



### Local Currency

The unit of currency in this port of call is the euro. There are 8 euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 euros, along with 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1 cent pieces. Every euro coin carries a common European face. On the obverse, each Member State decorates the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the Member States. There are 7 euro notes. In different colors and sizes, they are denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, and 5 euros. The notes are uniform throughout the euro area; unlike coins, they have no national side. All euro notes are legal tender in all countries of the euro area.

Most stores accept major credit cards.



### Office/Telephone Facilities

There is a Post Office available at the pier where one can purchase stamps, postcards and phone cards. There are also phone cabins available, working either with phone cards or coins. The main Post Office in Genoa is located off Piazza De Ferrari.

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### Tourist Information

The main Tourist Office is located at the Porto Antico. Additional offices are located at the train station, Stazione Principe and at Stazione Marittima near the cruise terminal.



### Transportation

A few taxis will be available at the pier. It is important to negotiate a fare before departing. Some taxi drivers may accept U.S. dollars.

There are two principle train stations, Stazione Principe and Stazione Brignole. Train service in Italy is reliable and relatively inexpensive. The old quarter is best discovered on foot. However, please take note that Genoa is built on hills.



### Useful Words

Yes • Si No • No  
Good Day • Buon Giorno  
Good -bye • Arrivederci Thank-you • Grazie  
You're Welcome • Prego

# Genoa

Genoa, located on the northwestern coast of Italy, is the capital of the Liguria region. Nestled between the Gulf of Genoa and the base of the Apennines mountains, the city is one of the largest in Europe with approximately 700,000 inhabitants. This international port of call is the principle seaport for Italy and is a commercial and industrial center. In 2004, Genoa was proclaimed the European Capital of Culture.



Genoa has always been a port city above all else and has a special connection to the sea. This is the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and home to the powerful merchant traders and ruling Doges. The wealth accumulated from centuries of maritime trade is reflected in architecture throughout the city. Surrounded by walls built to protect from raiding pirates, Genoa has many Baroque churches, frescoed palaces, and beautiful plazas built during the height of its mercantile empire. The symbol of the city itself, the Lanterna Lighthouse mirrors the special relationship Genoa has with shipping and the sea.

Modern Genoa is a city of contrast where modest homes stand next to magnificent palaces. The maze of alleyways of the historic old quarter is a world apart from the futuristic aquarium. Genoa is a city evolving and taking great care to preserve its historic heritage.

**The Lanterna** is a lighthouse that was constructed on a rock outcropping in the harbor in the 1500's and has since become the symbol of the city. Standing at approximately 360 feet high, its light can be seen as far as 40 miles away.

**Cathedral of San Lorenzo** is probably the most notable of the medieval churches in the city. Constructed in the 12th century, the present edifice was built upon the foundation of an earlier structure. The dome and bell tower were added later. Built in Pisan style, the cathedral is famous for its black and white marble that decorates the exterior. The Cathedral contains the chapel housing the bones of St. John the Baptist.

**Palazzo Ducale** with its neoclassical façade was the seat of the first Genoese Doge and the site of the Government of the Republic of Genoa for centuries. This elaborate palace has been painstakingly restored to its original splendor. Today it is host to concerts, exhibitions and cultural events.

**Piazza S. Matteo**, located near Palazzo Ducale is one of Genoa's most beautiful squares. On the small piazza are former Doria family palaces and the Church of San Matteo. Built in 1125, the church has an alternating black and white marble façade and contains the tomb and sword of Italian admiral and statesman Andrea Doria.

**Piazza De Ferrari** is the location of the Opera Theatre Carlo Felice and the 13th century Palazzo Ducale. Once the residence of the Genoese Doges, the Palazzo is adorned with fountains, statues and frescoes by Corlone and Tiepolo. Piazza De Ferrari is close to one of the main shopping areas.

**Galleria Nazionale di Palazzo Reale** is an enormous structure that is one of the most important examples of a stately home in Genoa. Formerly a royal palace, it is now home to a gallery featuring the works of Tintoretto and Van Dyck. The rooms are richly decorated and many contain original furniture. The Mirror Room is modeled after the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles.

**Via Garibaldi** was once known as the "Golden Road" because of the elegant residences constructed on this street by the city's wealthiest merchant families. Many of the opulent mansions are now home to museums and art galleries. Most notable of which are the red and white palaces and Town Hall. Within the historic Town Hall valuable artifacts such as Paganini's violin and Columbus' manuscripts are kept.

**Porta Soprana** was once the main entrance for the city. The huge arched gateway has two towers and was constructed in the 12th century as part of Genoa's defenses.

**Genoa Aquarium** is one of the largest of its kind. The modern structure offers the opportunity to discover a rich world of marine life. Natural environments from all over the world are accurately reproduced in vast tanks. Sharks, seals, dolphins, penguins and fish of all shapes and colors can be found at the unique facility.

**Carignano Hill** overlooks the city and provides panoramic views of Genoa and the coastline.

### Beyond Genoa

**Portofino** is a fashionable storybook town known for its charming streets, villas of the rich and famous and picturesque bay. Its calm green waters attract luxurious yachts and in the Piazzetta, people like to sit and chat at the many cafe tables. Portofino has exclusive boutiques, a decorative square, colorful homes and it is a great place to relax and watch the world go by.

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