

Santa Margherita Ligure, Liguria, Italy

Pastel villas, turquoise water, and the best pesto you'll ever eat — Santa Margherita Ligure is the Italian Riviera done right, without Portofino's price tag.

Tender (no pier)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Currency: Euro

Language: Italian

Gateway to Portofino

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor offshore, ~10–15 min ride to harbor

Best For: Day trip to Portofino, pesto lunch, scenic coastal walk

Walk to center: 5 min flat walk from tender dock to Piazza Mazzini

Don't Miss: Ferry to Portofino, trompe-l'œil architecture, fresh focaccia

Getting around: Taxi €12–€25

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ferry to Portofino** — Hop the public ferry for 15 minutes and arrive in one of Italy's most photographed villages.
 - **Coastal Walk to Portofino** — A 5 km flat-to-gentle coastal path through pine forest and past hidden coves connects Santa Margherita to Portofino.
 - **Villa Durazzo & Gardens** — A 17th-century palace set in terraced Italianate gardens above town.
- **Ligurian Food Walk** — Hunt down the best pesto in Liguria, try Focaccia di Recco (thin pastry with molten Stracchino cheese), and finish with...
 - **Paraggi Beach** — One of the few sandy beaches on this stretch of Riviera, halfway between Santa Margherita and Portofino.

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Promenade Loop** 1.5 km · 20–30 min · Flat — Stroll from the tender pier along the palm-lined Lungomare past the Baroque church of Santa Margherita d'Antiochia, the fish market...
- **Villa Durazzo Garden Walk** 1 km · 20 min · Gentle uphill — From the harbor, follow the cobblestone path uphill to Villa Durazzo's terraced gardens.

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		69°	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

Currency: Euro

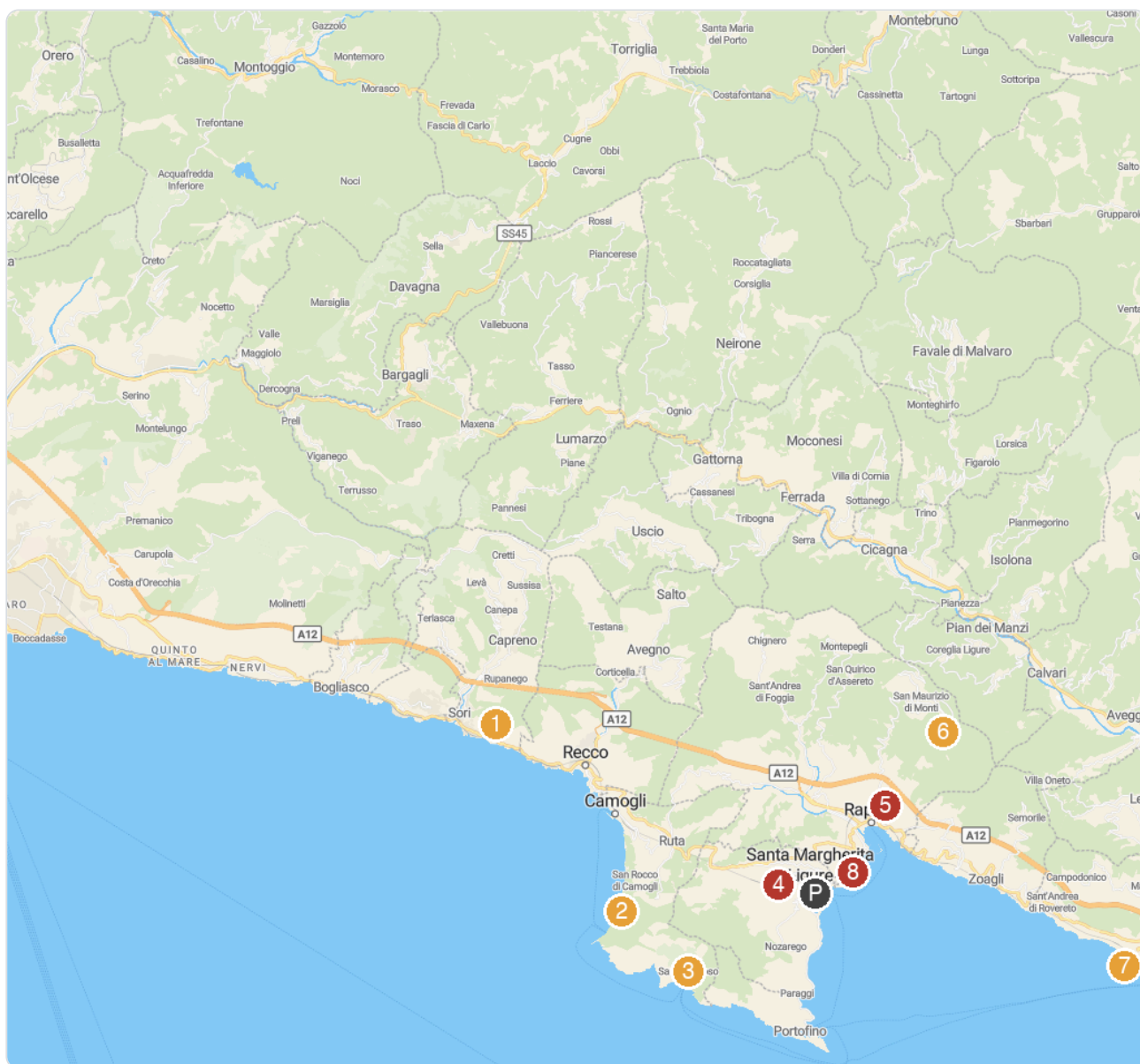
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Portofino ferry is the best value: €16 round trip for 15 minutes of stunning coastal scenery — better views than the road approach. Buy tickets at the harbor kiosk; no need to...
- Eat focaccia immediately: Ligurian focaccia is best warm from the oven. Grab a slice at a panificio (bakery) near the harbor for €1–...

Santa Margherita Ligure, 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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| <p>1 Chiesa di Sant'Apollinare</p> <p>3 Abbazia di San Fruttuoso</p> <p>Funivia Rapallo</p> <p>5 Montallegro Stazione a Valle</p> <p>7 Parco di Villa Rocca</p> <p>P Cruise port / terminal</p> | <p>Historic church with beautiful views overlooking the sea.</p> <p>Historic abbey in a secluded cove, accessible by boat.</p> <p>Lower station for the scenic cable car to Montallegro sanctuary.</p> <p>Public park surrounding a historic villa, with lush gardens.</p> | <p>2 San Nicolò di Capodimonte</p> <p>4 Chiesa di San Siro</p> <p>Funivia Rapallo - Montallegro / Stazione a monte</p> <p>8 Tower of Punta Pagana</p> <p>Ancient church on a headland offering panoramic coastal views.</p> <p>Main parish church in town, featuring impressive Baroque architecture.</p> <p>Upper station of the cable car, near Montallegro sanctuary.</p> <p>Historic coastal watchtower offering strategic views of the coastline.</p> |
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