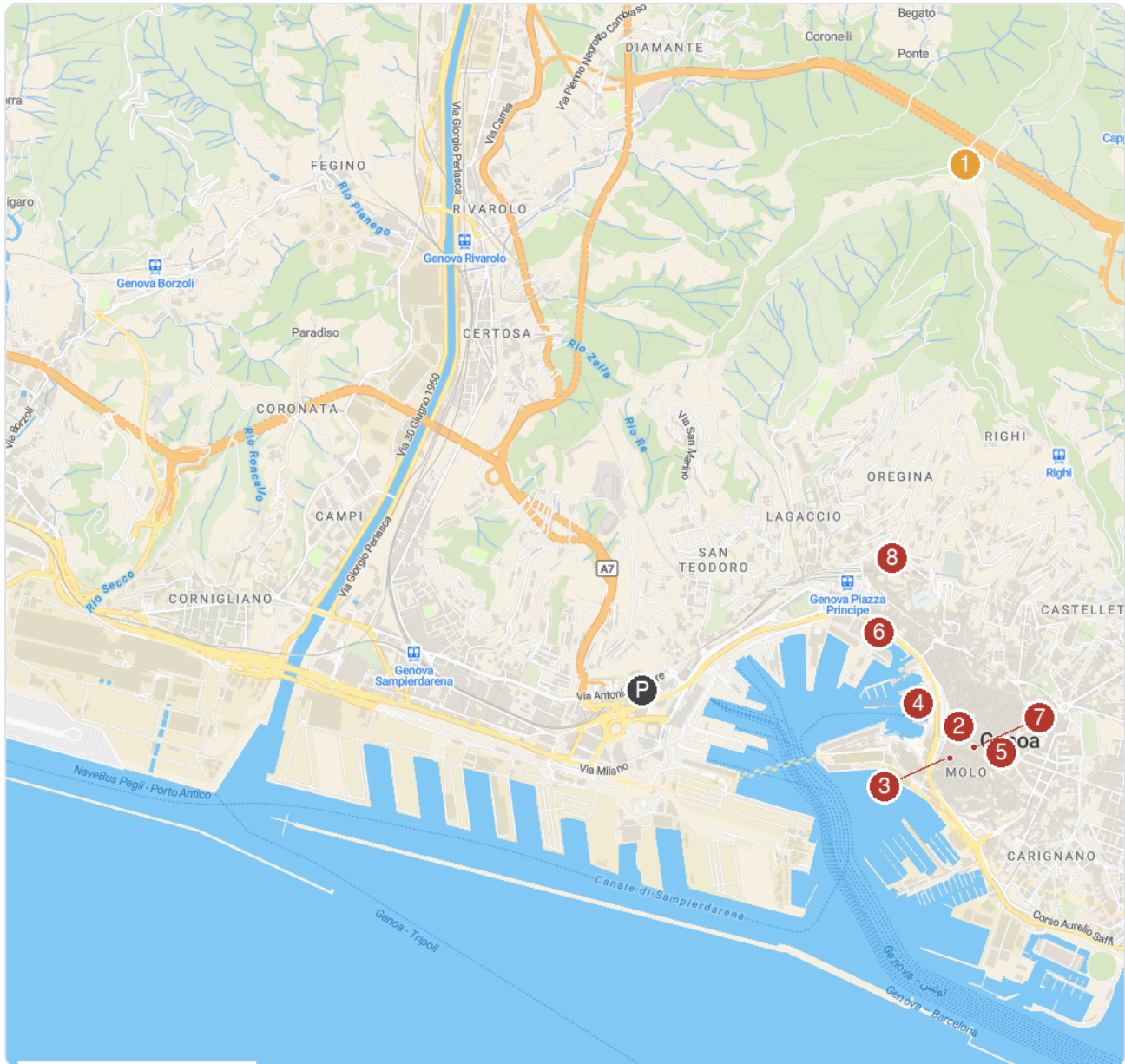
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book the Aquarium online. Queues at the Acquario di Genova can be long on busy ship days — pre-book tickets to walk straight in.
- Eat pesto where it's made. Trofie al pesto is the local staple. Small trattorias in the caruggi serve it fresh and cheap — skip the tourist restaurants facing the port.
- Cobblestones everywhere. The historic lanes are uneven and can be steep. Comfortable walking shoes are essential — ditch the sandals.
- Cinque Terre is doable but tight. Only attempt it if your ship is in port for at least 10 hours — the train ride is 90+ min each way. Missing the ship is not worth it.
- Cash handy in the caruggi. Most small food stalls and bakeries in the medieval lanes are cash-only. ATMs are common around Piazza de Ferrari.
- Genoa summers are hot. Shade is scarce on the waterfront promenade. Start your day early and take midday refuge inside a palace museum or the Aquarium.

Genoa, Liguria, 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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| 1 Forte Sperone | Historic hilltop fort offering panoramic views of Genoa. | 2 Chiesa di San Pietro in Banchi | Unique church built above shops in a bustling piazza. |
| 3 Chiesa di San Giorgio | Ancient church dedicated to Genoa's patron saint, Saint George. | 4 Acquario di Genova | Europe's largest aquarium, home to diverse marine life. |
| 5 Doge's Palace | Former Doge's residence, now a cultural exhibition center. | 6 Galata Museo del Mare | Italy's largest maritime museum, exploring Genoa's seafaring history. |
| 7 Cattedrale di San Lorenzo | Genoa's stunning cathedral, featuring striped marble and frescoes. | 8 D'Albertis Castle | Eclectic castle-museum showcasing global artifacts and city views. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |