

Genoa's city guide for TPG visitors

In this guide you can find a short list of the best places that the TPG members suggest you visiting during your stay in Genoa.

1. De Ferrari Square



Where: Genoa city center. At the end of via XX Settembre beginning from Brignole Railway station. **GPS:** N: 44° 24' 25.87" E: 8° 56' 2.346. **Description:** Genoa's main square, a meeting and gathering place for important city events, is dedicated to Raffaele De Ferrari, the Duke of Galliera, a generous benefactor who donated a considerable sum of money in 1875 towards projects to expand the port.

In the centre is a monumental bronze fountain, crafted by the architect Cesare Crosa of Vergagni in 1936. The Teatro Carlo Felice and the building of the Accademia Ligustica di Belle Arti (Ligurian Academy of Fine Arts) that look onto the square were both designed by Carlo Barabino. Piazza De Ferrari is also bordered by the side façade of Palazzo Ducale (the main entrance of which is on the adjacent Piazza Matteotti), Palazzo della Regione Liguria (the offices of the Liguria region, built in 1920), and Palazzo della Nuova Borsa (the new stock exchange), one of the finest examples of Genoese Art Nouveau (1912).

2. Columbus' house and Porta Soprana



Where: Genoa city center. Close to De Ferrari, Via XX Settembre and Piazza Dante square. **GPS:** N: 44° 24' 20.085" E: 8° 56' 6.575". **Description:** Porta Soprana was erected in 1155 as part of the Republic's defensive walls against Frederick Barbarossa. Nearby is the Romanesque cloister of Sant'Andrea and the house of Christopher Columbus, who was born in Genoa in 1451.

3. Palazzo Ducale



Where: Genoa city center. Close to De Ferrari, Via San Lorenzo.
GPS: N: 44° 24' 27.057" E: 8° 55' 59.702" **Description:** the historic head-quarters of the doges and now the city's dynamic cultural centre. Nearby, the Church of Gesù in Piazza Matteotti contains paintings by Rubens and Guido Reni.

4. San Lorenzo's Church



Where: Genoa city center. Via San Lorenzo. **GPS:** N: 44° 24' 27.496" E: 8° 55' 53.253".
Description: masterpiece of Gothic art built on a pre-existing Romanesque structure with black and white stone stripes. Inside is the treasure of San Lorenzo and the "Sacro Catino", said by some to be the Holy Grail.

5. Porto Antico



Where: Genoa city center. In the end of Via San Lorenzo. **GPS:** N: 44° 24' 31.185" E: 8° 55' 38.804". **Description:** the old port and goods area, which was "returned" to the city and revitalized thanks to Renzo Piano's urban redevelopment plan as a spin-off from the 1992 Expo. It's worth taking a 'ride' on the Bigo, a revolving panoramic lift designed to resemble an old cargo derrick, affording fine views of the port and the rooftops of the old town. You can

also find the famous Aquarium, its kind in Europe with the greatest variety of marine ecosystems.

6. *Boccadasse*



Where: 5 km from the city center. In the end of Corso Italia promenade. Easy to reach with bus 31 from Brignole Railway station (trip duration: 14 mins). ***GPS:*** N: 44° 23' 24.36" E: 8° 58' 28.603"
Description: probably the most suggestive place in Genoa, nestled between pastel houses and boat by the small pebble beach.

...when it's time to eat.



Our team of “lunch experts” would like to suggest some specialties from Genova’s cuisine:

1. *Focaccia*



A kind of olive-oil bread, quite flat and square-shaped. It's not a street food but you can see at every hour of the day someone eating a piece of focaccia while walking or reading seated on a garden seat.

2. *Pesto*



A sauce made with crushed garlic, European pine nuts, coarse salt, basil leaves, Parmigiano-Reggiano (Parmesan cheese), all blended with olive oil. We suggest to try “trofie with pesto”, a kind of pasta that fits perfectly with pesto sauce.

3. Farinata



It is made by stirring chickpea flour into a mixture of water and olive oil to form a loose batter. It is typically 4mm thick, and baked for a few minutes, traditionally in an open oven in a tin-plated copper baking-pan. In standard Italian, the dish is called farinata ("made of flour") while in Ligurian, specifically in the Genoese dialect, it goes by the name of fainâ [fai'na].

Suggested Hotels

- Close to the train station (where also the shuttle bus arrives)
Starhotel President



Website: <https://www.starhotels.com/it/>

Overview

3.5

1,002 reviews

Excellent	19%
Very good	47%
Average	24%
Poor	7%
Terrible	3%



- Room Service
- Suites
- 4.0 Star Hotel
- All hotel details

TRAVELERS TALK ABOUT

- "cosmos tour" (3 reviews)
- "brignole railway station" (6 reviews)
- "old town" (15 reviews)

Hotel Verdi



Website: <https://www.modernoverdi.it/>

Overview

3.5 673 reviews

Excellent	16%
Very good	54%
Average	22%
Poor	7%
Terrible	1%

TRAVELERS TALK ABOUT

- "brignote station" (10 reviews)
- "breakfast room" (8 reviews)
- "stayed in this hotel for nights" (2 reviews)

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- In the city centre
Best Western City



Website: <https://www.bwcityhotel-ge.it/>

Overview

4.5 1,329 reviews

Excellent	51%
Very good	40%
Average	7%
Poor	1%
Terrible	1%

TRAVELERS TALK ABOUT

- "great location" (53 reviews)
- "small square" (5 reviews)
- "via roma" (6 reviews)

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NH Hotel Genova centro



Website: <https://www.nh-hotels.it/hotel/nh-genova-centro>

Overview

4.5 604 reviews

Excellent	43%
Very good	47%
Average	8%
Poor	1%
Terrible	1%

TRAVELERS TALK ABOUT

- "regional delicacies" (2 reviews)
- "hotel room was spacious" (2 reviews)
- "via garibaldi" (7 reviews)

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Overview

3.5 153 reviews

Excellent	12%
Very good	43%
Average	35%
Poor	7%
Terrible	3%

TRAVELERS TALK ABOUT

- "Nice hotel, great staff" (Aug 14, 2017)
- "Very honest treatment" (Aug 11, 2017)

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