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#### Population

612 000

#### Currency

1 euro (€) = 100 cents

#### Opening hours

Shops generally open from 09.00-12.30, and 15.30-19.30. Larger stores and supermarkets frequently open all day. Food stores often close Wednesday afternoon, while other stores are frequently closed on Monday morning.

#### Internet

[www.genova-turismo.it](http://www.genova-turismo.it),  
[www.turismoinliguria.it](http://www.turismoinliguria.it),  
[www.mentelocale.it](http://www.mentelocale.it) (listings guide for Genova)

#### Newspapers

Il Secolo XIX,  
La Repubblica,  
La Stampa

#### Emergency numbers

113 Police Emergency  
115 Fire Brigade  
118 Medical Help (Ambulance)

#### Tourist information

Visitor centre via Garibaldi  
Open every day between 9.00-13.00 and 14.30-18.30.  
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# GENOVA

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Genova, 'la Superba,' is a city that makes a profound impression. Sandwiched between the sea and the Ligurian hills, Genova spreads upwards from the port, a jumble of a city with a long and chequered history. The European Capital of Culture in 2004, Genova has dozens of museums and galleries, a renowned theatre, and the largest aquarium in Europe. The city has good shopping, the best nightlife in Liguria and excellent restaurants. Day excursions along the stunning Ligurian coast are highly recommended.

## THE CITY



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Genova: the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and Paganini, Italy's biggest port and, as Charles Dickens remarked in 1844, "A city of the strangest contrasts." Renaissance palaces, grand 19th-century boulevards and gilded Baroque churches are squeezed alongside, and on top of, a warren of steep medieval streets. Fine restaurants and chic bars are hidden in the dark, narrow alleys. Genova is made for exploring and getting lost in the medieval quarter – one of Europe's largest – and is all part of the experience. With one of the biggest universities in Italy, Genova's student population guarantees a buzzing nightlife.



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## DO & SEE



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### Tip - Museum Card

If you intend to visit a number of Genova's museums, pick up the Museum Card (on sale at every museum). It permits its holders to visit 22 museums in Genova. It can also be used to purchase discounted tickets for Palazzo Ducale, Acquarium of Genoa, Galata – Museo del Mare (Sea Museum), Città dei Bambini e dei Ragazzi (Children's City), the Bigo, Luzzati Museum at Porta Siberia, Pallavicini Park of Pegli, Villa Durazzo at Santa Margherita Ligure, Palazzo Imperiale, the Carlo Felice Theatre, the Genoese Teatro Stabile, the Teatro della Tosse, the Teatro dell'Archivolto, the Teatro Cargo.

### Museums of the 'Strada Nuova'

Made a UNESCO world heritage site in 2006, Via Garibaldi is lined with Renaissance palaces, built by Genova's wealthiest families in the 16th and 17th centuries. Palazzo Bianco houses a huge collection of Italian and Flemish art including works by Rubens, Van Dyck and Caveraggio. Palazzo Rosso houses an incredible collection put together over two centuries by the Brignole-Sale family.

Address: Via Garibaldi  
Phone: +39 010 557 2193  
Internet: [www.stradanuova.it](http://www.stradanuova.it)

### Palazzo Spinola

The National Gallery, housed in a 16th-century palace donated to the state by the Spinola family.

Address: Fur Square 1  
Phone: +39 010 246 7786  
Internet: [www.palazzospinola.it](http://www.palazzospinola.it)

### Galata Sea Museum

The biggest museum of its kind in the Mediterranean, and a must for anyone wanting to understand more of Genova's sea-faring past.

Address: Calata Darsena 1  
Phone: +39 010 234 5655  
Internet: [www.galatomuseodelmare.it](http://www.galatomuseodelmare.it)  
More Info: Darsena-Via Gramsci

### Aquarium

Fabulous aquarium – the biggest in Europe at over 10,000 square metres – and dedicated to conservation and education!

Address: Area Porto Antico, Ponte Spinola  
Phone: +39 010 2345678  
Internet: [www.acquariodigenova.it](http://www.acquariodigenova.it)

### Bigo Elevator

A huge spider-like contraption with a viewing cabin that shoots you up 40 metres for a fabulous view.

Address: Area Porto Antico  
More Info: Near the aquarium

### San Lorenzo

Genova's cathedral, with a fabulous stripy marble facade. Dating to the 12th century, it has a beautiful interior, complete with an unexploded bomb from World War II. Check out the cathedral's Treasury!

Address: Piazza San Lorenzo, Centro Storico  
Phone: +39 010 2471831  
More Info: Cathedral tours only available for groups and upon request.

### Medieval Quarter

One of Europe's largest, the tiny carrugi (alleys) thread their way up, down and across the centre of city. The buildings can reach six storeys, the alleys – in places no wider than a couple of metres – hiding great

restaurants, bars and shops. Getting lost is inevitable and always fascinating.

### Piazza San Matteo

A very small and beautiful piazza, home to the powerful Doria family for 500 years. See the 12th-century church of San Matteo, with its beautiful 14th-century cloister.

Address: Piazza San Matteo, Centro Storico  
Phone: +39 010 247 4361

### Palazzo Reale

Head up to the second floor of this 17th-century palace, and take a 45-minute guided tour (in English or Italian depending on nationality of visitors). A stunning interior, much as it was 200 years ago.

Address: Via Balbi 10  
Phone: +39 010 271 0236

### Camogli

Very pretty fishing village with brightly-painted houses around 20 km east of Genova. Take a boat from Genova ([www.liguriaviamare.it](http://www.liguriaviamare.it)), or take the train ([www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)) from Stazione Principe. From Camogli take a boat ([www.golfoparadiso.it](http://www.golfoparadiso.it)) to the beautiful 10th century Fruttuoso monastery.

## EATING



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Genova and Liguria are famous for pesto, the delicious pasta sauce made from basil, pine nuts, olive oil and parmesan. If you think you know pesto because you buy it in a jar – think again. There is nothing that compares to a dish of fresh vivid-green pesto served with the local pasta, little twists of troffie or spaghetti-like trenette. Other specialities include farinata, a bread-like snack made from chickpeas, foccacia, fish dishes, (particularly salt cod -baccalà) mushroom dishes and stuffed meat dishes. Plan to eat out in Genova. Many restaurants are closed on Sunday and Saturday lunchtime.

### La Buca Di San Matteo

A small, very elegant restaurant serving Ligurian and Tuscan specialities.

Address: Vico David Chiossone 5 r  
Phone: +39 010 236 2389  
Internet: [www.labucadisanmatteo.it](http://www.labucadisanmatteo.it)  
More Info: Near Piazza San Matteo

### Ristorante Zeffirino

Family-run for four generations since 1939, with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Roger Moore and Pavarotti among its fans.

Address: Via degli Archi 2r  
Phone: +39 010 5705939 / 010 591990  
Internet: [www.zeffirino.com](http://www.zeffirino.com)  
More Info: Near Via XX Settembre and the Monumental Bridge

### Ristorante L'Atelier

Relaxed and friendly wine bar/restaurant. Great pasta

and meat dishes, and a very extensive wine list.

Address: Via di Porta Soprana 55-57 r  
Phone: +39 010 247 5959  
Internet: [www.ristorantelatelier.it](http://www.ristorantelatelier.it)

### Bliss

A small family-run organic and vegan restaurant. East of Brignole train station. Not open for lunch.

Address: Via Teodosia 9 r  
Phone: +39 010 310 6391  
Internet: <http://blissblissbliss.com>

### Al Veliero

A bright, family-run restaurant, with an air of eccentricity and the freshest fish dishes – its speciality. Good pasta too.

Address: Via Ponte Calvi 10 r  
Phone: +39 010 246 5773

### Panson Dal 1790

Very popular restaurant in a tiny piazza with a number of bars and restaurants. Ligurian and Genovese specialities.

Address: Piazza delle Erbe 5  
Phone: +39 010 246 8903  
More Info: South of Piazza Matteotti

### Le Cantine Squarciafico

An atmospheric place in a 16th century palazzo. Vaulted ceilings, stone pillars and chequered floors. Ligurian specialities and twists on old favourites. Open daily and until late – the kitchen closes at 23.30.

Address: Piazza Invrea 3 r  
Phone: +39 010 247 0823  
Internet: [www.squarciafico.it](http://www.squarciafico.it)

## CAFES



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### Caffe Mangini

Great place for a coffee and something sweet – the atmosphere is relaxed and very local. Open all week.

Address: Via Roma  
More Info: On Piazza Corvetto

### Caffe Degli Specchi

Since 1917, a beautiful tiled interior and mirrors everywhere – 'specchi.' A popular haunt of writers and artists. Coffee and aperitivi or lunch. Open 07.00-20.30.

Address: Salita Polaiuoli 43 r  
Opening hours: Closed Sunday.  
More Info: Near Palazzo Ducale

### Klainguti

Opened in 1828 by the Swiss Klainguti brothers. For coffee, cakes, lunch and aperitivi.

Address: Piazza Soziglia 98

### Il Caffe Degli Orefici

Apparently the best cappuccino in the city, the Orefici cafés (there are two) are small, busy and very popular – you drink and go. Open 08.00-19.00.

Address: Via degli Orefici 25r  
More Info: Also on Via XX Settembre, Centro Commerciale la Fiumara

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Genova has a lively nightlife, much of it thanks to the 40,000 students who attend the city's university. During the week, bars, wine bars and pubs are popular – many of these are pretty small, and people hop from one to another as the evening progresses. Those bars that are dedicated to the evening/night open at 18.00 for aperitivo time, and stay open until around 01.00. On the weekend, closing time is extended to 02.00, and many bars will have a DJ set on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Discotheques tend to be found outside of the city centre, on the coast.

### Trattoria da Franca

Unpretentious bar with a great atmosphere. Drink, eat and enjoy music.

Address: Vico Della Lepre 4r

### Il Balcone

Relaxed restaurant and bar, with a DJ on the weekend after 23.00. Opens at 18.00.

Address: Salita Pollaiuoli 22r

### 74 Art System

For lovers of contemporary art and electronic music. A more sophisticated, older and cooler crowd than many of the student bars. Open Wednesday-Saturday from 22.00 until 02.00.

Address: Piazza Embriaci 1r

### Louisiana Jazz Club

Friendly jazz club with live music on Thursday and Saturday evenings until midnight. Generally an older crowd.

Address: Via S. Sebastiano 36r  
Internet: [www.louisianajazzclub.com](http://www.louisianajazzclub.com)

### Barbarossa

Just near the Porta Soprana and a few moments from the Palazzo Ducale, this is a small bar, always busy and with plenty of seating outside. Open until 02.30.

Address: Piano S.Andrea 23 r  
Internet: [www.cafeilbarbarossa.com](http://www.cafeilbarbarossa.com)

### Mako Discotheque

East of the city centre. Weekends for 'easy house,' R&B and revival. A mixed crowd. Take a taxi.

Address: Corso Italia 28r  
Internet: [www.makogenova.com](http://www.makogenova.com)

### Britannia Pub

British-styled pub with dark, cosy interior.

Address: Vico Casana 76r

### Alle Volte

Full of character, this 'birreria' serves over 80 varieties of rum!

Address: Piazza Manin 1a  
Internet: [www.allevolte.net](http://www.allevolte.net)

## SHOPPING



© Pietro Ferrari

There is some good shopping in Genova, from designer goods and shoes, through high-street fashion and cheap fakes. On Via XX Settembre, a long, wide boulevard right in the centre of the city, you'll find high-quality chain stores, designer stores – and some good shoe stores. Rinascente, the well-known Italian department store is located in Via Vernazza, which runs parallel to Via XX Settembre. You'll also find the Mercato Orientale a great food market, selling all kinds of fruit, vegetable, fish, meat, cheese and bread. Unlike many stores, it's open Monday morning. Nearby is Via Roma, which is also good for designer fashion. Running parallel is the 19th century glass and metal Galleria Mazzini, with small fashion and accessory stores and cafés. For more affordable shopping try heading to Maddalena, a maze of tiny streets. In this part of Genova's historic centre, you'll find a huge range of small stores, selling clothing, jewellery, shoes and accessories food stores and bakeries. Via San Luca is good for contemporary high-street Italian fashion and if you looking for a designer outlet and bargains, head to Via Caffa.

## SLEEPING



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### Hotel Bristol Palace

The best place to stay in central Genova. Very comfortable, all rooms with linen sheets. Great breakfast and professional service. Upgrade to a mini-suite if your budget allows.

Address: Via XX Settembre 35  
Phone: +39 010 592 541  
Internet: [www.hotelbristolpalace.com](http://www.hotelbristolpalace.com)

### Hotel Best Western Metropoli

A very convenient location. Recently renovated and with good facilities for a hotel of its size.

Address: Vico dei Migliorini 8  
Phone: +39 010 246 8888  
Internet: [www.bestwestern.it](http://www.bestwestern.it)  
More Info: Near Piazza Fontane Marose

### Hotel C.colombo

Central. Very small place with quirky décor. Added advantage of a roof terrace.

Address: Via Porta Soprana 52r  
Phone: +39 010 251 3643  
Internet: [www.hotelcolombo.it](http://www.hotelcolombo.it)

### Balbi Family Hotel

Small family-run place, close to Stazione Principe. Basic facilities, painted ceilings in some rooms and friendly staff. Not for those who cannot climb stairs easily.

Address: Via Balbi 21  
Phone: +39 010 275 9288

### Bentley Hotel

A modern and elegant 5-star hotel, centrally located and housed in ilva – in what used to be Italy's biggest iron and steel manufacturer!

Address: Via Corsica 4  
Phone: +39 010 53 15 111  
Internet: [www.bentley.thi.it](http://www.bentley.thi.it)

### Grand Hotel Savoia

The Hotel Savoia is located in the old part of the city and offers a grand view of the Port of Genoa. Within walking distance of the city's main attractions.

Address: Via Arsenale di Terra 1  
Phone: +39 010 27 721  
Internet: [www.hotelsavoiaigenova.it](http://www.hotelsavoiaigenova.it)  
More Info: Near the Principe railway Station

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

### Airport

International airport of Genova Sestri, Cristoforo Colombo, is about 6 km from the center of Genova. The airport shuttle bus runs every 30 minutes to the railway station. The journey takes around 30 minutes and costs €4. Buy ticket on board – valid for the day on all city buses. A daily pass costs €3,50 (daily pass for three people is €7). A single ticket costs €1,20 and is valid for 90 minutes. The bus tickets are also valid on subway, elevators and on the metropolitan trains.

A taxi from the airport to Brignole Station will cost you around €25.

Internet: [www.aeroporto.genova.com](http://www.aeroporto.genova.com)

### Public transport

Walking is the only form of transport possible in the historic centre of Genova – the streets are too narrow for cars. The bus system is extensive, a day pass costs €3, €1 for a single ticket which is valid for 90 minutes. You can buy your tickets at newsstands (chiosco).

Genova has a new subway system, indicated by a red M. Currently with seven stops. Automatic ticket machines in all the stations, €1 valid for 90 minutes or €3 for the day pass.

In addition to the funicular, Genova also has elevators for locals who live uphill. There are a number of these around the city, and the standard AMT tickets are valid.

Internet: [www.amt.genova.it](http://www.amt.genova.it)

### Taxi

Official taxis have a white and yellow badge on their doors. You can expect to pay around €1 per km. To phone a taxi call 5966.

### Post Office

The central post office is located at Via Dante 4, near Piazza De Ferrari.

If you need to buy stamps, you will find them at a tabacchi – a tobacco store, recognisable by the sign with a large T.

### Pharmacy

Europa, Corso Europa 676, Tel: +39 010 380 239

Phone: +39 010 380 239

### Pharmacy

Gheri, Corte Lambruschini 16-18r

Phone: +39 010 541661

### Pharmacy

Pescetto, Via Balbi 185r

Phone: +39 010 246 2697

### Hospital

Ospedale San Martino

For medical emergencies or if you need an ambulance  
phone 118

Address: Largo Benzi 10  
Phone: +39 010 555 2316

### **Telephone**

Country code Italy: +39

Area code, within and outside of Genova: 010

### **Electricity**

230v, 50Hz



Corso Andrea	C3 C4	Via A Gavotti	C4	Via Fieschi	C4
Corso Aurelio Saffi	B4 C4 D4	Via A M Maragliano	D3 D4	Via Filippo Turati Frate Olverio	B3
Corso Carbonara	B2	Via Acquarone	C1 C2	Via Fiume	D3
Corso Carlo Armellini	D2	Via Adamo	A1	Via Francesco Sivori	B1
Corso Dagali	B1 B2	Via Alessandro Volta	D4	Via G Macaggi	D4
Corso Firenze	B1 C1 C2	Via Almeria	A1	Via Gabriele D'Annunzio	B4 C4
Corso Magenta	C2	Via Ameglia	C1	Via Galata	D3
Corso Maurizio Quadric	B3 B4	Via Andrea Doria	A2	Via Galeazzo Alessi	C4
Corso Mentana	C4	Via Antonio Burlando	D1 D2	Via Garibaldi	B3 C3
Corso Peganini	C2	Via Antonio Gramsci	A2 B2	Via Giuseppe Avezzana	A1
Corso Solferino	C2 D2	Via Armando Diaz	D4	Via Giuseppe Maria Saporiti	A1 B1
Corso Ugo Bassi	A1 B1	Via Assarotti	C3 D2	Via Goito	C2
Felice Romani	D3	Via Ausonia	B1	Via Granello	D4
Finocchiaro Aprile	D4	Via Balbi	A2 B2	Via Ilva	C4
Galleria C Colombo	C3 C4	Via Banderali	C4 D4	Via Innocenzo Frugoni	C3 C4
Martin Piaggio	C2	Via Bartolomeo Guidobono	B1	Via Ippolito D'Aste	C4 D4
Mercato Orientale	D3	Via Bensa	B2	Via Jacopo Ruffini	C4
Mura del Prato	D4	Via Bobbio	D1	Via Leonardo Montaldo	D1
Mura delle Cappuccine	D4	Via Brignole	B2	Via Luccoli	C3
Mura di Santa Chiara	C4	Via Caffaro	C2	Via Luigi Cadorna	D4
Museo di Arte Orientale	C3	Via Cancelliere	C1	Via Malta	D4
Paride Salvago	C1 C2	Via Canneto il Lungo	B3	Via Marco Polo	B1 C1
Pazzo delle Murette	C4	Via Capraia	C1	Via Mura di San Bartolomeo	D2
Piazza Acquaverde	A2	Via Carducci	C3	Via Mura di San Bernardino	D2
Piazza Brignole	D3	Via Carlo	D4	Via Mura di Sant Erasmo	C1 D1
Piazza Carignano	C4	Via Carlo Antonio Tavelta	B1	Via Napoli	A1 B1
Piazza Colombo	D3	Via Carso	C1 D1	Via Nino Bixio	C4
Piazza Corvetto	C3	Via Casaccio	C3	Via Oberto Cancelliere	C1 C2
Piazza Dante	C3	Via Casartelli	A1	Via Paleocapa	A1 B1
Piazza del Portello	C2	Via Castello	C4 D4	Via Palestro	C2 D2
Piazza del Principe	A2	Via Cesare Cabella	D2	Via Pastrengo	C2
Piazza della Vittoria	D4	Via Cesarea	D4	Via Pertinace	C1 C2
Piazza di Sarzano	B4 C4	Via Cipro	D4	Via Peschiera	D3
Piazza Fontane Marose	C3	Via Claudio Carcassi	D3	Via Pietro	C2
Piazza Galeazzo Alessi	C4	Via Colombo	D3	Via Plaggio	C1
Piazza Giacomo Matteotti	B3 C3	Via Corsica	C4	Via Rivoli	C4
Piazza Giuseppe Mazzini	C3	Via D Fiasella	D3 D4	Via Roma	C3
Piazza Giuseppe Verdi	D3	Via Dante	C3	Via S Ugo	A1
Piazza Goffredo Villa	C2	Via degil Archi	C3 C4	Via San Giacomo	C4
Piazza Marsala	C2 C3	Via dei Cebá	C3	Via San Lorenzo	B3
Piazza Pedro Ferreira	A1	Via dei cinque Santi	A1	Via San Luca	B3
Piazza Piccapietra	C3	Via dei Giustiniani	B3	Via San Pantaleo	D1 D2
Piazza Portoria	C3	Via del Campo	B2	Via San Vincenzo	C3 D3
Piazza Raffaele De Ferrari	C3	Via del Chiappazzo	D1 D2	Via Serra	D3
Piazza San Lorenzo	B3	Via del Lagaccio	A1	Via U Foscolo	C3 D3
Piazza Stazione Marittima	A2	Via del Santi Giacomo e Filippo	C3 D3	Via V Ricci	D3
Piazzale Emanuele Brignole	B2	Via della Maddalena	B3 C3	Via Ventotene	A1
Sal. superiore di San Gerolamo	C2	Via di Montesano	D3	Via XII Ottobre	C3
Salita dei Sassi	B4 C4	Via di Porta Soprana	C3	Via XX Settembre	C3
Salita di San Barnaba	B1	Via di S Bernardo	B3	Via XXV Aprile	C3
Salita di Santa Maria della Sanità	C2	Via di Santa Croce	B3 B4	Viale Aspromonte	C4
Salita Inferior di	C3 D2	Via di Soziglia	B3 C3	Viale Brigata Bisagno	D4
Salita Santa Caterina	C3	Via Domenico Chiodo	C1 D2	Viale della Brigate Partigiane	D4
San Bartolomeo degli Armeni	D2 D3	Via Edmondo De Amicis	D3	Viale IV Novembre	C3
Spianata di Castelletto	C2	Via Eugenio	D4	Vico d Casana	B3 C3
Strada Sopraelevata Aldo Moro	B2 B3 B4 C4	Via Eugenio Ravasco	B4 C4	Vico degli Indoratori	B3
V Brigata Liguria	D4	Via Federico Delpino	C2		