

Portofino, Liguria, Italy

A crescent of pastel facades, luxury yachts, and lush Ligurian hillsides — Portofino is tiny, traffic-free, and unforgettable. Every cruise ship anchors offshore and tenders in, dropping you steps from the famous Piazzetta.

Tender only (no pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Euro (€)

Italian

Weather can cancel tender

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in the bay, ~10–15 min ride to Molo Umberto I

Best For: Scenic strolling, seafood & pesto, Castello Brown views, light hiking

Walk to center: 0 min — tender drops you directly at the Piazzetta

Don't Miss: Castello Brown panorama, focaccia al formaggio, the lighthouse walk

Getting around: **Taxi** €12–€13 to Santa Margherita Ligure

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Castello Brown & Harbor Views** — Climb the steep path above the Piazzetta to this 16th-century fortress-turned-house-museum.
- Lighthouse Walk (Al Faro)** — A shaded, mostly paved 30–40-minute path threads along the clifftop peninsula from the Piazzetta to the historic...
- Abbey of San Fruttuoso by Ferry** — A roughly 25–30-minute public ferry ride delivers you to a medieval Benedictine abbey set directly on a pebble cove...
- Paraggi Beach** — The nearest sandy beach, a 20-minute walk or 5-minute bus ride from the Piazzetta.
- Ligurian Pesto & Focaccia Tasting** — Liguria invented pesto Genovese and focaccia.

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Lighthouse Loop** 2.5–3 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Moderate (uphill sections) — Start at Molo Umberto I on the Piazzetta, wind up the paved path to the Church of San Giorgio (great terrace view), continue past the...
- Piazzetta to Paraggi Beach** 2 km one-way · 20–25 min · Easy (shaded path) — Take the signed pedestrian passeggiata that runs parallel to the coastal road to reach Paraggi's emerald bay.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	52°	10d
Jun	77°	66°	9d
Aug	82°	71°	9d
Sep	76°	65°	10d
Oct	68°	59°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:39AM–8:07PM · Jun 5:38AM–9:08PM · Aug 6:26AM–8:27PM · Sep 7:02AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:38AM–6:38PM

Euro (€)

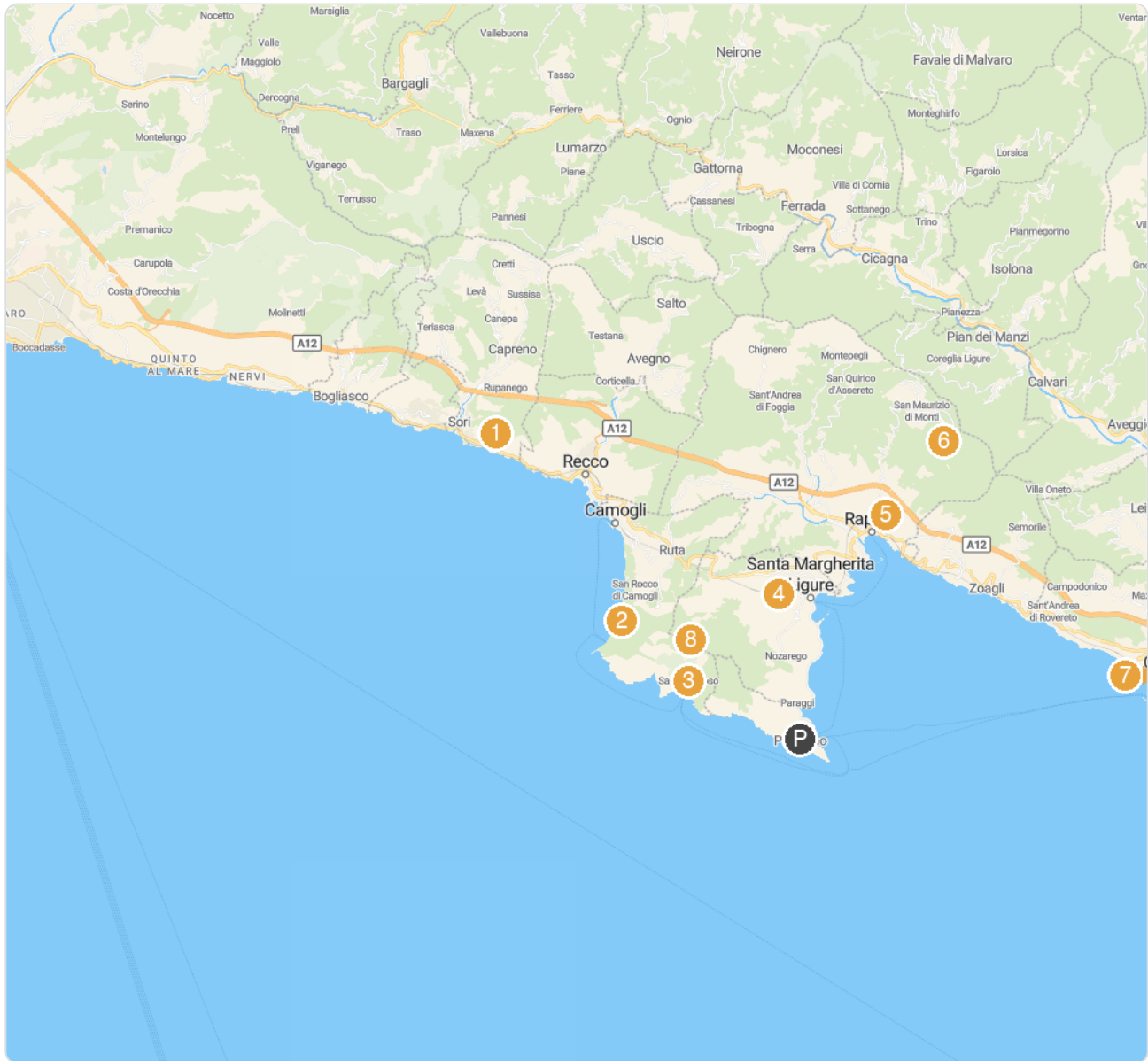
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Budget 45–60 min for the return tender. Afternoon queues can be brutal. Set an alarm and head back earlier than you think you need to.
- Portofino is eye-wateringly expensive. A coffee on the Piazzetta costs €6–10. Walk one block back and prices drop significantly. *Check menus before sitting.*

Portofino, Liguria, Italy — Port Map

cruiseports.org

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



- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 Chiesa di Sant'Apollinare | Historic church in Portofino with beautiful views. | 2 San Nicolò di Capodimonte | Ancient church offering panoramic views of Portofino. |
| 3 Abbazia di San Fruttuoso | Historic abbey and beach, accessible by boat. | 4 Chiesa di San Siro | Charming church in Portofino's historic center. |
| 5 Funivia Rapallo - Montallegro Stazione a Valle | Lower station of the Rapallo-Montallegro panoramic cable car. | 6 Funivia Rapallo - Montallegro / Stazione a monte | Upper station of the Rapallo-Montallegro cable car with views. |
| 7 Parco di Villa Rocca | Beautiful public park surrounding a historic villa. | 8 Pietre Strette | Panoramic viewpoint on the Portofino hiking trail. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |