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# GENOVA

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The Information used in this pamphlet came primarily from the internet site “Genova Official Guide”, I would suggest to anyone interested in travelling around the Genova area to download this app as it offers a variety of useful information.

**The "Genova Official Guide"** application for iPhone and iPad is now available from the Apple Store and for Android on Google Play as a free download in Italian and English.

The Genova Official Guide app is a wellspring of information, featuring a guide to the city's tourist attractions its historic buildings, museums, churches, and the most important sites of historic and artistic interest. 170 fact sheets with 440 color photos with tailor-made tourist routes, provides information on and insight into the various stops along the way. There is also the possibility of downloading the "Genova Audio Tour" in six languages to tour the old town independently, with a detailed commentary, produced by professional guides. A comprehensive directory to the services available for visitors, including how to reach Genova, how to move about the city, where to sleep, where to eat, where to shop, guided tours, IAT tourist offices, etc. An events section with an automatic updates provided by individual news "producers" the "My Trip" section which allows users to save places of interest and create a personalized trip itinerary that they can share on Facebook Geolocation, allowing users to visualize attractions and services locations.

## Useful Info

The country's official currency is the Euro.

Automated currency exchange machines can be found at the airport and within major banks.

Credit cards are generally accepted in shops and restaurants.

Banks are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 1:20 PM, with variable hours in the afternoon; some branches are also open on Saturday mornings.

### Telephones

The international code for calling Italy from abroad is 0039, which must be followed by the local area code of the desired phone number. Cellular phone networks provide coverage throughout the country.

### Closing days

On Mondays, most Museums are closed, along with several attractions in the Old Port, many of the city's restaurants, and the hair salons. Shops and stores are closed only during the morning on Mondays. On Wednesday afternoons, most food shops are closed, with the exception of the supermarkets.

### Shop hours

Many shops still close midday from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM, though in the city centre, staying open all day has become very widespread and is a practice that has always observed by the big department stores.

### Post Offices

The "Genova Centro" post office, located at Via Dante 4B/r, is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM and on Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM; it is closed on Sundays.

# Bus & Taxi Info



Genova has a comprehensive public transportation network running throughout the city which includes rail lines (operated by Trenitalia) as well as buses, cable cars, public elevators, one water-bus line, and a short underground (all operated by AMT). Bus Tickets must be purchased prior to boarding (usually at newsstands), and cost €1.50 for a 110 minute bus and/or train ride during. Daily ticket (€4.50 for one person, €9.00 for four people traveling together) are valid for 24 hours from initial stamping. AMT website (<http://www.amt.genova.it>)



Radio Taxi offers an active service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call 010.5966. Taxi will usually arrive within 10 minutes of any location in the city also a number of taxi stands can be found around the city.

# Welcome to Genova

**Genova** (Genoa in English), (Zena in Genovese Dialect) is the capital of Liguria and the sixth largest city in Italy with a population of 608,826 within its administrative limits on a land area of 243.6 km. 2 (94 sq mi). Genova is one of Europe's largest cities on the Mediterranean Sea and the largest seaport in Italy.

Nicknamed la Superba ("the Proud one") due to its glorious past and impressive landmarks, Genova was put on the World Heritage List (UNESCO) in 2006. The city's rich art, music, gastronomy, architecture and history allowed it to become the 2004 European Capital of Culture. A crossroads of cultures and people since ancient times, Genova has always been a land that lives and breathes the sea air. Its history speaks grandly of this magnificent city, displaying its richness and beauty in every corner of the old town. The narrow and characteristic carruggi snake between the tall buildings along the medieval street plan, apparently in homogeneous yet well-defined by the main streets that meander towards both the sea and inland.

Beautiful buildings, gorgeous churches, façades decorated by stuccoes and frescoes, invaluable art collections - all bringing the "Century of the Genovese" to mind. A walk through the streets, squares and alleys of Genova will offer many surprises. Behind every corner is a treasure waiting to be discovered.



Sites in the

# Historical Center



## Historic Center

One of the largest in Europe, Genoa's historic center unwinds in an intricate maze of alleyways (caruggi) that open unexpectedly onto small squares; the soul of the city where smells, tastes, and cultures have combined throughout history

## Palazzo Ducale

Piazza Matteotti, 9

The Doges' residence since 1339, this building is today an exceptional venue for important events and prestigious...



## Santa Maria di Castello and the Torre Embriaci

Salita Santa Maria di Castello, 15

With its adjoining convent and museum, this monumental basilica (whose origins date back to before the 7th century) forms a...



## Cattedrale di S. Lorenzo

Piazza San Lorenzo

Genoa's cathedral was built circa 1098 in an area where archaeological excavations have revealed pre-existing Roman...



Local

# Boat Excursions

The consortium of "5 Terre, Gulf of the Poets" offers tourist trips along the incredible west Ligurian coastline. A fleet of 16 boats of various sizes transport passengers from the ports of La Spezia, Lerici and Portovenere to the villages of the Cinque Terre. There also connections to other locations on the west coast : Levanto, Bonassola, Deiva Marina, Moneglia and Portofino. We also have connections from La Spezia to the island of Palmaria. During the summer season there are departures from Marina di Carrara, Marina di Massa, Forte dei Marmi and Viareggio for the Cinque Terre and Portofino.

For schedules and rates please visit: Navigazione Golfo dei Poeti  
[www.navigazionegolfodeipoeti.it](http://www.navigazionegolfodeipoeti.it);



Navigazione Golfo dei Poeti runs ferry service from the Riviera Levante towns, From April to November, cruises tend to be all day, stopping anywhere from 1 to 3 hours in Vernazza before returning.

Scheduled service

The boat service will start operating again from March, 2017.

For groups or informations please call:  
0039 - 0187 - 732987



# Outside the City

## The parks and museums of Nervi

Via Capolungo, 1  
Palaces and villas, home to some of the city's most prominent museums, embellish a natural landscape of undisputed beauty...



## Cinque Terre and Portovenere

The tour goes gives a broad overview of the Riviera di Levante and arrives to the small world famous towns, located in the heart of a National Park protected and listed by UNESCO World Heritage.



## Boat trips to the Riviera

Genova  
A large variety of boat trips depart from Genoa to visit popular destinations, admire the coast from the sea, or simply to...



## The Casella Train

This narrow-gauge railroad links Genoa to Casella (in the Scrivia Valley) along a beautiful scenic 25 km route featuring fortresses,

## Via Garibaldi

Magnificent palaces built between 1558 and 1584. Palazzo Tursi at number 9, now the townhall, houses the violin of Paganini and letters by Christopher Columbus, both native sons of Genoa.



## Palazzo Grimaldi Spinola di Pellicceria

Piazza Pellicceria, 1  
Today home to the Galleria Nazionale di Liguria (National Gallery of Liguria), this palace was built at the end of the 16th...

## Piazza Banchi

Piazza Banchi  
Located just off one of the most important docks in the city, this was once the site of Genoa's old grain market, ...



## Porta Soprana, t

he Mura del Barbarossa and the House of Columbus  
Via del Colle,  
Original front gate to the Medieval City.

## Piazza S. Matteo

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A well-preserved example of an aristocratic neighborhood from the High Middle Ages, Piazza San Matteo, with the 14th-century...



## Sites in the Old Port

### Acquario

Ponte Spinola

The Aquarium of Genoa is the largest exhibition of aquatic biodiversity in Europe, with 71 tanks housing over 15,000 animals...



### Galata Museo del Mare

Calata De Mari, 1

The sea is the star of this innovative, spectacular museum located in the heart of the port and named after the age-old Genoese...



### Porto Antico

Via Magazzini del Cotone

Redesigned by Renzo Piano in 1992, Genova's Old Port area has now become a mecca for tourists, who come here to enjoy an...



### Porta Siberia

Porto Antico, 6

This massive building, dating back to 1551-53, is the work of Galeazzo Alessi now houses the Luzzati Collection



## Sites Around the City

Via Garibaldi, the "Strada Nuova" (New Street) dating from the mid-16th century, is also known as "la Via Aurea" (the Golden Street). With its beautiful palaces, it boasts some of the world's most fascinating architecture.



### Palazzo Reale

Via Balbi, 10

A noble residence, Savoy mansion, and wonderful National Museum in the heart of the monumental Via Balbi (17th century),...



Belvedere Montaldo (Spianata Castelletto)

Belvedere Montaldo Luigi - 16124 Genova  
A fabulous "balcony" suspended over the Historic Centre with a 360° view of the city and the port. Riding...



### Villa del Principe

Piazza del Principe, 4 - 16126 Genova  
Built in the first half of the 16th century on the orders of Andrea Doria, Admiral of Emperor Charles V, and completed by his...

